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## Preface

Those interested in television trivia might be forgiven for comparing the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church to the infamous last episode of season nine of *Dallas*: perhaps we had awakened to find that the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention was a dream – maybe even a nightmare – and in Louisville we awoke to a much more pleasant reality. \*

Perhaps... but the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention did help to dispel the unpleasant memories of the pandemic, and we recalled that we are not fundamentally a transactional church, where the purpose of convention is just to legislate and pass resolutions. Rather, The Episcopal Church thrives through community, and building community requires interactions and companionship beyond legislation.

This was still a much shorter General Convention than in previous, pre-Covid times, and most participants felt the imbalance between times allotted for legislative work and other communal opportunities typical of General Conventions at their best. The shorter schedule did have some advantages, including uplifting, streamlined worship and the intensity of conversations when time was scarce. Planning and Arrangements will have a Solomonic task as it decides a length for the convention in Phoenix.

Despite its short duration, the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention accomplished quite a lot: we revised the definition of *The Book of Common Prayer*; we deepened our commitment to racial reconciliation and truth-telling; we accelerated the inclusion of LGBTQ people in the church, and especially for same sex couples; we threaded needles of gospel witness in areas where we do not have consensus; and we made modest progress on reforming internal disciplinary and canonical processes.

The 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention also seemed the fruition of a process begun in 2018; there had been no pause in planning and action during the nearly six years of the pre-pandemic, pandemic, and post-pandemic decision-making. So unlike 2022, 2024 felt like the genuine transition year, with a new Presiding Bishop elected, officers of the House of Deputies elected in contested elections, and the retirement of the 26<sup>th</sup> Secretary and Executive Officer forthcoming. Some people opined that 2024 marked a shift in the direction of the church, but at adjournment on June 29<sup>th</sup>, what that could mean seemed rather undefined: there was common understanding that the structures and organization of the church needed change, but what those changes will be are for the future.

This *Journal* is, as always, a faithful record of the proceedings of the General Convention. As you read through the minutes and resolutions, I hope you will also glimpse the humanity of those whose lives and ministries lie behind them. I hope you will give thanks for the thousands of volunteers who made all this possible, and for the hard-working (and endlessly creative) people of the General Convention Office who everyday spin flax into gold. I hope you will appreciate the people of the Diocese of Kentucky and the city of Louisville who were our hosts. And I hope you will be inspired to note that most of what is described is the produce of visions and aspirations of Episcopalians discovering

intimations of the Divine amid a world that sometimes seems far-removed from the Beloved Community.

I write this *Preface* in the last days of my tenure as Executive Officer, but I feel little nostalgia and no regret. Since undertaking this ministry in January 2013, I have tried to be an innovator, a responsive and responsible leader for the church, and a guarantor of the extensive embrace of The Episcopal Church. The technological and other changes I introduced have, I trust, assisted the church into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The commitment to excellence and accountability of the General Convention Office has, I hope, supported and enhanced the churchwide network of leadership. But the aspect of this ministry that I have held most dear has been the insistence – behind closed doors – that The Episcopal Church is the same there as it is in the open arena: a church of integrity, where voices are not silenced, and where the margins and the center are in constant motion toward one another and into the perfect mix of God’s people.

As a young, gay man wishing to serve God through the church, I was told that I could never be true to myself and hope to have “a place at the table.” I ignored that counsel, and despite many years of life on the outside looking in, I was determined that if I ever found myself at that table, I would always ask “Who is not here,” and then work to bring the outsider in. With God’s help, I have tried to be faithful to that commitment, and hope that in some way my role at the center of the church’s leadership has changed the culture – that no one will ever have to be someone other than who they are if they are to serve God in The Episcopal Church.

On my desk is a slim volume, published in 1951, entitled *The General Convention Offices and Officers*. Even though I served the church as its Historiographer, most of the names are simply entries to me, with my knowledge of these leaders limited to the hagiography of the book. In reading through the history, it’s hard not to recall this passage from Sirach:

Some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise. But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were people of compassion whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten (Sirach 44:8-10).

Whatever the lasting accomplishments of 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention may be, I am certain they will be the righteous deeds of compassionate people. So it has always been.

Sine Die!



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\*For more about that dream, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dallas\\_\(1978\\_TV\\_series\)\\_season\\_9](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dallas_(1978_TV_series)_season_9)

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**Key to Resolution Actions:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>
Adopt	<i>Adopted, requiring the approval of only one House.</i>
Adopt/a	<i>Adopted with amendment, requiring the approval of only one House.</i>
Adopt/s	<i>Substituted resolution adopted, requiring approval of only one House.</i>
Concur	<i>Adopted by both Houses.</i>
Concur/a	<i>Amended resolution adopted by both Houses.</i>
Concur/s	<i>Substituted resolution adopted by both Houses.</i>
Concur/s/a	<i>Substituted and amended resolution adopted by both Houses.</i>
Take No Further Action	<i>One House chose to take no further action on the resolution.</i>
No Action	<i>The resolution was not reported to the House floor.</i>
Refer	<i>Both Houses agreed to refer the resolution for further study.</i>
Reject	<i>The resolution failed to pass in one of the Houses.</i>
Incomplete	<i>The resolution died with adjournment if not acted on by both Houses.</i>

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Final status</b>
A001	General Convention Daily Agenda	Concur/a
A002	Site for the 83rd General Convention	Concur/a
A003	Amend Canon III.11.1 regarding Screening of Nominees for Episcopal Elections	Reject
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	Adopt/a
A005	Amend the House of Deputies Rules of Order by Adding a New Rule VII.F Referral to the Constitutions and Canons Legislative Committee	Adopt/s
A006	Feasibility Study of a Fund to Pay Congregations' Future Benefit Obligations	Concur/a
A007	Invitation to CPF to Forecast Effects of Reduced Pension Assessment Obligations on Clergy Deployment and on Benefit Levels	Took No Further Action
A008	Study of Benefit Obligation Effects on Clergy and Lay Professional Deployment	Took No Further Action
A009	Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	Reject
A010	Recognition of Apartheid in Israel/Palestine	Reject
A011	Confronting Apartheid	Took No Further Action
A012	On Opposing Israel's Apartheid	Took No Further Action
A013	Amending HoD Rule of Order XIV [Recording Vote Totals in the Journal]	Adopt/s
A014	Addition of Laurence Whipp to Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Took No Further Action
A015	Owning a Commitment to Reparations	Concur/a
A016	Reaffirm and Commit to the Goal of a Permanent Location of an Archives for the Episcopal Church	Concur/s
A017	Creation of a Staff Position for Director of LGBTQI and Women's Ministries	Took No Further Action

A018	Task Force on Pacifism and Just War	Concur/a
A019	Create a Task Force on Senior Wellness and Positive Aging	Concur/a
A020	Establish a Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism	Refer
A021	Create a Care of Creation Loan Program for Episcopal Dioceses	Concur/a
A022	Support the Anglican Communion Forest Initiative	Took No Further Action
A023	Authorize and Support the use of the Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy	Concur/a
A024	Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements	Concur/s
A025	Amending Canon IV.13.4	Refer
A026	Establishing a Database for Title IV Outcomes on the Office of Transitional Ministry Profiles of Clergy	Refer
A027	Increase recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in church positions	Concur/a
A028	Support for Freedom to Consider Ethical Issues in Investing	Concur/a
A029	Divest from Fossil Fuels	Concur
A030	No Investment in Certain Weapons	Concur/a
A031	Translate Reconciliation Resources into Spanish	Concur/a
A032	Hire a Chief Equity Officer	Took No Further Action
A033	Renew ECCAR	Took No Further Action
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	Concur/a
A035	Establish Model Policies for Anti/Racism/Racial Reconciliation Work	Concur/a
A036	Amend Canons to Use Approved Common Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work	Concur
A037	Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	Concur
A038	Practical Guidance for Interreligious Relations	Concur
A039	Practical Guidance for Episcopal-Jewish Relations	Concur
A040	Practical Guidance for Christian-Muslim Relations	Concur
A041	Create a Task Force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion Relationships	Concur/a
A042	Commend PCUSA-TEC Dialogue	Concur
A043	Amend Constitution Article VIII regarding Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships - [First Reading]	Concur/a
A044	Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries	Concur/s
A045	Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Worshiping Communities	Concur/a
A046	Support Starting New Bi-Cultural and Multi-Cultural Ministries	Concur/a
A047	Amend Title I regarding Local Ecumenical Partnerships	Refer

A048	Adoption of the Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Concur/a
A049	Affirming the Goal of Full Communion between The Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church	Concur/a
A050	Publishing and Sharing Resources for Disability Access and Inclusion	Concur
A051	Amend Canons I.2.4.a Data Collection for the Church	Concur
A052	Amend Canon IV.2, Canon IV.4.1.d, and Canon IV.8 to add Restorative Covenant as a possible outcome of Conciliation	Concur/a
A053	Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers	Concur/a
A054	Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11, IV.12, and IV.13 regarding the Church Attorney	Concur/a
A055	Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11.1, and IV.17.2.e regarding Investigators	Concur
A056	Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review	Concur
A057	Amend Canon IV.17.6 Regarding Suspension of a Bishop	Concur
A058	Amend Canons IV.6.8, IV.6.10, and IV.11.3 on Pastoral Response Without Disciplinary Action	Concur
A059	Create an Official List of Recognized Religious Orders and Christian Communities	Concur
A060	Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons	Concur
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	Concur
A062	Amend Canon I.4.2.j Mutual Ministry Review	Reject
A063	Amend Canons I.2.2 : Term of Office of the Presiding Bishop	Concur/a
A064	Amend Canon I.1.6.d Capturing Clergy Records	Concur
A065	Amend Canon III.1.3	Concur
A066	Amend Canon V.1 to create a Custodian for the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church	Concur
A067	Rebranding the Parochial Report	Took No Further Action
A068	Amend Joint Rules of Order V.1	Concur
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	Took No Further Action
A070	Research needs for the General Board of Examining Chaplains	Concur/a
A071	Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses [Of Admission of New Diocese -- Second Reading]	Concur
A072	Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church [Of the Book of Common Prayer -- Second Reading]	Concur
A073	A Standing Commission for Human Health and Wellness	Refer
A074	Completing Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for Clergy	Concur/a
A075	A Directive for Clergy Mental Health Ministry Training	Concur/a
A076	Strengthening of Churchwide Training in Mental Health First Aid	Concur/a

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A079	Mental Health Sunday	Concur
A080	Create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset	Concur/a
A081	Combat Rising Religious Nationalism	Concur/a
A082	Support the Episcopal Veterans Network	Concur/a
A083	Affirm Anglican Connections	Concur
A084	Join The Communion Forest Initiative	Concur/a
A085	Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network	Concur/a
A086	Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission	Concur/s
A087	Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals	Concur/s
A088	Consult with the Office of Global Partnerships	Concur
A089	Address Violence Against Women and Girls	Concur/a
A090	Authorization of 1979 Book of Common Prayer	Took No Further Action
A091	Definition of doctrine	Reject
A092	Access to ordination and deployment	Concur
A093	Add provisions of 2018-B012 to canons	Concur/a
A094	Communion Across Difference	Took No Further Action
A095	Continue the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy	Concur/a
A096	Task Force on Equipping a Church Grounded in Justice as Christian Ministry	Reject
A097	Developing a Common Framework for Anti-Racism Training	Took No Further Action
A098	Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation	Concur/s
A099	Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries	Concur/a
A100	Adopt Cost Controls in Denominational Health Plan	Took No Further Action
A101	Revise DHP Pricing Structures for Equitable Access	Concur/s
A102	Churchwide Education Efforts to Control Healthcare Costs	Concur
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A104	Amend Canon IV.6.9	Took No Further Action
A105	Amend Canon IV.5.4.g	Concur/a
A106	Amend Canon IV.15.5.a	Concur/a
A107	Amend Canon IV.19.12	Refer
A108	Proposal of Changes to Title I, Canon 17	Concur/a
A109	Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery	Concur/a
A110	Clarify Distinction Between Biblical and Modern Israel	Concur/a
A111	Develop resources and models for online/in person hybrid worship	Concur/a
A112	Authorize use of the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings"	Concur/a
A113	Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies	Concur/s
A114	Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C	Concur/a

A115	Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy	Concur/s
A116	Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First Reading)	Concur/s
A117	Withdraw Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar -- Second Reading	Concur
A118	Authorize the Commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman -- Second Reading	Took No Further Action
A119	Authorize the Commemoration of Frederick Howden, Jr. -- Second Reading	Took No Further Action
A120	Authorize the Commemoration of Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch -- Second Reading	Took No Further Action
A121	Authorize the Commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris -- Second Reading	Concur/s
A122	Withdraw the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses	Took No Further Action
A123	Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions -- First Reading	Took No Further Action
A124	Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Lili'uokalani of Hawai'i -- First Reading	Took No Further Action
A125	Add Optional Fast Days to Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Refer
A126	Transfer dates of commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Concur/a
A127	Establish a Working Group to Update Biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Concur/a
A128	Concerning minor edits to Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Took No Further Action
A129	Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Concur
A130	Developing alternative hymn texts	Concur/a
A131	Creation of a Supplement to The Hymnal 1982	Reject
A132	Establishing an Online Hub for Continuing Formation and Ministry Resources	Concur/s
A133	Establishing a Taskforce for the Study of Fair Hiring Policies within The Episcopal Church	Refer
A134	Establishing a Task Force for the Funding and Study of Compensation and Benefits for Deacons and Non-Stipendiary Priests	Took No Further Action
A135	Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy	Concur/s
A136	Translating the Catechism	Reject
A137	Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission	Took No Further Action
A138	Task Force on Parity and Equity of Lay Compensation and Benefits	Reject
A139	Amend Canon IV.6.4 -Intake Timeline	Concur/a
A140	Amend Canon IV.6.8 - Reference Panel	Concur/a
A141	Amend Canon IV.6.9 - Monthly Reports	Concur/s
A142	Amend Canon IV.6.7 – copy of notice	Concur/a
A143	Amend IV.17.3.b and IV.17.5 - Disciplinary Board for Bishops	Concur/a
A144	Review the Application of Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2	Took No Further Action
A145	Urging Pastoral Compassion and Discretion for Clergy and Laity Who Disclose Diverse Family and Household Structures	Took No Further Action
A146	Study of Lay Discipline for Elected and Appointed Offices	Concur

A147	Referring Lay Disciplinary Canon Issue to Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons	Concur/a
A148	Amend Canons to Underscore Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice	Concur
A149	Amending daily session schedule for House of Deputies	Adopt/a
A150	Amending the motion to suspend the HOD rules of order	Adopt
A151	Removal from the Consent Calendar in the House of Deputies	Reject
A152	Resolution Submission Deadline in House of Deputies Rules of Order	Adopt/s
A153	Change to House of Deputies Debate Rules	Adopt/a
A154	Presubmission of Amendments in the House of Deputies	Reject
A155	Update the House of Deputies Rules Upon a Different Convention Schedule	Adopt
A156	House of Deputies Rules of Order on Written Comments	Adopt
A157	House of Deputies Rules on Legislative Committee Report Deadline	Adopt/a
A158	Addressing Church Decline and Fostering Church Revitalization	Took No Further Action
A159	Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues and Membership in Ecumenical/Interfaith Organizations	Concur
A160	Revise Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer	Concur/a
A161	The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States	Concur/a
A162	Continuing the Task Force on the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora	Took No Further Action
A163	Affirming the Ongoing Work across the Episcopal Church in Consideration of Ethical Issues in Investing	Concur
A164	2025-2027 Budget for The Episcopal Church	Concur/a
A165	The Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop Elect	Adopt
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A167	Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands	Concur
A168	Celebrate the Juncture of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan	Adopt
A169	Celebrate the reunification of the Dioceses of Wisconsin	Adopt
A170	Greetings to Bonnie Anderson	Adopt
A171	Greetings to The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings	Adopt
A172	Express Appreciation for the Official Youth Presence	Adopt
A173	Express Gratitude for The Rev. Edward W. Rodman	Adopt
A174	Commemorate Diocesan Anniversaries	Adopt
A175	Express Appreciation for the ECW	Adopt
A176	Commend the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton	Adopt/a
A177	Express Gratitude for the GCO Staff and Executive Officers of the General Convention	Adopt
A178	Express Gratitude for the United Thank Offering	Adopt

A179	Express Gratitude for Krisita Jackson	Adopt
A180	Express gratitude for the life and ministry of the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner	Adopt
A182	Express Gratitude to Candidates in Presiding Bishop's Election	Adopt
A183	Give Thanks to the Diocese of Kentucky	Adopt
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A185	Gratitude for Language Services at General Convention	Adopt/a
A186	Give Thanks to Convention Staff and Hospitality Ministers	Adopt
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A188	Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven	Adopt/a
A189	Honoring 85 Years of the Ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development	Adopt
A190	Extend Gratitude to the House of Deputies' Chaplain	Adopt
A191	Express Gratitude for the General Convention Children's Program	Adopt
A192	Express Gratitude for Ecumenical Guests	Adopt
A193	Express Gratitude to the Nomination Committee for Presiding Bishop	Adopt
A194	Express Thanks to the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies	Adopt
A195	The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Welby	Adopt
A196	The Diocese of Kentucky	Adopt
A197	The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville	Adopt
A198	The City and People of Louisville	Adopt
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A200	The Most Reverend Ian Earnest and the Anglican Centre in Rome	Adopt
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A202	The Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church and the MTC	Adopt
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A204	The Leadership of the Moravian Church USA, Northern and Southern Provinces	Adopt
A205	The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches	Adopt
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A207	The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Episcopal-Roman Catholic Dialogue	Adopt
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A211	The Armenian Apostolic Church Eastern Diocese	Adopt
A212	The 26th Presiding Bishop and Dr. Richard Schori	Adopt
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A215	The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem and Mrs. Rafa Nauom	Adopt
A216	The Patriarchs and Heads of Local Churches of the Holy Land	Adopt
A217	The General Convention Secretariat, the Presiding Bishop’s Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Support Leaders	Adopt
A218	The Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop	Adopt
A219	The Chaplains to the House of Bishops	Adopt
A220	The Interpreters	Adopt
A221	The Leadership of the Bishops’ Spouses and Partners Community	Adopt
A222	The Prime Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church and the IFI	Adopt
A223	Create Alternative Working Group to Review Canons and Implement Changes Related to Revised Article X of the Constitution	Concur
A224	Amend Article X with clarifying amendments (post 2024-A072) [First Reading]	Concur/a
A225	Express Gratitude to Steve Hutchinson	Adopt
A226	The Nominees for Election as Presiding Bishop	Adopt
A227	Commend the life of Willie Howard Mays, Jr.	Adopt
A228	Express Gratitude to Paul Neuhauser	Adopt
A229	Gratitude for the Secretariat, Voting Secretary, and Committee on Dispatch	Adopt
A230	Thanksgiving for all who ran for elected offices at General Convention	Adopt
A231	Commend Julia Ayala Harris	Adopt
A232	Thanksgiving for the election of the Presiding Bishop	Adopt
A233	Amend Article I, Section 7. [Second Reading]	Concur
A234	Expressing Gratitude for Sharon Jones	Adopt
A235	Thanksgiving for the election of the Vice President of the House of Deputies	Adopt
A236	Our Guests from the Anglican Communion, Churches in Full Communion, other Christian Churches, and other Faith Communities	Adopt
A237	The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church	Adopt
A238	The Archbishop of Uppsala and the Church of Sweden	Adopt
A239	The President of the Council of Bishops of the UMC and Episcopal-United Methodist Dialogue	Adopt
A240	The Stated Clerk and Episcopal-Presbyterian Dialogue	Adopt
A241	The Bishop of Spokane	Adopt
A242	The General Convention Coordinators and the Volunteers in the House of Bishops	Adopt
A243	Ms. Elise Keddie General Convention Coordinator	Adopt
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B005	Bold Churchwide Action toward Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030	Took No Further Action
B006	Include the Episcopal Church in Micronesia in the Diocese of Hawai'i	Concur
B007	Standing Committees and Ecclesiastical Authority	Concur
B008	Amend Canon II.3.6.a and II.4 to clarify authorization of liturgies	Concur/s
B009	Observing the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea 325 CE	Concur/a
B010	Direct Executive Council to Create a task force to revise the disciplinary process of Title IV	Refer
B011	Commemoration of Harriet Tubman	Concur
C001	On the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry	Adopt/s
C002	On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land	Concur/a
C003	On Affordable Housing	Concur/a
C004	The Episcopal Church Diocesan Assessment	Took No Further Action
C005	Conversations Concerning the Relationships Between Dioceses and their Province	Took No Further Action
C006	Conversations Concerning the Relationship Between The Episcopal Church and Provinces	Took No Further Action
C007	Support for the Provinces as Part of The Episcopal Church Structure	Took No Further Action
C008	Review Diocesan Assessments	Took No Further Action
C009	Petition of the Episcopal Church In Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese	Concur
C010	Access to Prison Ministries	Concur/a
C011	Add Howard W. Thurman to The Episcopal Church Calendar	Concur/s
C012	Add Howard W. Thurman to the Episcopal Church Calendar	Took No Further Action
C013	Migration with Dignity	Took No Further Action
C014	A Resolution to Enhance Access to the Denominational Health Plan	Reject
C015	Migration with Dignity	Took No Further Action
C016	Amend Canon III.12 to Provide for the Transfer of Bishops to Churches in Communion	Concur
C017	Amend Canon III.7 to Provide for the Transfer of Deacons to Churches in Communion	Concur
C018	Amend Title II, Canon 3 to Retain a Printed Form of the Book of Common Prayer	Took No Further Action
C019	Adjusting Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church	Took No Further Action
C020	Add Ilia Chavchavadze of Georgia to Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Took No Further Action
C021	Second General Convention Reading to add Élie Naud, Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Took No Further Action
C022	Migration with Dignity	Took No Further Action
C023	Commemorating The Philadelphia Eleven in the Church Calendar	Concur/s

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C024	Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church	Took No Further Action
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C026	Religious Liberty	Concur/a
C027	Conditioning U.S. Military Aid to Israel	Took No Further Action
C028	Adjusting Assessments for Mission	Took No Further Action
C029	Supporting a Clean Energy Future	Refer
C030	A Resolution to Create Safe Spaces	Reject
C031	Migration with Dignity	Concur/a
C032	A Prayer to Remember the Innocents	Concur/a
C033	Adjusting Diocesan assessments to the Wider Church	Took No Further Action
C034	Support for the Provinces as Part of TEC Structure	Took No Further Action
C035	End the Practice of Labor Trafficking of Migrant Youth	Concur
C036	The Peace of the Lord Be With You	Took No Further Action
C037	Working for Equity, Support, and Protection of All LGBTQIA+ Anglicans	Took No Further Action
D001	Commend the Episcopal Communicators Organization and Celebrate their 50th Anniversary	Concur/a
D002	Review canonical requirement for Holy Communion	Took No Further Action
D003	A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians	Took No Further Action
D004	Express Solidarity with Palestinians as an Indigenous People	Reject
D005	Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement	Reject
D006	Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism	Concur/s
D007	Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine	Concur/s
D008	Protection of Water “Ola i Ka Wai - Water is Life”	Concur
D009	Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza	Concur/s
D010	The Creation of a Clergy Compensation Contribution Fund	Took No Further Action
D011	The Prohibition of Assault Weapons	Concur/a
D012	Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace	Concur/s
D013	Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State	Concur/s
D014	Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis	Concur/a
D015	Examine the disparity in treatment in the adjudication of Clergy under Title IV Disciplinary Process by Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation	Refer
D016	Continued Funding of The Beloved Community	Concur/a
D017	Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence	Concur
D018	Task Force on Lay Pension Parity	Took No Further Action
D019	Justice and Peace in Ukraine	Concur/a
D020	A Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church	Concur/s
D021	Support for Child Labor Protections	Concur

D022	Create a Task Force on the Legislative Process	Concur/a
D023	Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons	Concur/a
D024	Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers	Concur
D025	Amend Canon IV.6 regarding Intake Officers	Concur/a
D026	Enable Episcopal Migration Ministries to More Fully Live Out its Mission	Concur/s
D027	Addressing Traffic Fatalities	Concur
D028	Close Guantánamo Bay Prison	Concur/a
D029	Commit to the 30x30 Initiative for Biodiversity	Concur/s
D030	Create a Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry	Concur/s/a
D031	Addressing the Ongoing Harm of Coercive and Abusive Christian Ministries	Concur
D032	Raising the Clergy Mandatory Retirement Age to 75	Concur/s/a
D033	Add George of Lydda, martyr, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Took No Further Action
D034	Support and Advocacy for Restorative Justice and a Moral Commitment to Abolition of Prisons and Policing	Reject
D035	Authorize The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage	Concur
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D037	Encourage All Ministries of The Episcopal Church to Assess Intersections with Migration	Concur/a
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D039	Condemning Censorship	Concur/s
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D042	Ending Child and Forced Marriage	Concur/a
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D045	Task Force for Reviewing Intellectual Property of the Church	Concur
D046	The Commemoration of Sister Sophi and her companions, the Deaconesses of The Order of St. Katherine, of the Appleton Church Home	Refer
D047	Response to the crisis in Sudan and support for the Episcopal Church of Sudan	Concur/a
D048	Length of Future General Conventions	Took No Further Action
D049	Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese [First Reading]	Concur
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D053	Amend Title IV to require timely appointments to church-wide disciplinary boards	Concur

D054	A Resolution to Address The Issue of Black Maternal Mortality Rate	Concur/a
D055	50th Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women	Concur/a
D056	Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza	Concur/a
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D059	Addressing Antisemitism in the Church and the World	Concur/s
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D065	Study Canons on Canonical Residence	Concur/a
D066	Creating a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+	No Action
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X005	Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Bishops)	Adopt

X006	Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Lay)	Adopt
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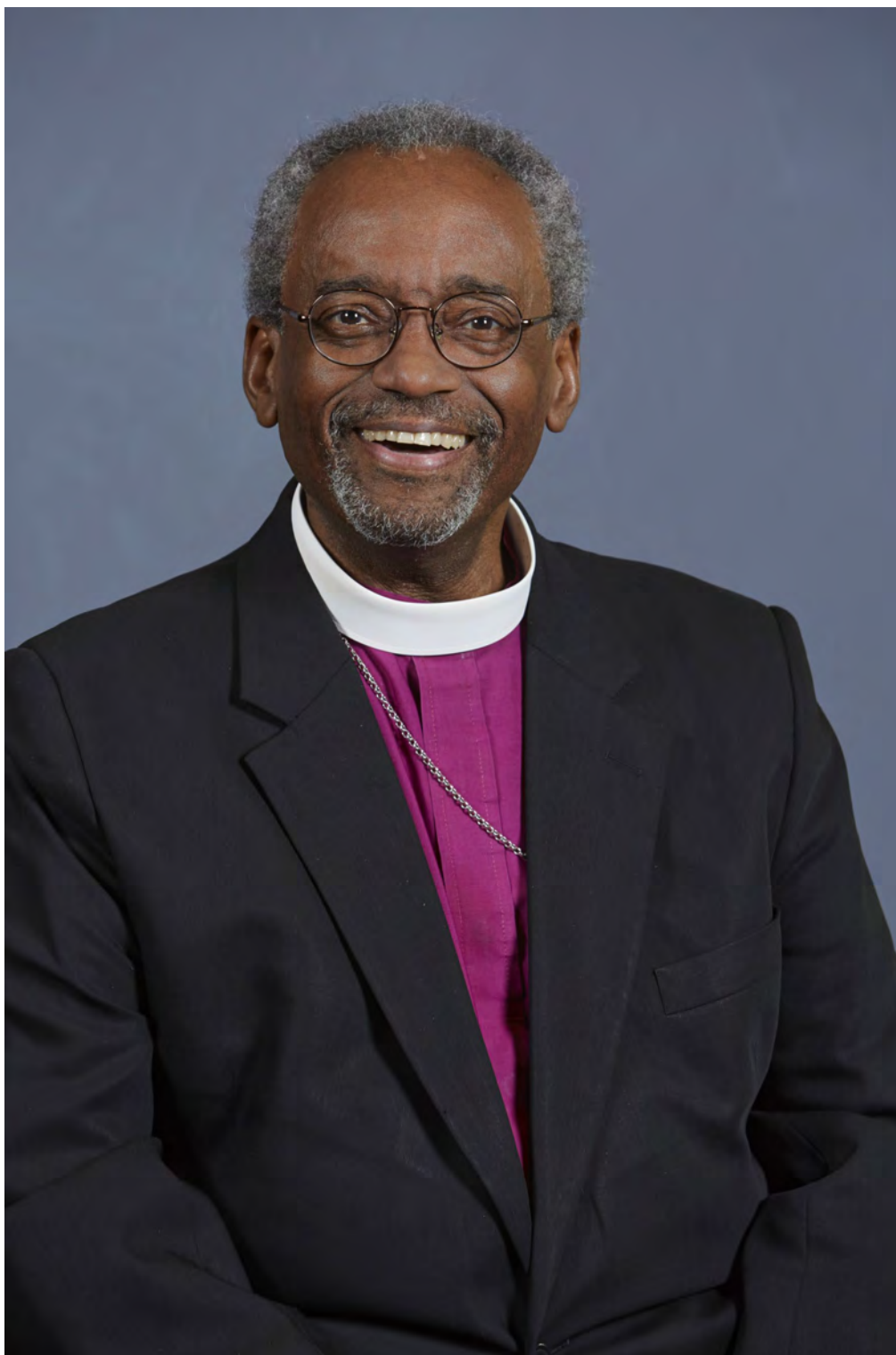


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## Part II Reports

## Adopted Budget of the General Convention 2024 – 2027

TEC BUDGET 2025-2027  
JBC RECOMMENDATION 01102024

SUMMARY

LINE NO. 2023-2024	DESCRIPTION	2025-27 Budget Proposed	2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 GC Costs	2027 All Other Costs	2027 Proposed	Special Comments for 2025-2027 (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 5% pa)	These income sources offset expenses in program areas
1	<b>INCOME</b>								
2									
3	Diocesan Commitments	93,648,240	30,600,000	31,212,000		31,836,240	31,836,240	Forecast at 15% assessment rate based on commitments as of 5/31/2023 and diocesan operating income increasing at 2% annually	
4	Diocesan expected waivers	(300,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)		(100,000)	(100,000)	Forecast based on waivers as of 5/31/2023	
5a	Income from Unrestricted Assets for General budget	39,862,014	12,692,383	13,485,656		13,683,975	13,683,975	Assumes 7.5% future annual returns and a 5% dividend draw.	
5b	Income from Unrestricted Assets for Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity & Justice	(2,315,000)	(700,000)	(780,000)		(835,000)	(835,000)	This amount reflects the deduction of assumed dividends designated by GC80 A-125 for the work of The Episcopal Coalition for Racial Justice and Equity. <sup>49</sup> This estimate will vary with performance changes in the underlying unrestricted trust funds	
6	Income from Outside trusts where DFMS is beneficiary	600,000	200,000	200,000		200,000	200,000		
7	Economic Justice Loan Income	487,500	162,500	162,500		162,500	162,500	Based on assumed 2.5% income on portfolio	
8	EMM Non-Govt Fundraising	-	-	-		-	-	- See line 457b	450,000
9	Annual Appeal Campaign	1,450,000	450,000	500,000		500,000	500,000		
10	Payment for 1/10 of the services provided to ER&D by DFMS	-	-	-		-	-	- ER&D receives an estimated \$4.3 million of services for finance, operations and personnel from DFMS staff	
14	Rental Base Income (incl CUAC, NAES)	9,758,403	2,905,405	3,416,213		3,436,785	3,436,785	NAES wants smaller space; 10% reduction assumed. Childrens Defense Fund renews Jan 2024. Lyceum Kennedy renews Sep 2025; flat rent assumed. Former Haitian consulate space reverts to DFMS use (leaves tax role) and is rented effective 2026.	
15	<b>Program and Event Related Fees:</b>								
16	General Convention Income							See line 513c	1,500,000
18	ENS Sponsorship Income							See line 308b	\$1,700,000
21	Refugee Loan Collection Income							See line 456b	1,150,000
22	Mission Technology Income							See line 649b	105,000
25	Facilities Management Income							See line 677b Reimbursement for services and utilities from tenants	270,000
26	<b>Total Program and Event Fees</b>								
27									
28b	Other Income								
29	House of Bishops reimbursements							See line 190b	900,000
30	Episcopal Youth Event fees receivable							See line 360b	400,000
31	General Board of Exam. Chaplains							See line 212b	381,000
32	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>143,191,157</b>	<b>46,210,288</b>	<b>48,096,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,884,500</b>	<b>48,884,500</b>		



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STAFFING

Department	Staffing in 2025-2027 Budget	2025-2027 Proposed	2025				2026				2027			
			Salary	Medical	Other*	Total	Salary	Medical	Other	Total	Salary	Medical	Other	Total
Anglican Communion	6	2,687,773	550,425	173,291	142,513	866,229	566,938	181,955	146,683	895,577	583,946	191,053	150,968	925,967
Archives	8	3,269,945	672,561	236,737	144,465	1,053,763	692,737	248,574	147,384	1,088,695	713,519	261,002	152,966	1,127,488
Chief Operating Officer	3	1,714,109	410,477	53,233	90,584	554,294	422,792	55,895	90,992	569,679	435,475	58,690	95,971	590,136
Church Planting	4	1,890,456	388,189	123,251	97,788	609,227	399,835	129,413	100,656	629,904	411,830	135,884	103,611	651,324
Communication	18	8,411,686	1,799,952	521,624	389,485	2,711,060	1,853,950	547,705	401,747	2,803,403	1,909,569	575,090	412,565	2,897,224
Controller	7	3,672,417	763,126	251,075	168,794	1,182,994	786,019	263,628	174,624	1,224,272	809,600	276,810	178,741	1,265,151
Creation Care	1	388,042	90,000	16,220	19,013	125,233	92,700	17,031	19,570	129,301	95,481	17,883	20,144	133,507
Development Office	6	3,244,168	739,623	144,919	162,292	1,046,835	761,812	152,165	167,022	1,080,999	784,666	159,774	171,894	1,116,334
Ecumenical & Interfaith	3	1,308,278	285,885	61,625	74,591	422,102	294,462	64,707	76,766	435,934	303,296	67,942	79,005	450,242
Ethnic Ministries	7	3,672,715	782,154	186,195	216,693	1,185,041	805,618	195,504	221,857	1,222,980	829,787	205,280	229,627	1,264,694
Facilities (Bldg Svcs and Mail)	3	985,972	215,931	53,233	48,820	317,984	222,409	55,895	50,233	328,536	229,081	58,690	51,682	339,452
Federal Ministries	3	1,789,353	372,758	103,776	100,999	577,534	383,941	108,965	101,997	594,903	395,459	114,413	107,044	616,917
Formation	5	2,301,225	487,188	140,860	112,967	741,014	501,803	147,903	118,663	768,369	516,857	155,298	119,686	791,841
GBEC	1	357,841	70,937	29,185	15,081	115,204	73,065	30,645	15,520	119,230	75,257	32,177	15,973	123,407
General Convention	12	6,024,349	1,290,434	311,013	311,950	1,913,397	1,329,147	326,564	320,689	1,976,400	1,445,028	342,892	346,632	2,134,552
House of Deputies	3	2,071,579	554,164	61,625	49,991	665,781	570,789	64,707	51,464	686,960	597,875	67,942	53,021	718,838
Human Resources	3	1,807,309	416,712	74,591	92,003	583,307	429,214	78,320	94,688	602,222	442,090	82,236	79,454	621,780
Information Technology	6	3,804,355	828,460	215,380	182,396	1,226,237	853,314	226,149	189,114	1,268,577	878,914	237,456	193,171	1,309,542
Legal	3.5	3,960,374	959,002	114,858	205,240	1,279,101	987,773	120,601	211,307	1,319,680	1,017,406	126,631	217,555	1,361,592
Missionary Staff	3	1,470,791	316,524	77,845	79,998	474,368	326,020	81,738	82,323	490,081	335,800	85,824	84,718	506,343
Missionaries		1,422,967				451,377				473,946				497,644
OGR	5.5	2,502,635	581,906	103,074	122,724	807,704	599,363	108,228	126,325	833,915	617,344	113,639	130,033	861,016
Pastoral Development	3	1,868,912	403,603	90,811	108,466	602,880	415,711	95,351	111,680	622,742	428,182	100,119	114,989	643,291
Presiding Bishop	8	5,756,052	1,313,642	191,581	355,284	1,860,507	1,353,052	201,160	359,899	1,914,111	1,393,643	211,218	376,572	1,981,434
Rec & Justice	4	2,019,855	453,332	77,845	120,820	651,997	466,932	81,738	124,379	673,049	480,940	85,824	128,044	694,809
Refugee Loan Collection	3	912,511	214,392	31,875	48,373	294,641	220,824	33,469	49,772	304,065	227,448	35,143	51,214	313,805
Refugee Non-Govt	2	949,836	190,962	74,591	40,288	305,841	196,691	78,320	41,469	316,481	202,592	82,236	42,687	327,514
Transition Ministries & Vocation	2	951,906	218,805	32,440	56,117	307,362	225,369	34,062	57,762	317,193	232,130	35,765	59,456	327,351
Treasurer	8	4,516,758	1,051,923	173,477	232,652	1,458,052	1,083,480	182,151	239,427	1,505,058	1,115,985	191,258	246,406	1,553,649
UTO	1.5	744,975	138,943	61,625	39,252	239,820	143,111	64,707	40,403	248,221	147,404	67,942	41,588	256,934
<b>Total</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>76,479,146</b>	<b>16,562,012</b>	<b>3,787,856</b>	<b>3,829,640</b>	<b>24,630,885</b>	<b>17,058,872</b>	<b>3,977,249</b>	<b>3,934,416</b>	<b>25,444,483</b>	<b>17,656,607</b>	<b>4,176,112</b>	<b>4,073,416</b>	<b>26,403,778</b>
			2%	-9%			3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%

Other includes SECA/FICA, pension, life insurance, ST disability, LT disability, NY family leave, NYC commuter tax

	292,400				24,566,223					25,377,915				26,242,608
					64,662					66,568				161,170
<b>2022-2024</b>	<b>70,179,800</b>	<b>15,386,452</b>	<b>3,717,970</b>	<b>3,548,391</b>	<b>22,652,813</b>	<b>15,891,282</b>	<b>3,829,509</b>	<b>3,593,168</b>	<b>23,313,959</b>	<b>16,309,109</b>	<b>4,174,165</b>	<b>3,729,754</b>	<b>24,213,028</b>	

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**DETAIL: MISSION FINANCE LEGAL OPERATIONS**

LINE NO. 2023-2024	DESCRIPTION	2025-27 Budget Proposed	2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 GC Costs	2027 All Other Costs	2027 Proposed	Special Comments for 2025-2027 (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 5% pa)
625	Chief Operating Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	
626a	Other departmental costs	162,000	46,500	46,500	22,500	46,500	69,000	Includes In-House costs; supplies; telephone; copiers; and staff events
626b	Travel	90,000	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	
627	Staff costs	1,624,109	524,294	539,679	-	560,136	560,136	
627b	Intentionally blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>628</b>	<b>Total Chief Operating Officer</b>	<b>1,876,109</b>	<b>600,794</b>	<b>616,179</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>636,636</b>	<b>659,136</b>	
629		-	-	-	-	-	-	
630	Human Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	
631	Retiree Medical Costs	1,860,000	620,000	620,000	-	620,000	620,000	Includes Medicare Part B supplements for lay retirees; figures based on 2023 actuarial costs
632a	Travel	23,000	6,000	6,000	8,000	3,000	11,000	3 staff at GC
632b	Other Departmental Costs	840,000	280,000	280,000	-	280,000	280,000	Includes \$70K for anti-oppression training
632c	Intentionally blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
633	Staff Costs	1,807,309	583,307	602,222	-	621,780	621,780	
<b>634</b>	<b>Total Human Resources</b>	<b>4,530,309</b>	<b>1,489,307</b>	<b>1,508,222</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>1,524,780</b>	<b>1,532,780</b>	
635		-	-	-	-	-	-	
636	Information Technology	-	-	-	-	-	-	
637	Total Departmental costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	
638	Consultants	409,999	136,666	136,667	-	136,666	136,666	Assumes increase in use of consultants for projects (Salesforce) / security
639	Travel	40,000	7,000	7,000	20,000	6,000	26,000	
640	Telephone telecom	187,500	62,500	62,500	-	62,500	62,500	Inflation of rates for SIP and fire / elevator phone lines
641	Maintenance	105,000	35,000	35,000	-	35,000	35,000	Increased maintenance cost of equipment
642	Postage and delivery	22,500	7,500	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	Increases due to remote workers
643		5 45,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	10,000	25,000	
644	Software	135,000	45,000	45,000	-	45,000	45,000	Increased cost of software / licensing
645	Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	
646	-- Infrastructure/Hardware - Reserve	155,000	55,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	Networking closet switch replacements,
647	-- Hardware- Perishables	21,000	7,000	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	
648	Online	300,000	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	Increases cost of web based software including Office 365
648b	Intentionally blank	=	=	=	=	=	=	Now shown in column 2027 GC Costs



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649a		0	3,804,355	1,226,237	1,268,577	1,309,542	1,309,542	
649b	Mission Technology Income	(105,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)		(35,000)	(35,000)	Reimbursement for services from tenants
650	Total Information Technology	5,120,354	1,656,903	1,694,244	35,000	1,734,208	1,769,208	
651		-	-	-	-	-	-	
652	Facilities Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	
653	Building Service and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	
654	Building Management	1,186,145	390,480	395,361		400,304	400,304	
655	Cleaning contractor	978,000	318,000	326,000		334,000	334,000	
656	Engineers contract	1,320,000	436,000	440,000		444,000	444,000	
657	Security guard contract	953,000	310,000	318,000		325,000	325,000	
658	Intentionally blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
659	Utilities	1,410,000	470,000	470,000		470,000	470,000	
660	Office expense	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
661	Decorating and remodeling	-	-	-	-	-	-	
662	Bulbs and lighting	15,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
663	HVAC maintenance	390,000	130,000	130,000		130,000	130,000	
664	Electrical contractors	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
665	Plumbing contractors	75,000	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	
666	Carpentry and hardware	10,500	3,500	3,500		3,500	3,500	
667	Windows and glass	19,500	6,500	6,500		6,500	6,500	
668	Painting	21,000	7,000	7,000		7,000	7,000	
669	Fire Alarm & Safety maintenance and contractors	165,000	55,000	55,000		55,000	55,000	
670	Elevator contractors	126,000	42,000	42,000		42,000	42,000	
671	Building supplies	105,000	35,000	35,000		35,000	35,000	
672	Pest control	20,250	6,750	6,750		6,750	6,750	
673	Refuse collection	75,000	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	
674	Temporary staff (project work)	354,000	118,000	118,000		118,000	118,000	
675	Telephone telecom	18,000	6,000	6,000		6,000	6,000	
676	Miscellaneous services	1,250,000	1,250,000					Phase 2 Sidewalk repairs & Façade Cycle 9 required exterior repairs
677a	Carpet replacement	45,000				45,000	45,000	
677b	Facilities Management Income	(270,000)	(90,000)	(90,000)		(90,000)	(90,000)	Reimbursement for services and utilities from fewer tenants

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679	Building Services Total	8,302,395	3,561,230	2,336,111	-	2,405,054	2,405,054	
680								
681	Mail Center	-						
682	Equipment rental	48,000	16,000	16,000		16,000	16,000	
683	Trucking pickup/delivery	270,000	75,000	75,000	45,000	75,000	120,000	
684	Mail and packaging	10,500	3,500	3,500		3,500	3,500	
685	Office expense	7,500	2,500	2,500		2,500	2,500	
685b	Intentionally blank	-						
686	Mail Center Total	336,000	97,000	97,000	45,000	97,000	142,000	
687		-						
688	Purchasing	-						
689	Equipment rental	54,000	18,000	18,000		18,000	18,000	
690	Supplies and lettershop	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
691	Purchasing Total	84,000	28,000	28,000		28,000	28,000	
692	Travel	-						
692b	Intentionally blank	-						
693	Staff Costs	985,972	317,984	328,536		339,452	339,452	Includes all Facilities Management staff
694	Total Facilities Management	9,708,367	4,004,214	2,789,647	45,000	2,869,506	2,914,506	
695b	Total Operations	21,235,139	7,751,217	6,608,292	110,500	6,765,130	6,875,630	
696a	Other cost reductions	-						
696	Total Mission Finance, Legal Operations	45,613,758	15,730,313	14,733,222	201,500	14,948,723	15,150,223	

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564	Staff costs	3,269,945	1,053,763	1,088,695		1,127,488	1,127,488	
565	Archives Total	5,594,342	1,804,471	1,864,955	-	1,924,917	1,924,917	
566								
567	Total Mission Governance	23,173,894	6,918,258	7,632,562	1,247,835	7,375,239	8,623,074	

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568	Development Office							The Office raises funds that support TEC, HBCUs, EMM, Good Friday Offering, and others as assigned by Executive Council
569	Intentionally blank							
570	Intentionally blank							
571	Donor Cultivation	525,000	175,000	175,000		175,000	175,000	Includes staff travel
572	Presentation Materials, postage, database management	225,000	75,000	75,000	75,000		75,000	
573	Research	55,000	15,000	18,000		22,000	22,000	
574	Grant Writing	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	Occasional outside consultants
575	Special Events	45,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	
576	Annual Campaign	330,000	110,000	110,000		110,000	110,000	
577	Intentionally blank	-						
578	Intentionally blank	-						
579	Conferences	-						
580	Technology, equipment	9,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	3,000	Computer replacement and software
581	Professional development	24,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	Conferences
582	Staff Cost	3,244,168	1,046,835	1,080,999		1,116,334	1,116,334	
583	Development Office to be allocated							
583b	Intentionally blank							
<b>584</b>	<b>Total Development Office</b>	<b>4,460,168</b>	<b>1,448,835</b>	<b>1,485,999</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>1,450,334</b>	<b>1,525,334</b>	
585								
586	Finance							
587	Controller's Office							The Controller records and processes all of the financial transactions for the church, assists the treasurer in monitoring budgets, and works with the church's independent auditors to implement appropriate controls to safeguard assets and resources of the church.
588	Travel	7,600	1,200	1,200	4,000	1,200	5,200	
589	Audit	645,000	210,000	220,000		215,000	215,000	
590	Payroll Management	180,000	60,000	60,000		60,000	60,000	
591	Computer Software	120,000	40,000	40,000		40,000	40,000	Accounting system
592	Other non-staff	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
592b	Intentionally blankd for GC							
<b>593</b>	<b>Controller's Office Department Total</b>	<b>982,600</b>	<b>321,200</b>	<b>331,200</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>326,200</b>	<b>330,200</b>	Slight decrease compared to 2022-2024
594								
595	Treasurer's Office							The Treasurer manages the operating cash and the longer-term assets of the church, including the endowment portfolio and charitable trusts, and it oversees administration and management of the triennial budget.
596	Travel	44,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	8,000	20,000	



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597	Property, Casualty & Liability insurance	1,170,000	390,000	390,000		390,000	390,000	Modest increase
598	D&O insurance allocation	300,000	100,000	100,000		100,000	100,000	Large increase due to market conditions. Costs appears in Governance, Legal and Treasury
599a	Banking Fees	24,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	
599b	Computer Software	-	-	-		-	-	Endowment software and computers
600	Telephone & Telecom.	10,500	3,500	3,500		3,500	3,500	
601a	Training, State registrations, misc.	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
601b	Financial Audit for Ties to Racial Injustices	-	-	-		-	-	
601c	Intentionally blank	-	-	-		-	-	
602a	Consultants (social responsibility); temps	105,000	35,000	35,000		35,000	35,000	(Sisters of) Mercy Investment Services (SRI consultant) will be recovered from trust funds
602b	Intentionally blank	-	-	-		-	-	
603	<b>Treasurer's Office Total</b>	<b>1,683,500</b>	<b>558,500</b>	<b>558,500</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>554,500</b>	<b>566,500</b>	
604	Finance Other Costs	-	-	-		-	-	
605	Debt Service Principal & Interest	5,307,068	1,794,035	1,769,023		1,744,011	1,744,011	Reduced principal; 1.7% interest rate locked in through a swap transaction
606	Controller's Office Staff Costs	3,672,417	1,182,994	1,224,272		1,265,151	1,265,151	
607	Treasurer's Office Staff Costs	4,516,758	1,458,052	1,505,058		1,553,649	1,553,649	
608	Treas. Recovery from Unrestricted trust reserves	(645,502)	(207,436)	(215,583)		(222,483)	(222,483)	Recovery from trust funds for accounting and recordkeeping of 1,400 trust funds
609	<b>Finance Other Costs Total</b>	<b>12,850,741</b>	<b>4,227,644</b>	<b>4,282,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,340,327</b>	<b>4,340,327</b>	
610		-	-	-		-	-	
611	<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>15,516,841</b>	<b>5,107,344</b>	<b>5,172,470</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>5,221,027</b>	<b>5,237,027</b>	
612		-	-	-		-	-	
613	<b>Legal</b>	-	-	-		-	-	
614		-	-	-		-	-	
615a	Miscellaneous Departmental Costs	195,000	60,000	65,000		70,000	70,000	
615b	D&O Insurance allocation	181,000	55,000	60,000		66,000	66,000	
616	Legal Expense Churchwide Conflict Res.	150,000	50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000	Substantially reduced churchwide conflict
617	Chief Legal Officer firm contract	-	-	-		-	-	
618	External specialized counsel	510,000	170,000	170,000		170,000	170,000	
619	Travel	60,000	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	
620	Telecom	12,420	4,000	4,120		4,300	4,300	
621	Office expense	10,800	3,450	3,600		3,750	3,750	
622a	Staff Costs	3,960,374	1,279,101	1,319,680		1,361,592	1,361,592	
622b	Legal Recovery from Unrestricted trust reserves	(677,983)	(218,634)	(225,939)		(233,410)	(233,410)	Recovery from trust funds for legal work related to the 1,400 trust funds
622c	Intentionally blank	-	-	-		-	-	
623	<b>Total Legal</b>	<b>4,401,610</b>	<b>1,422,917</b>	<b>1,466,461</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,512,232</b>	<b>1,512,232</b>	
624		-	-	-		-	-	

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480	Anglican Communion Reconciliation and Development Initiatives							Now in line 436
481	Global Networking							Now in line 432
482	Support for Ecumenical Reps	39,500	13,167	13,167	-	13,167	13,167	
483	Coordinating Committees	18,000	6,000	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	
484	Interfaith Relations	45,000	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	
485	Dialogues	37,500	12,500	12,500	-	12,500	12,500	
486	Churches Uniting in Christ	-	-	-	-	-	-	Work concluded
487	PB Deputy for Ecumenical Relations	74,500	24,833	24,833		24,834	24,834	
488	WCC Assembly	12,000	4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000	
489	Other Departmental Costs	9,000	1,333	1,333	5,000	1,333	6,333	
490a	New projects	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
490b	Internships	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
490c	Partnership with Cathedral of St. Philip (Atlanta)	150,000	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	Partnership in interreligious work
491	Staff Costs	1,308,278	422,102	435,934		450,242	450,242	
<b>492</b>	<b>Ecumenical, Interfaith, Global Relations Total</b>	<b>1,699,778</b>	<b>550,935</b>	<b>564,767</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>579,076</b>	<b>584,076</b>	
493								
<b>494</b>	<b>Ecumenical Dues</b>							
495	World Council of Churches	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	
496	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
497	NCC Ecumenical Commitment Fund	126,000	42,000	42,000		42,000	42,000	
498	Christian Churches Together US	24,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	
499	Ecumenical bodies on Climate Change	1,500	500	500		500	500	Project planned in 2023/2024 does not continue
<b>500</b>	<b>Total Ecumenical Dues</b>	<b>241,500</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>80,500</b>	
501								
<b>502</b>	<b>Grants in form of Contributed Services Support to Affiliated Organizations</b>							
503	Episcopal Relief & Development	4,261,205	1,351,691	1,419,275		1,490,239	1,490,239	in-kind services provided to ER&D
503b	Block grant to ERD for rent	1,068,000	356,000	356,000		356,000	356,000	Moved from line 403
504	Intentionally blank	-	-	-		-	-	
<b>509</b>	<b>Total Supp. Affiliated Organizations</b>	<b>5,329,205</b>	<b>1,707,691</b>	<b>1,775,275</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,846,239</b>	<b>1,846,239</b>	
510	Less: Offset of Support	(5,329,205)	(1,707,691)	(1,775,275)	-	(1,846,239)	(1,846,239)	Offset of in-kind services
<b>511</b>	<b>Total Mission Beyond the Episcopal Church</b>	<b>16,583,680</b>	<b>5,145,668</b>	<b>5,504,737</b>	<b>102,000</b>	<b>5,696,275</b>	<b>5,798,275</b>	



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512	<b>General Convention Office</b>							
513	Meeting of the General Convention	2,902,335	110,000	402,500	2,389,835		2,389,835	Covers logistical needs to produce the GC, including the Official Youth Presence and Children's Program costs.
513b	Assistance provided to aided Dioceses for registration fees for General Convention	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	Typical requests from dioceses
513c	General Convention Income	(1,500,000)	-	-	(1,500,000)		(1,500,000)	Moved from line 16
514	Executive Council	1,343,366	439,944	469,218		434,204	434,204	Two 4-day face to face meetings annually. One, 4-day meeting virtual platform annually. Previous Council felt they could eliminate one face to face meeting, since they had been successful in having on-line virtual meetings.
515-518	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
519a	Interim Bodies of the General Convention	1,515,637	643,530	555,616		316,490	316,490	Removes 1 face-to- face meeting from each Task Force and from every other canonical body. Retains a joint interim bodies meeting in the fall of 2027, but limits additional support work (consultants and mandates)
519b	Ecclesiastical Courts	225,000	75,000	75,000		75,000	75,000	Ecclesiastical court work per Canon IV.17.8.d and IV.19.23.c
520	Deputies of Color pre-Convention meeting	60,000	-	-	60,000		60,000	
521	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
522	Intentionally blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
523	Accrual for PB Nomination, Election, Transition, Installation	150,000	50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000	
524-530	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
531a	Intentionally blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
531b	Current Prayer Book Translation	-	-	-	-	-	-	This work was completed
532	Canonical Reporting	10,000	2,500	2,500	3,000	2,000	5,000	
533	Technology for General Convention Governance	2,291,000	526,000	782,000		983,000	983,000	
534	Translation and Interpretation for Governance	775,000	135,000	210,000	230,000	200,000	430,000	Although the scope and amount of translation and interpretation will increase, we have achieved efficiencies seen in translation costs
535	Research (Parochial and Diocesan Reports)	140,000	45,000	50,000		45,000	45,000	
536	Operation and Other Expenses of the GC Office	361,090	120,265	115,360	10,000	115,465	125,465	
536a	Historiographer	35,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	
537	Staff Costs	6,024,349	1,913,397	1,976,400		2,134,552	2,134,552	
538	Intentionally blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
538b	Intentionally blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	
539	<b>Total Office of General Convention</b>	<b>14,382,777</b>	<b>4,070,637</b>	<b>4,698,594</b>	<b>1,247,835</b>	<b>4,365,711</b>	<b>5,613,546</b>	
540		-	-	-	-	-	-	
541		-	-	-	-	-	-	
542	<b>Provincial Coordination</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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543	Support for Provinces I-VIII Coordination	15,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	Interpretation for meetings
544	Support for Province IX Coordination	50,000	17,000	17,000		16,000	16,000	
<b>545</b>	<b>Support for Provincial Coordination Total</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>	
546								
<b>547</b>	<b>House of Deputies</b>							
548	Council of Advice	126,000	42,000	42,000		42,000	42,000	Assumes 12 members at 2 meetings per year at the \$1750/meeting cost
549	Discretionary Fund	9,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	3,000	Suggested increase to assist when deputies have emergency needs
550a	Chancellor Consulting fees	472,196	152,770	157,353		162,073	162,073	Assumes 3% COLA per year based on 2023 contract
550b	Chancellor expenses	24,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	Professional licensing; conference fees; travel (EC; CoA; conferences)
551	Communications Consultants	120,000	40,000	40,000		40,000	40,000	General Convention; strategy; translation/interpretation
552	Travel	210,000	70,000	70,000		70,000	70,000	Travel; food; lodging; other
553	GC expenses for PHOD	40,000	20,000	20,000				Annual accrual of funds to cover PHOD expenses at GC; accounting for inflation
554a	Phone/Telecom	24,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	Cell service; wifi; GSuite; Constant Contact; Zoom
554b	Phone/Telecom PHOD Transition	-	-	-		-	-	
555	Parliamentarians	12,000	4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000	Annual education, resources, professional licenses; Parliamentary Boot Camp prep for GC
556	Other Departmental Costs	23,000	7,600	7,700		7,700	7,700	General office; postage; media
556b	Intentionally blank	-	-	-		-	-	
556c	Intentionally blank	-	-	-		-	-	
557	Staff Costs including PHOD	2,071,579	665,781	686,960		718,838	718,838	Two DFMS staff plus PHOD Director and Officer fees including benefits
<b>558</b>	<b>Total House of Deputies</b>	<b>3,131,774</b>	<b>1,021,150</b>	<b>1,047,012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,063,611</b>	<b>1,063,611</b>	
559								
560	<b>Archives</b>							
								The Archives serves the Church as the repository of their historic collections and provides research and reference services in support of several areas (e.g., polity, mission, litigation). It offers consultative services in archives and records management at no additional cost to Episcopal organizations, dioceses, and parishes
561	Digital Archives/Electronic Records	1,020,000	340,000	340,000		340,000	340,000	Increase in digitization of key collections. The ongoing annual costs for electronic records Digital Repository will increase by 20% in 2025-2027, but will considerably less than the vendor's standard rate due to the Archives early adoption (2017) of this technology
562	Rent and storage	949,397	295,708	316,260		337,429	337,429	Relocation in 2020 resulted in more efficient space but increased rent from \$44K to \$220K annually
563	Other costs	355,000	115,000	120,000		120,000	120,000	
563b	Intentionally blank	-	-	-		-	-	
563c	Reductions to be determined by Archivist	-	-	-		-	-	

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411	<b>Anglican Communion</b>							We focus on the core work of nurturing relationships between TEC and our siblings across the Anglican Communion, leaving untouched the Covenant block grants
412	Inter-Anglican Budget/Secretariat	962,100	320,700	320,700		320,700	320,700	Reduced by 10% from 22/24
413	International Visitors	36,000	12,000	12,000	8,000	4,000	12,000	Reduced from the \$45,000 budgeted in 2019-2021
414	Staff Travel : Partnership officers, UN, networking staff	370,000	123,333	123,333		123,334	123,334	Increased from 22-24 but a reduction of \$9,000 from the pre-pandemic 19-21 approved budget
414a	Office expenses, phones, internet	30,000	10,000	10,000	4,000	6,000	10,000	Separating out office costs from travel costs within team budget
414c	Translation and Interpretation	90,000	30,000	30,000	10,000	20,000	30,000	
415a	Global Mission Networking: consultants, publicity, online resource development, modest support for the Global Mission Advocacy program	170,000	50,000	50,000	20,000	50,000	70,000	Emerging priorities with a focus on reconciliation and evangelism and sustainable development initiatives. This line assumes that Global Episcopal Mission Network (A028) and Global Mission Advocacy program (A016) are not funded
415b	Anglican Communion Reconciliation and Development Initiati	125,000	41,666	41,667		41,667	41,667	New line to reflect emerging priorities within the Anglican Communion emerging priorities with a focus on reconciliation and evangelism and sustainable development initiatives
415c	Leadership development and theological education	75,000	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	
415d	Reserve for GC	-	-	-	-	-	-	
416	Staff costs	2,687,773	866,229	895,577		925,967	925,967	This reflects a minor increase to change the Middle East Partnership Officer from ¼ time to 1/3 time
<b>417</b>	<b>Total Anglican Communion</b>	<b>4,545,873</b>	<b>1,478,928</b>	<b>1,508,277</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>1,516,668</b>	<b>1,558,668</b>	
418		-	-	-	-	-	-	
419	<b>Block Grants w/in Anglican Communion</b>							
420	Burundi	9,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	3,000	
421	Central Africa	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
422	Congo	15,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
423	South Sudan	12,000	4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000	
424	Conf of Angl Prov in Africa (CAPA)	15,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
425	African Network Theol Ed (ANITEPAM)							Combined in the overall CAPA grant and reduced to add funds to line 415c
426	Epis Church of Philippines							
427	Jt Cte Philippines							
428	Caribbean							
430	Other Angl Communion Costs							
431	Brazil Secretariat							
432	To be allocated	60,000	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	To be allocated among lines 425 - 431 as needed
431a	Yemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	Resolution funding of B002 for Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in Aden ends in 2024
<b>433</b>	<b>Total Grants w/in Angl Communion</b>	<b>117,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>Overall reduction in block grants to focus more on programs that support across provinces such as theological education</b>
434								
435	<b>Covenants w/in Angl Communion</b>							
436	Covenant Long-term Development Fund	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	Modest reduction reduces funding for partners with little strategic implication
437	IARCA (Central America)	1,029,456	343,152	343,152		343,152	343,152	Agreed Covenant step down
438	Liberia	195,000	65,000	65,000		65,000	65,000	Agreed Covenant step down



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439	Intentionally left blank							
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441	Covenant Committees	90,000		90,000				- Funding to cover one meeting in the triennium. Funding to be used across the triennium as committees meet. Funding same as 19-21 GC budget
<b>442</b>	<b>Total Covenants Anglican Comm.</b>	<b>1,404,456</b>	<b>438,152</b>	<b>528,152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>438,152</b>	<b>438,152</b>	
<b>443</b>	<b>Total Grants, Covenants w/In Anglican Communion</b>	<b>1,521,456</b>	<b>477,152</b>	<b>567,152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>477,152</b>	<b>477,152</b>	
444								
<b>445</b>	<b>Internat'l Justice &amp; Peacemaking/UN Presence</b>							
446	Grants to Partner Organizations	9,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	3,000	Empowers TEC individuals, parishes and dioceses to engage the UN in person
447	Intentionally left blank							
448	Other departmental Costs	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	Funding to support a return to in-person meetings at the United Nations.
<b>449</b>	<b>Internat'l Justice &amp; Peacemaking Total</b>	<b>99,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	
450								
<b>451</b>	<b>Refugee Ministry (Non-Government)</b>							
454	Departmental Costs	160,000	50,000	50,000	10,000	50,000	60,000	
454b	Reserve for GC	-						
457	Refugee Non-Govt Staff Cost	949,836	305,841	316,481		327,514	327,514	
457b	EMM Non-Govt Fundraising	(450,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)		(150,000)	(150,000)	Moved from line 8
455	Refugee Loan Collection Other Expenses	405,000	135,000	135,000		135,000	135,000	
456	Refugee Loan Collection Staff Cost	912,511	294,641	304,065		313,805	313,805	
456b	Refugee Loan Collection Income	(1,150,000)	(350,000)	(400,000)		(400,000)	(400,000)	Moved from line 21
<b>459</b>	<b>Total Refugee Ministry (Non-Government)</b>	<b>827,346</b>	<b>285,481</b>	<b>255,546</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>276,319</b>	<b>286,319</b>	
460								

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461	<b>Missionary Service</b>							This ministry that is a part of our core function and one that is the extremely difficult to be undertaken by local dioceses
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463	Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (EVIM) program	515,000	111,000	170,000		234,000	234,000	Discernment, training, reentry. Plus travel costs
464	Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) program	275,800	65,600	92,000		118,200	118,200	Discernment, training and reentry. Plus travel costs
465	Departmental other costs	351,000	102,000	107,000	30,000	112,000	142,000	Office costs, translation and interpretation, staff travel, resource development, exhibition costs, advertizing etc.
466	Mission Personnel office staff costs	1,470,791	474,368	490,081		506,343	506,343	2025-2027 reflects staff costs only; staff costs for missionaries in lines 466b and 466c
466b	EVIM staff costs	661,500	183,000	220,500		258,000	258,000	Discernment, training, reentry, travel. Reduced by \$1.2 mill, changing from providing space for a few missionaries to receive stipend and pension to a program that provides only insurance and travel. Focus on a "Volunteers for Mission Program". Maintains up to \$100,000 annually for the support of "Border Missioners"
466c	YASC staff costs	860,000	202,000	293,000		365,000	365,000	Slowly re-emerging post Covid program with a YASC estimated \$ YASC in 2025, 12 in 2026 and 15 in 2027
467	Less Income		(35,000)	(45,000)		(55,000)	(55,000)	Donations to support YASC members
<b>468</b>	<b>Total Mission Personnel</b>	<b>4,134,091</b>	<b>1,102,968</b>	<b>1,327,581</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>1,538,543</b>	<b>1,568,543</b>	
469								
<b>470</b>	<b>Office of Government Relations</b>							OGR enables Episcopalians to advocate to the government and to participate in carrying out General Convention resolutions. EPPN serves individuals, parishes, networks, and dioceses, facilitating messages and meetings with Congressional offices. OGR helps local churches to carry out their ministries on issues most important to them and to connect with General Convention and Executive Council resolutions.
471	Program work and partnerships	410,000	135,000	135,000	5,000	135,000	140,000	Reflects translation costs for many OGR materials, policy documents, educational webinars, and resources
472	Rent	349,000	111,000	116,000		122,000	122,000	Rent is a fixed cost
473	EPPN software and subscriptions	135,000	45,000	45,000		45,000	45,000	EPPN software are fixed costs. EPPN enables Episcopalians to reach out to members of Congress and to implement General Convention resolutions with strategic guidance.
474	Office expenses, phones, internet, translation	-	-	-		-	-	Now in line 471
475	Travel	118,000	38,000	38,000	10,000	32,000	42,000	10% reduction in travel
475b	Reserve for GC	-	-	-		-	-	
476	Staff Costs	2,502,635	807,704	833,915		861,016	861,016	Previous vacancy
<b>477</b>	<b>Office of Government Relations Total</b>	<b>3,514,635</b>	<b>1,136,704</b>	<b>1,167,915</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>1,195,016</b>	<b>1,210,016</b>	
478								
479	<b>Ecumenical, Interfaith, Global Relations</b>							

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361b	Episcopal Youth Event expenses	945,000	80,000	850,000		15,000	15,000	EYE costs continue to increase. Higher costs can be reduced using professional planners Costs deferred from 2024
361c	Evento de Jovenes Episcopales deferred from 2024	-						
361d	Evento de Jovenes Episcopales	370,000	40,000	50,000		280,000	280,000	
361e	Youth Ministries Programming	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	Additional work not EYE or EJE
362	Episcopal Service Corps	300,000	100,000	100,000		100,000	100,000	Funding for the ESC network meetings and support of the network.
364	Other Departmental Costs	180,000	60,000	60,000		60,000	60,000	Includes phone s, supplies, shipping, Exec Cnd attendance. Reductions in travel; more online
364b	Intentionally blank	-						
365	Staff Costs	2,301,225	741,014	768,369		791,841	791,841	
365a	Lilly grant for family development	(77,100)	(25,700)	(25,700)		(25,700)	(25,700)	
<b>366</b>	<b>Total Formation &amp; Vocation</b>	<b>4,662,625</b>	<b>1,336,480</b>	<b>1,743,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,582,308</b>	<b>1,582,308</b>	
367								
368	Transition Ministries							OTM supports clergy, laity, bishops, and Diocesan Transition Ministers. The office analyzes trends in clergy calls and congregational data and supports those in the search and call processes
369	Program/Tech (Transition Min)	99,000	33,000	33,000		33,000	33,000	
370	Research & Dev (Transition Min)	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	
371	Other OTM office, travel, training	121,500	40,500	40,500		40,500	40,500	Not attending GC in 2027 saves \$9,200 and reduces departmental program budget by 8%+
371b	Intentionally blank	-						
372	Staff costs	951,906	307,362	317,193		327,351	327,351	
<b>373</b>	<b>Total Transition Ministries</b>	<b>1,262,406</b>	<b>410,862</b>	<b>420,693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430,851</b>	<b>430,851</b>	
374								
375	TEC Block Grants							All Block grant recipients received 5% annual increases in 2022, 2023 and 2024
375a	Cuba	992,250	330,750	330,750		330,750	330,750	
376	Haiti	1,057,490	352,497	352,497		352,497	352,497	
377	Virgin Islands	566,148	188,716	188,716		188,716	188,716	
<b>378</b>	<b>Province 2 Total</b>	<b>2,615,889</b>	<b>871,963</b>	<b>871,963</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>871,963</b>	<b>871,963</b>	



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379								
380	North Dakota	844,230	267,797	281,187		295,246	295,246	
381	South Dakota	2,786,509	883,905	928,100		974,505	974,505	
382	Province 6 Total	3,630,739	1,151,701	1,209,287	-	1,269,751	1,269,751	
383								
384	Alaska	1,581,411	501,637	526,719		553,055	553,055	
385	Navajoland	1,452,907	460,875	483,918		508,114	508,114	Adds \$75K annually for lay employee medical costs
386	Guam	156,000	52,000	52,000		52,000	52,000	
387	Taiwan	214,988	71,663	71,663		71,663	71,663	
388	Province 8 Total	3,405,306	1,086,174	1,134,300	-	1,184,832	1,184,832	
389								
390	Consultation & Planning Prov IX							
391	Implementation of Prov IX self-sustainability plan							
392								
393	Unallocated for Task Force and Consultants							
394	Colombia	401,310	133,770	133,770		133,770	133,770	
395	Dominican Republic	157,500	52,500	52,500		52,500	52,500	
396	Ecuador Central	562,275	187,425	187,425		187,425	187,425	
397	Ecuador Litoral	496,125	165,375	165,375		165,375	165,375	
398	Honduras	826,875	275,625	275,625		275,625	275,625	
399	Venezuela	165,375	55,125	55,125		55,125	55,125	
400	Province 9 Total	2,609,460	869,820	869,820	-	869,820	869,820	
401								
402	Grants to US Indigenous Dioceses	660,000	220,000	220,000		220,000	220,000	
403	Block Grant to ERD	-	-	-		-	-	Moved to line 503b
404	Total TEC Block Grants	12,921,393	4,199,659	4,305,369	-	4,416,365	4,416,365	
405								
409								
410	Total Mission Within the Episcopal Church	28,021,660	8,827,244	9,352,484	373,000	9,468,933	9,841,933	

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254	Memberships & Subscriptions	8,400	2,800	2,800		2,800	2,800	
255	General Office Expenses	1,500	500	500		500	500	
256	Computer Hardware and software	6,000	1,000	1,000		4,000	4,000	
257	Telephone telecom	7,500	2,500	2,500		2,500	2,500	
258	<b>Multimedia Services Total</b>	<b>507,400</b>	<b>104,800</b>	<b>104,800</b>	<b>191,000</b>	<b>106,800</b>	<b>297,800</b>	
259								
260	<b>Public Affairs</b>							
261	Reserve for GC81	33,000			33,000		33,000	
262	Initiatives/Collaboration	-	-	-		-	-	
263	Freelancers	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
264	Travel	74,150	24,383	24,383		25,384	25,384	
265	Conferences and Workshops	9,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	3,000	
266	Memberships and Subscriptions	65,700	21,900	21,900		21,900	21,900	
267	General Office Expenses	1,800	600	600		600	600	
268	Computer Hardware and Software	10,000	2,500	2,500		5,000	5,000	
269	Telephone telecom	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
270	<b>Public Affairs Total</b>	<b>229,650</b>	<b>64,383</b>	<b>64,383</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>67,884</b>	<b>100,884</b>	
271								
272	<b>Web &amp; Social Media Services</b>							
273	Reserve for GC81	15,000			15,000		15,000	
274	Travel	18,000	6,000	6,000		6,000	6,000	
275	Conference & Registration Fees	4,500	1,500	1,500		1,500	1,500	
276	Website Development, Maintenance & Upgrades	180,000	60,000	60,000		60,000	60,000	
277	Asset Mapping	60,000	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	
278	Memberships & Subscriptions	6,300	2,100	2,100		2,100	2,100	
279	General Office Expenses	1,800	600	600		600	600	
280	Computer Software	1,500	500	500		500	500	
281	Computer Hardware	3,500	-	3,500		-	-	
282	Telephone telecom	9,900	3,300	3,300		3,300	3,300	
283	<b>Web &amp; Social Media Services Total</b>	<b>300,500</b>	<b>94,000</b>	<b>97,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>94,000</b>	<b>109,000</b>	
284								
285	<b>Episcopal News Service</b>							
286	General Convention travel and fees	35,000			35,000		35,000	
287	Consultants	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	
288	Travel Expenses	140,000	45,000	45,000		50,000	50,000	
289	Conferences and Workshops	11,100	3,700	3,700		3,700	3,700	
290	Postage	600	200	200		200	200	
291	Memberships and Subscriptions	31,500	10,500	10,500		10,500	10,500	
292	General Office Expenses	600	200	200		200	200	
293	Computer Software	1,500	500	500		500	500	
294	Computer Hardware	8,000	-	3,500		4,500	4,500	



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295	Telephone telecom	9,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	3,000	
296	Episcopal News Service Total	327,300	93,100	96,600	35,000	102,600	137,600	
297		-	-	-			-	
298	Episcopal News Service (Sponsorship)	-	-	-			-	
299	Reserve for GC81	4,000			4,000		4,000	
300	Admin. Support; Credit Card fees	21,000	7,000	7,000		7,000	7,000	
301	Travel	12,000	4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000	
302	Conferences and Registration Fees	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
303	Marketing & Advertising	79,500	26,500	26,500		26,500	26,500	
304	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
305	Memberships and Subscriptions	2,100	700	700		700	700	
306	General Office Expenses	-	-	-		-	-	
307	Computer Hardware and software	2,400	800	800		800	800	
308a	Telephone telecom	3,600	1,200	1,200		1,200	1,200	
308b	ENS Sponsorship Income	(1,700,000)	(500,000)	(600,000)		(600,000)	(600,000)	
309	Episcopal News Service (Sponsorship) Total	(1,572,400)	(458,800)	(558,800)	4,000	(558,800)	(554,800)	
310		-	-	-			-	
311	Digital Evangelism	-	-	-			-	
312	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-			-	
313	Content for download	15,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
314	Intentionally left blank	45,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	
315	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
316	Original images and art work	16,000	6,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
317	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
318	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
319	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
320	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
321	Additional initiatives	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
322	Reserve for GC81	30,000			30,000		30,000	
323	Printing Costs	5,000	1,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
324	Consultants	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	
325	Travel	75,000	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	
326	Conferences and Registration Fees	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
327	Marketing & Advertising (HubSpot, etc.)	37,500	12,500	12,500		12,500	12,500	
328	Intentionally left blank	-	-	-		-	-	
329	Memberships and Subscriptions	36,000	12,000	12,000		12,000	12,000	
330	General Office Expenses	15,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
331	Computer Hardware and software	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
332	Telephone telecom	5,100	1,700	1,700		1,700	1,700	
333	Sermons that Work (Eng. Sp)							
334	Intentionally left blank							
335	Bible Study; Eng. Spanish							

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336	Digital Evangelism Total	411,600	127,200	127,200	30,000	127,200	157,200	
337		-	-	-	-	-	-	
338	Language (Translation) Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	
339	Reserve for GC81	20,000	-	-	20,000	-	20,000	
340	Translation Services	275,000	85,000	85,000	-	105,000	105,000	Anticipate less face-to-face requirement. Services to be charged to individual departments. Dept costs approx. 75% of line item
341		-	-	-	-	-	-	
342	Travel	9,000	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	
343	Equipment Purchases	30,000	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	
344	Conference and Registration Fees	3,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	
345	Memberships and Subscriptions	4,500	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	
346	General Office Expenses	3,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	
347	Computer Hardware and software	4,500	500	3,500	-	500	500	
348	Mobile Communication Devices	4,500	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	
349	Language Services Total	353,500	108,500	106,500	20,000	123,500	143,500	
350	Staff Costs	8,411,686	2,711,060	2,803,403	-	2,897,224	2,897,224	
351	Communications - to be allocated	-	-	-	-	-	-	
352	Total Communications	9,175,236	2,880,243	2,882,586	373,000	3,039,408	3,412,408	
353		-	-	-	-	-	-	
354	Formation Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	The Department oversees formation and ministry of all ages with a primary focus on youth (13-18), young adults (18-30) and leaders working alongside. We incorporate the work of Safe Church and Episcopal Service Corps
356	Departmental Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	
357a	Resource Creation, Curriculum and Partnerships	112,500	37,500	37,500	-	37,500	37,500	Reductions in curriculum budget
357b	Safe Church Training	150,000	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	\$20,000/year moved to line 358. Reductions primarily online training instead of in person and less course development
358	Formation Networks and Leadership Development	206,000	68,666	68,667	-	68,667	68,667	\$20,000/year moved from 357b to this line for Safe Church Safe Communities Network and Leadership Development
359	Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants	405,000	135,000	135,000	-	135,000	135,000	Reduction in grants awarded
360	Young Adult & Campus Ministry Events and Gatherings	140,000	40,000	40,000	-	60,000	60,000	Reductions in campus ministries consultants. \$90K moved from staff costs to fund an Associate Officer for Campus Ministry
361a	Youth Events and Gatherings	-	-	-	-	-	-	
360b	Episcopal Youth Event fees	(400,000)	-	(400,000)	-	-	-	Moved from line 30. Assumes \$400 fee from 1,000 attendees

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DETAIL: CREATION CARE

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<b>163</b>	<b>Creation Care</b>							
164	Climate Mitigation Efforts	110,000	33,333	33,333	10,000	33,334	43,334	Supports urgent work to meet 2030 net neutrality goals set by Gen. Con., UN and global leaders. Specifically DFMS carbon offset program, background for solar, carbon tracker.
165	EcoJustice Fellows Program (formerly Ecojustice site grants)	25,000	8,000	8,000		9,000	9,000	Joint work with line 85b
166	Creation Care Grants	375,000	125,000	125,000		125,000	125,000	Grants allow us to invite, identify and support innovative creation care ministries across the church, many of whom operate in isolated and even antagonistic contexts. Projects are also key indicators of passion, growth and effective ministry.
167	Advisory Council meetings	37,500	12,500	12,500		12,500	12,500	
168	Creation Care Networks and Resources	105,000	35,000	35,000		35,000	35,000	Launching new film-based Creation Care curriculum in 2024 - will require support to expand access, connect facilitators, continue licenses. Also supports ongoing liturgical development.
169	Other Initiatives	-					-	
170	Conference of Parties/UN climate work	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
171a	Program, travel, office - Associate, Director, Canon	110,000	33,333	33,333	10,000	33,334	43,334	Also includes consultant travel and expenses
172	Staff costs	388,042	125,233	129,301		133,507	133,507	Reflects promotion of Associate to Staff Officer
173a	Additional Creation Care program							
173b	Office rental							
<b>174</b>	<b>Total Creation Care</b>	<b>1,180,542</b>	<b>382,399</b>	<b>386,467</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>391,675</b>	<b>411,675</b>	



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175	Presiding Bishop's Office							The Office of the Presiding Bishop serves TEC across the world. This includes the PB's services as the chief pastor and chair of the Executive Council.
176	Governance-Related Costs	390,000	130,000	130,000		130,000	130,000	Reserve for Lambeth meetings; Council of Advice
177	Title IV Disciplinary Actions relative to Bishops	375,000	125,000	125,000		125,000	125,000	Cases related to Title IV
180	Bishop in Charge of Navajoland	800,000	266,666	266,667		266,667	266,667	Enables the Bishop and staff to focus on fundraising for program ministry
181	Hospitality and Entertainment	75,000	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	
182	Official & Discretionary Expenses	54,000	18,000	18,000		18,000	18,000	
183	Travel	1,000,000	325,000	325,000	25,000	325,000	350,000	Except in extraordinary circumstances, only one staff person will accompany the PB
184	Haiti Partnership Committee	-	-	-		-	-	
185	Other departmental costs	190,000	60,000	65,000		65,000	65,000	Increased translation / interpretation costs
186	Staff Costs	5,756,052	1,860,507	1,914,111		1,981,434	1,981,434	Assumes 2 Canons to the PB
187	<b>Total Presiding Bishop's Office</b>	<b>8,640,052</b>	<b>2,810,173</b>	<b>2,868,778</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>2,936,101</b>	<b>2,961,101</b>	
188		-	-	-		-	-	
189	House of Bishops							
190a	House of Bishops meetings	1,025,000	410,000	410,000		205,000	205,000	Includes interpretation costs
190b	House of Bishops (Theology Cte)	40,000	20,000	20,000		-	-	
190b	House of Bishops reimbursements	(900,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)		(180,000)	(180,000)	Moved from line 29. Meeting registration fees
191	College for Bishops Grant	250,000	83,333	83,333		83,334	83,334	
192	<b>Total House of Bishops</b>	<b>415,000</b>	<b>153,333</b>	<b>153,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,334</b>	<b>108,334</b>	
193		-	-	-		-	-	
194	Pastoral Development							The Office for Pastoral Development provides pastoral care and support for bishops and their families, consultation to dioceses in episcopal transition, Title IV intake for complaints against bishops, Title IV case management, and implementation and coordination of Title III responses to intra-diocesan conflicts.
195a	Pastoral Development Other Costs	420,000	140,000	140,000		140,000	140,000	OPD & Intake Officer Other Costs
195b	Title IV Training Website (translation)	75,000	25,000	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	Website maintenance / translation costs
195c	Travel GC	8,000	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	Bishop for OPD & Intake Officer
196	Staff Costs	1,868,912	602,880	622,742		643,291	643,291	
197	<b>Total Pastoral Development</b>	<b>2,371,912</b>	<b>767,880</b>	<b>787,742</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>808,291</b>	<b>816,291</b>	Represents an 18.5% reduction in OPD Budget, with a \$125,000 cost share with PBO for Intake Officer
198		-	-	-		-	-	
199		-	-	-		-	-	
200	Armed Forces and Federal Ministries							Federal chaplains serve those in the military, VA hospitals, and federal prisons, providing spiritual and day-to-day support to servicemen and women overseas and stateside
201	Intentionally Blank	-	-	-		-	-	
202	Seminar/s/Conferences	204,500	67,500	67,500		69,500	69,500	
203	Selection of Chaplains	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
204	Supplies/Services	4,500	1,500	1,500		1,500	1,500	
205	Chaplain Care	90,000	25,000	25,000		40,000	40,000	

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206	Travel Bishop Suffragan	210,000	69,000	69,000		72,000	72,000	
207	Rent	79,998	26,666	26,666		26,666	26,666	
208	Office costs	20,500	6,500	6,500		7,500	7,500	
209	Staff Costs	1,789,353	577,534	594,903		616,917	616,917	
210	<b>Total Armed Forces and Federal Ministries</b>	<b>2,428,851</b>	<b>783,700</b>	<b>801,069</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>844,083</b>	<b>844,083</b>	
211		-						
212	<b>General Board of Exam. Chaplains</b>	-						
213	GBEC Income	-						The GBEC creates, administers and evaluates the General Ordination Examination for people seeking to be ordained in The Episcopal Church.
212b	General Board of Exam. Chaplains	(381,000)	(127,000)	(127,000)		(127,000)	(127,000)	Moved from line 31. Assumes 170 candidates annually at \$750 each
214	GBEC Non-staff	114,000	38,000	38,000		38,000	38,000	
215	GBEC Staff costs	357,841	115,204	119,230		123,407	123,407	
216	<b>GBEC Total</b>	<b>90,841</b>	<b>26,204</b>	<b>30,230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,407</b>	<b>34,407</b>	
217		-						
218	<b>Total Ministry of PB to Church and World</b>	<b>13,946,657</b>	<b>4,541,290</b>	<b>4,641,152</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>4,731,215</b>	<b>4,764,215</b>	

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219	Communications							
220								
221	Director's Office							
222	Communication Operations							
223	Reserve for GC81	70,000			35,000	35,000	70,000	388,189
224	Freelancers	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
225								
226	Conferences and Workshops	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
227	Presiding Bishop's Installation Expenses	24,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	
228	Memberships and Subscriptions	1,500	500	500		500	500	
229	Travel	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
230	Postage	1,500	500	500		500	500	
231a	General Office Exp.	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
231b	Computer/Communications Hardware and Software	4,500	500	500		3,500	3,500	
	Intentionally left blank							
232	Director's Office Total	146,500	24,500	24,500	35,000	62,500	97,500	
233								
234	Communications Creative Services							
235	Brand Strategy Support							
236	Reserve for GC81	10,000			10,000		10,000	
237	Freelancers	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
238	New Media Development							
239	Travel	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	
240	Conferences and Workshops	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
241	Memberships and Subscriptions	2,700	900	900		900	900	
242	General Office Expenses	1,800	600	600		600	600	
243	Computer Hardware and Software	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
244	Telephone telecom	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
245	Communications Creative Services Total	59,500	16,500	16,500	10,000	16,500	26,500	
246								
247	Multimedia Services							
248	Reserve for GC81	191,000			191,000		191,000	
249	Consultants	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	
250	Travel	105,000	35,000	35,000		35,000	35,000	
251	Conference & Registration Fees	3,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
252	Equipment Support	35,000	12,000	12,000		11,000	11,000	
253	Website: Livestreaming	60,000	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	



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97	Intentionally left blank							
98	Program travel and office - Canon	41,000	12,000	12,000	5,000	12,000	17,000	
100	Staff Costs	2,169,855	701,997	723,049		744,809	744,809	Now includes Women's & LGBTQ+ and PT
<b>101</b>	<b>Racial Justice Total</b>	<b>3,258,855</b>	<b>1,084,330</b>	<b>1,058,382</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>1,081,143</b>	<b>1,116,143</b>	
102								
<b>103</b>	<b>Ethnic Ministries:</b>							
<b>104</b>	<b>Indigenous Ministries</b>							
105	Support for Indigenous Theological Education and Training	67,500	22,500	22,500		22,500	22,500	By increasing the number of Indigenous people in the ordination process and those enrolled in a theological education program, Indigenous leadership will be strengthened and expanded in the next triennium.
106	Church-wide Indigenous Winter Talk gathering	180,000	60,000	60,000		60,000	60,000	Indigenous communities, to provide opportunities for learning, sharing, collaboration, fellowship and mutual support. Best organized at churchwide level.
107	Native Youth Development Project	45,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	- Discontinue
108	Assessment study for outreach to and networking with Province 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	
108a	Review of Episcopal-run Indigenous Boarding Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	Covered by \$2 mil from TF1314a. Continuation of GC-mandated work, inc. review and repair
109	Collaborative Projects	45,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	All Ethnic Ministries partner to provide essential leadership development, vocational discernment, and networking opportunities through Why Serve, Seminararians of Color, New Community Conference and our joint Council of Advice gathering.
110	Program, office and staff travel	115,000	35,000	35,000	10,000	35,000	45,000	2 staff
111a	Consultants	8,500	4,250	4,250			-	
<b>112</b>	<b>Indigenous Ministries Total</b>	<b>461,000</b>	<b>151,750</b>	<b>151,750</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>147,500</b>	<b>157,500</b>	
113								
<b>114</b>	<b>Asian American Ministries</b>							
115	Ethnic Convocational Leadership Gatherings	54,000	27,000	27,000		-	-	9 convocations (Arab-Mid, Eastern, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Pacific Islander, South Asian, SE Asian, Young Adults). Monthly mtgs, \$3K each for programming. Small communities need churchwide convening for support, critical mass.
116	Asiamerica & Pacific Islanders Churchwide Consultation	60,000	-	-		60,000	60,000	EAM Consultation every 3 yrs, important for churchwide strategy, equipping leaders and local nourishment.
117a	ANDREWS - Asiamerica Mentoring Program	108,000	36,000	36,000		36,000	36,000	Leadership Development, Clergy Discernment, Regional AAPI Leadership Retreats - activities rarely supported at diocesan or local levels.
117b	Asiamerica clergy and lay talent database	15,000	10,000	5,000			-	Essential work for churchwide level.
118	Consultants	25,000	8,000	8,000		9,000	9,000	Primarily pays for digital and multi-media assistance to leaders and convocations.
119	Collaborative Projects	45,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	See Line 109 for narrative: Why Serve, Semin. of Color, New Community, Councils of Advice
120	Program, office and travel	60,000	18,200	18,200	5,000	18,600	23,600	
<b>121</b>	<b>Asian America Ministries Total</b>	<b>367,000</b>	<b>114,200</b>	<b>109,200</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>138,600</b>	<b>143,600</b>	
122								
<b>123</b>	<b>African Descent Ministries</b>							

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124	Congregational Programs for Revitalization (CPR) [formerly New Visions]	75,000	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	CPR: curricula equips congregations with tools, training, coaching to strengthen congregational leadership and ministry for growth and 21st-century mission. Open to all TEC. Often asked to lead by dioceses.
125a	Diaspora Clergy & Laity Convocations/Gathering	51,000	17,000	17,000		17,000	17,000	In 2020 ADM reorganized to target 10 ethnic/cultural groups (African Americans, Afro Caribbeans, Afro Cuban, East African, Afro Haitian, Afro Latino, Liberian, South African, West African, new Sudanese network). Supports 1 gathering/year.
125b	Visiting Supply Clergy Program to the Dio. Virgin Islands							- Discontinued
125c	New Resources	-						- Discontinued
125d	Youth Leadership Academy	-						- Discontinued
125e	Congregational Leadership Intensives	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	Targeted interventions in struggling black congregations, coop w/ dioceses: 10 churches at a time, organized by region, sent by bishops. 4-day retreat followed by 9 months coaching.
126a	Coaching and Mentoring	-						- Discontinued
126b	Healing from Internalized Oppression	50,000	20,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	6-module retreat for people of color addressing ways we have internalized oppression. Participants and dioceses subsidize costs.
127a	International Black Clergy & Laity Conference	70,000	70,000					- Conference uniting global Anglican diaspora around shared issues, theological perspectives and ministry. ADM collaborates with Church of England, the Anglican Church of Canada and other Anglican partners.
127b	Historically Black Colleges Recognition & Engagement Event	-						- Discontinued
128	Program, office and staff travel	60,000	18,000	18,000	5,000	19,000	24,000	
129	Collaborative Projects	45,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	See Line 109 for narrative: Why Serve, Semin. of Color, New Community, Councils of Advice
130	Consultants	40,000	13,333	13,333		13,333	13,333	
131	Intentionally blank	-						
132a	Consultants	-						
<b>133</b>	<b>African Descent Ministries Total</b>	<b>481,000</b>	<b>208,333</b>	<b>183,333</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>134,333</b>	<b>139,333</b>	
134		-						
<b>135</b>	<b>Hispanic / Latino Ministries</b>							- The mantra for the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries is Building Capacity, Building Community and Equipping Disciples. Formation programs and training are at the forefront of our ministry. We partner with many agencies of the church to produce quality bilingual resources in Christian formation and evangelism. We hold 2 intensive cultural competency [ELMC] courses per year at Episcopal seminaries and one virtual one [VELMC]. We provide scholarships in order that leaders may attend formation events around the church.
136	Formation Programs & Training (formerly Academia)	100,000	32,000	32,000		36,000	36,000	
137	New Camino	-						- discontinue
138	Social Media/Digital Resources	48,000	16,000	16,000		16,000	16,000	Our constituents and wider network encompass TEC (including Province IX, Cuba, and Puerto Rico) as well as the wider Latin-American Anglican church. We must train and develop digital specialists and disciples across this wide community.
139	ABCD Training (Asset-based Community Development)	-						
140	Nuevo Amanecer	100,000	10,000	80,000		10,000	10,000	Nuevo Amanecer is the hallmark biannual Latino ministry conference. Attracts close to 500 laity and clergy for formation, inspiration, and networking. Note: Main event 2026; odd years design team meets.



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141	Cultural Competency work and scholarships	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	Episcopal Latino ministries competency face-to-face and virtual scholarships
142	Intentionally left blank	-				-	-	
143	Staff Travel & Office Expenses	92,000	30,000	30,000		32,000	32,000	
144	Collaborative Projects	45,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	15,000	See Line 109 for narrative: Why Serve, Semin. of Color, New Community, Councils of Advice
145	Consultants	25,000	8,000	8,000		9,000	9,000	
146a	Translation/Interpretation	60,000	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	
<b>147</b>	<b>Hispanic/Latino Ministries Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>141,000</b>	<b>211,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148,000</b>	<b>148,000</b>	
148		-				-	-	
149	Intentionally blank							
150	Staff Costs	3,672,715	1,185,041	1,222,980		1,264,694	1,264,694	
<b>151</b>	<b>Total Ethnic Ministries</b>	<b>5,481,715</b>	<b>1,800,325</b>	<b>1,828,263</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>1,833,127</b>	<b>1,853,127</b>	
152		-				-	-	
<b>153</b>	<b>Historically Black Episcopal Colleges &amp; Universities</b>							
153a	St. Augustine's University	1,020,000	340,000	340,000		340,000	340,000	Grant also provides support for the university chaplain
153b	Voorhees University	1,020,000	340,000	340,000		340,000	340,000	Grant also provides support for the university chaplain
154	Educational Enterprise Grants	-						
154a	St. Augustine Educational Enterprise Grant	-						
154b	Voorhees Educational Enterprise Grant	-						
155	Intentionally Blank	-						
<b>154c</b>	<b>Total Historically Black Episcopal Colleges &amp; Univ.</b>	<b>2,040,000</b>	<b>680,000</b>	<b>680,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>680,000</b>	<b>680,000</b>	
<b>156</b>	<b>United Thank Offering</b>							
157	UTO program, travel and support	317,000	105,000	106,000		106,000	106,000	Board and staff travel; program
157b	Intentionally blank	-						
158	Staff Costs	744,975	239,820	248,221		256,934	256,934	
159	Less Offset from trust funds	(1,061,830)	(344,750)	(358,540)		(358,540)	(358,540)	
<b>160</b>	<b>Total United Thank Offering</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>(4,319)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>4,394</b>	
161a	LBGTQ+ & Women's Ministries	-						
161b	LBGTQI & Women's Ministries	420,000	135,000	135,000	15,000	135,000	150,000	
161e	Recovery from TF	(12,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)		(4,000)	(4,000)	
<b>161d</b>	<b>Total LBGTQ+ &amp; Women's Ministries</b>	<b>408,000</b>	<b>131,000</b>	<b>131,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>131,000</b>	<b>146,000</b>	
<b>162</b>	<b>Total Reconciliation and Justice</b>	<b>11,409,716</b>	<b>3,767,725</b>	<b>3,765,326</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>3,796,665</b>	<b>3,876,665</b>	

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**DETAIL: EVANGELISM**

LINE NO. 2023-2024	DESCRIPTION	2025-27 Budget Proposed	2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 GC Costs	2027 All Other Costs	2027 Proposed	Special Comments for 2025-2027 (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 5% pa)
								Evangelism seeks to expand the number and diversity of people who engage the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement - and to deepen the discipleship of those who are part of the church.
35	<b>Starting New Congregations</b>							<a href="https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/new-episcopal-communities/">https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/new-episcopal-communities/</a>
36	Mission Enterprise Zones and New Church Start Grants	1,500,000	500,000	500,000		500,000	500,000	We invest in new ministry opportunities in partnership with dioceses, using resources from a church-wide pool of commitment, funding and goodwill. Essential to future development of church - the R&D wing of TEC. High success rate unseen in many denoms.
37	Congregational Redevelopment	500,000	166,667	166,667		166,667	166,667	Genesis II provides structured pathways for groups of redeveloping congregations. Includes significant consulting and coaching, access to resources beyond reach of most dioceses and churches.
<b>38</b>	<b>Starting New Congregations Total</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>666,667</b>	<b>666,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>666,667</b>	<b>666,667</b>	
39		-						
40	<b>Evangelism Initiatives</b>							
41	Miscellaneous	-						
42	Church Planting Training & Resources	100,000	33,333	33,333		33,334	33,334	Critical support for new ministries, including coaching, missional leader discernment retreats, training, ongoing circles. Nearly impossible to provide from diocesan level.
43	Program, travel, office - Church Planting and Redevelopment Staff	83,000	25,000	25,000	8,000	25,000	33,000	Reduce coaching consultant by 50%
44-51	Intentionally left blank	-						
52a	Evangelists' Summit and Networks	95,000	30,000	30,000	5,000	30,000	35,000	Only churchwide evangelism gathering, in partnership with para-church organizations. Equips and connects lay and ordained evangelism. Also funds smaller gatherings, regional training, and council of advice.
52b	Good News Gardens	30,000	9,000	9,000	3,000	9,000	12,000	Good News Gardens is the leading evangelism/agrarian ministry initiative in any denom. Focus on love of God, each other, and all of creation. Supports leadership, online teaching and networking, in-person, regional, and diocesan gatherings for GNG leaders.
53a	Evangelism Resources	83,000	25,000	25,000	8,000	25,000	33,000	Expand digital evangelism reach using storytelling and training tools, podcasts, online classes, a resource-sharing platform, an online network platform, and digital storytelling films with embedded discipleship elements. Develop mentoring for new ministries.
53b	Latino and Spanish-speaking digital evangelism efforts	-						See line 138
54	Episcopal Revivals	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	"Episcopal Revivals" is merely a name for public, prayer-centered, evangelistic, missional, movement-building campaigns that nurture the Spirit within and beyond the church. We support host dioceses and organization, provide mentoring and network with other revival communities.
55	Program, travel, office - Evangelism Staff	100,000	30,000	30,000	10,000	30,000	40,000	Includes canon travel and program
56	Evangelism Grants Program	375,000	125,000	125,000		125,000	125,000	Grants allow us to invite, identify and support innovative evangelism and evangelists across the church, many of whom operate in isolated and even antagonistic contexts. Projects are also key indicators of passion, growth and effective ministry.
57	Way of Love Curriculum, Resources, Events (formerly Evangelistic Work)	135,000	45,000	45,000		45,000	45,000	Support for core intentional discipleship ministries: curricula, resources (inc. digital), events, consultants. Particular attention to Way of Love & small groups to address loneliness and membership crisis.
57b	Reserve for GC	-						
58	Intentionally left blank	-						
59	Intentionally left blank	-						
60	Intentionally left blank	-						
61	Intentionally left blank	-						
<b>62</b>	<b>Evangelism Initiatives Total</b>	<b>1,091,000</b>	<b>352,333</b>	<b>352,333</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>352,334</b>	<b>386,334</b>	
63		-						
64	Staff Costs	1,890,456	609,227	629,904		651,324	651,324	
<b>65</b>	<b>Evangelism Total</b>	<b>4,981,456</b>	<b>1,628,227</b>	<b>1,648,904</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>1,670,325</b>	<b>1,704,325</b>	

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DETAIL: RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE

LINE NO. 2023-2024	DESCRIPTION	2025-27 Budget Proposed	2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 GC Costs	2027 All Other Costs	2027 Proposed	Special Comments for 2025-2027 (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 5% pa)
66	<b>Poverty and Social Justice</b>							
67								
68	Intentionally left blank							
69	Intentionally left blank							
70	Asset Based Community Development Training (ABCD)	30,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	Consultant support and 1 in-person gathering
71	Internships	-	-	-				
72	Jubilee and Justice Ministry Grants	90,000	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	Jubilee provides modest funding to local economic justice efforts, allows us to lift and network dynamic ministries.
80	Jubilee and Justice Ministry Training and Network	60,000	20,000	20,000	5,000	15,000	20,000	Resources and event for economic, social justice leaders.
73	Intentionally left blank							
74	Program, travel and office - Poverty and Justice Staff	41,000	12,000	12,000	5,000	12,000	17,000	Rec. & Justice director travel, office, program
78	Justice Leaders Retreats	-	-	-				
79	Intentionally left blank							
80								
81	Event on Human Trafficking							
<b>82</b>	<b>Total Poverty &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>221,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>77,000</b>	
83								
84a	<b>Racial Justice and Reconciliation</b>							
84b	Racial Justice and Reconciliation unallocated							Number was allocated into lines 89a and 90
85a	Becoming Beloved Community Grants	375,000	125,000	125,000		125,000	125,000	Grants allow us to invite, identify and support innovative racial justice ministries across the church, many of whom operate in isolated and even antagonistic contexts. Projects are also key indicators of passion, growth and effective ministry.
85b	Curry Fellows	25,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	Joint work with line 165. Work for developing and encouraging next gen of racial justice leaders
86	Becoming Beloved Community Summit and Networks	73,000	37,000	-		36,000	36,000	Every other year conference provides essential network support, resource sharing, strategy. Critical space for isolated leaders to connect.
87	Racial Justice Audit	125,000	60,000	50,000		15,000	15,000	Completion of multi-year GC-mandated work to understand and dismantle systemic racism in institutional life.
88a	Sacred Ground	250,000	80,000	80,000	10,000	80,000	90,000	Necessary to meet high demand, expand support and networking of facilitators, ministries, dioceses. Also growing interracial circles, youth program, regional gatherings. Increased consultant hours.
88b	Sacred Ground fundraising grant	(150,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)		(50,000)	(50,000)	
89a	Truth and Reconciliation	60,000	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	Critical churchwide work to support truth-telling efforts at all levels. Also supports inventory, network development, resource sharing portal.
90	Dismantling Racism Formation and Training	100,000	33,333	33,333		33,334	33,334	Partnership with Absalom Jones Center
91	Racial Reconciliation and Justice Resources	60,000	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	Inc. podcasts, social media, liturgy, pilgrimage
92	Young Adult Pilgrimage	-	-	-				
93	Intentionally left blank							
94	Program, travel and office - Racial Reconciliation Staff	130,000	40,000	40,000	10,000	40,000	50,000	2 staff, associate, consultants
96	Criminal Justice Ministries	-	-	-				



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SUMMARY

LINE NO. 2023-2024	DESCRIPTION	2025-27 Budget Proposed	2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 GC Costs	2027 All Other Costs	2027 Proposed	Special Comments for 2025-2027 (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 5% pa)	These income sources offset expenses in program areas
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LINE NO. 2023-2024	DESCRIPTION	2025-27 Budget Proposed 10062023	2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 GC Costs	2027 All Other Costs	2027 Proposed	Special Comments for 2025-2027 (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost in creases 5% pa)	
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34	<b>EXPENSES</b>								
35-65	Evangelism	4,981,456	1,628,227	1,648,904	34,000	1,670,325	1,704,325		
66-162	Reconciliation & Justice	11,409,716	3,767,725	3,765,326	80,000	3,796,665	3,876,665		
163-174	Creation Care	1,180,542	382,399	386,467	20,000	391,675	411,675		
175-218	PB Ministry	13,946,657	4,541,290	4,641,152	33,000	4,731,215	4,764,215		
219-410	Mission Within the Episcopal Church	28,021,660	8,827,244	9,352,484	373,000	9,468,933	9,841,933		
411-511	Mission Beyond the Episcopal Church	16,448,680	5,145,668	5,504,737	102,000	5,696,275	5,798,275		
512-567	Governance	23,173,894	6,918,258	7,632,562	1,247,835	7,375,239	8,623,074		
568-584	Development	4,460,168	1,448,835	1,485,999	75,000	1,450,334	1,525,334		
586-611	Finance	15,516,841	5,107,344	5,172,470	16,000	5,221,027	5,237,027		
612-623	Legal	4,401,610	1,422,917	1,466,461	-	1,512,232	1,512,232		
625-695	Operations (HR, IT, Facilities, Purchasing)	21,235,139	7,751,217	6,608,292	110,500	6,765,130	6,875,630		
697	Undetermined GC Resolutions and PB initiatives	2,000,000	666,000	667,000		667,000	667,000		
698	Staff restructuring	(3,585,205)						Attrition, restructuring and other reductions TBD by Management	

<b>700</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>143,191,158</b>	<b>47,607,124</b>	<b>48,331,854</b>	<b>2,091,335</b>	<b>48,746,049</b>	<b>50,837,384</b>		
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<b>701</b>	<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(1,396,836)</b>	<b>(235,485)</b>	<b>(2,091,335)</b>	<b>138,451</b>	<b>(1,952,884)</b>		
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## A Narrative for the Proposed Domestic and Foreign Mission Society (DFMS) 2025-2027 Triennial Budget

The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church approved the 2025-2027 Proposed Triennial Budget that will be presented to the General Convention in a resolution for adoption. The Executive Council Joint Budget Committee thanks the members of the Executive Leadership Team and staff, the Executive Council and members of the broader Episcopal Church for their input in this process.

### **Background**

This proposed balanced Budget was developed under the new process as mandated by Resolution 2022 A048 and the related amended Canons and the Rules of Order for both the House of Bishops and House of Deputies that govern this process that was adopted by the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention. The new Executive Council Joint Budget Committee was appointed by the Executive Council to draft a proposed balanced Triennial Budget. This new Committee replaced the previous budget committee known as the Program, Budget, and Finance Committee.

As a committee of the Executive Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, which is responsible only to the Executive Council, was charged with developing and drafting a balanced budget that was to be presented to the Executive Council for their review and approval to be introduced as a resolution to the General Convention for final adoption. The goal of the Joint Committee was to present a balanced budget based on the anticipated revenue resources of the DFMS. The Joint Committee started its work in February 2023 culminating in its approval at the Executive Council's January 2024 meeting.

### **Process**

In addition to working closely with and soliciting comments and suggestions from the Executive Leadership Team of the DFMS, the Joint Committee carefully considered the comments of those participating in the several Listening Sessions and those who submitted emails to us with their thoughts and detailed suggestions. It worked to ensure that our process was open and transparent, that we communicated in a timely fashion and made available opportunities for input throughout the Church. Because this is a new process, we sought input often and spent our January 2024 meeting carefully reviewing all the comments submitted.

In addition to openness and transparency, our guiding principle was to support the mission and ministry of the church. We maintained the current structure of the budget based upon the Jesus Movement budget with the three pillars of Care of Creation, Evangelism, and Racial Reconciliation and Justice. We recognized our role as good stewards of our resources, cognizant of our responsibility to ensure that resources are provided for future generations to come. A reality is that because of the timing of the budgeting process, many of the

requests that have come to us, and will come to the General Convention body, must be reconciled following General Convention, so are not reflected in this budget. As such, we agreed as a body to recommend that additional funding requests be submitted as resolutions to the General Convention and, if passed, be considered in the reconciliation process. The adopted balanced Triennial Budget coming out of the General Convention will then be managed and implemented by the Executive Council. The Joint Budget Committee will meet mid- September 2024 to conduct the reconciliation process following General Convention. That budget will be presented to the Executive Council at its November 2024 meeting for consideration and adoption of the adjustments.

### **Assumptions**

It is important to note that in order to balance the budget, cost savings had to be found in each of the functional and programmatic areas. Programs were examined to determine if they could be conducted in a more cost-effective manner, and some were eliminated. We honored the need to continue to provide high quality translation and interpretation services. We recognize that staff are unduly burdened; and sincerely appreciate their willingness to continue to serve under the current circumstances. In the years to come The Episcopal Church will need to closely examine its overall structure. Adjustments will likely need to be made to departmental organization and staffing levels; the use of permanent and consulting staff needs will be assessed. The Joint Budget Committee sees its work as supportive of the Executive Council resolution to provide funding for reviewing the organization of DFMS and implementing changes.

The following reflects a summary of the areas of income and expense where significant adjustments were made ( [\*] denotes line number in the Proposed Budget):

### **Income**

- 1) The diocesan assessment will remain at the current level of 15% with an anticipated growth in revenue of 2% during the triennium. [Line 3]
- 2) Estimated growth in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) investments would be 7.5% in 2024 and 2025. [Line5a]
- 3) We continue to heed the Investment Committee's recommendation and draw no more than 5% of a five-year rolling average of income derived from trust funds that support the budget.
- 4) Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Justice and Equity is to be derived based on a formula from unrestricted assets and is noted separately. [Line 5b]
- 5) Additional Rental Income is based on an expanded use of the 815 Second Avenue property. This includes rental of the executive suite when not in use. [Line 14]
- 6) The Annual Appeal and other Development Income were increased. [Line 9]
- 7) Please note that our commitment to Episcopal Relief and Development remains strong and there is no income line in the budget. [Line 10]

## Expenses

- Reductions in expenses in each of the functional areas: Evangelism, Reconciliation and Justice, Creation Care, Mission Within the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop's Budget, Mission Beyond the Episcopal Church, Governance, Finance Legal Operations (HR, IT, Facilities, Purchasing).
- Funding at \$2M is provided for GC resolutions and new PB initiatives. [Line 697]
- 3% COLA and 5% increase in healthcare costs for DFMS employees.
- Staff Restructuring will provide savings during the triennium. [Line 698]
- Interpretation and translation services, essential for our work together, remain a priority area and as such are appropriately reflected in the budget.

### Summary of Major Changes to the Budget Evangelism, Reconciliation and Justice, and Creation Care [Lines 35 to 65]

- Evangelism: The three sections of Evangelism include
  - 1) Grants for new church starts and congregational redevelopment programs;
  - 2) Evangelism initiatives including training resources, revivals, grants, curriculum, resources and events; and
  - 3) Staff costs.

This area reduced line 36 by \$192,000 over the triennium, Mission Enterprise Zones and New Church Starts.

- Reconciliation and Justice: There are five sections in this category:
  1. Grants and training resources under Poverty and Social Justice Work;
  2. Racial Justice and Reconciliation that includes Becoming Beloved Community grants and resources, an expansion of Sacred Ground training;
  3. Ethnic Ministries and their work they with Indigenous, Asian, African Descent, and Hispanic/Latino communities in the church;
  4. Historically Black Colleges and Universities;
  5. United Thank Offering; and
  6. LGBTQ+ and Women's Ministries.
    - A grant was received from the Lilly Foundation that allowed for the addition of a staff person (line 100) and an offset in line 88b.
    - Line 89a was reduced to \$20,000 per annum. Program travel in line 74 for Poverty and Justice staff was reduced by \$19,000 over the triennium.
    - Line 86 was reduced by \$37,000; this conference will only be held twice in the triennium.
    - Criminal Justice Ministries was zeroed because the work can better be

done at the local level.

- HBCU grants remain at the same level as the past biennium. The Joint Budget Committee recommends that if additional funding is sought, a resolution be brought to General Convention specifying the use of the additional funds sought and that each institution become and remain current with audited financials for each year of funding.
- Creation Care: This is a developing effort and includes funding for grants, networking, and resources. It is one of the few areas that received an increase in staffing from \$335k to \$388k over the triennium.

### **Mission Within the Episcopal Church**

This area includes Communications in all its forms to support the work of the church, and Formation and Vocation, which funds Episcopal Service Corps and Episcopal Youth Event, formation networks, campus ministries, and Safe Church training. This area funds the cost of church-wide curriculum development priorities of General Convention. The section on Transition Ministries includes the work of the Office for Transition Ministry including Diocesan Transition Ministers and maintains an online database to assist both clergy and congregations in the search process. TEC Block Grants provide unrestricted block grants to dioceses in Indigenous Areas, Latin America (including Cuba) and the Caribbean and enables these dioceses to sustain the presence of the Episcopal Church. Budgets generally cover stipends for clergy, lay ministers, and diocesan staff; insurance and taxes; support for diocesan programs and ministries for adults and youth; and the ability to partner with other agencies in outreach and community development.

- Reduced Line 276 Website Maintenance, Development and Upgrades by \$120k
- Reduced Line 340 anticipating less face-to-face interaction; some costs borne by individual departmental budgets
- Line 357b Reduction of all departmental budgets
- Reduced Line 357a curriculum budget
- Reduced Line 357b to account for online vs. in person training
- Reduced line 359 by \$5k per year in Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants
- Line 360 reduction in campus ministries consultants. \$90k moved to fund Associate Officer for Campus Ministries
- Line 385 received an increase to accommodate an additional \$75K annually for Indigenous employees' medical insurance to assure parity.

### **Ministry of the Presiding Bishop**

The Presiding Bishop's Ministry includes the areas of:

1. The Presiding Bishop's Office;



Funding in this area has been kept level to provide adequate funding for the new Presiding Bishop to begin their ministry. Modest adjustments were made to entertainment (line 181) and travel (line 183).

2. The House of Bishops  
Pastoral Development - Funding for this office includes the addition of the new Title IV officer who is assuming the pastoral care functions of the office (please see the comments on line 194). Furthermore, the cost for Title IV training materials is increased to cover the costs of maintaining current training materials for use at the Churchwide, provincial and diocesan levels necessitated by changing laws and translation services.
  
3. Armed Forces and Federal Ministries  
This is an area that has been underfunded. This category also includes chaplains for Veteran Hospitals and other federal facilities. The chaplains are confronted frequently with mental health issues and often the people dealing with these challenges with those in federal service. Increased funding for this ministry includes:
  - Recruiting military chaplains to supplement the 100 military chaplains to serve all our armed forces around the world.
  - Funding for the bishop to meet the required visitations of all the military bases and federal facilities that are part of this ministry. This has not been done in the past.
  - This ministry also serves Veterans Hospitals and Federal prisons.
  - Training and on-going education for our chaplains who often provide not just pastoral care but mental health support for our troops.
  
4. The General Board of Examining Chaplains. (line 212)  
Overall, funding for this area has been modestly reduced. Funding is decreased in this area due to the decrease in those who are being ordained.

### **Mission Beyond**

This area includes: 1) the Anglican Communion; 2) Block Grants within the Anglican Communion; 3) Covenants within the Anglican Communion; 4) International Justice and Peacemaking/United Nations Presence; 5) Refugee Ministry; 6) Missionary Service; 7) Office of Government Relations; 8) Ecumenical, Interfaith, Global Relations; 9) Ecumenical Dues; 10) Grants in the form of contributed services to affiliated organizations.

- Line 466a. This line assumes that Global Episcopal Mission Network (A028) and Global Mission Advocacy program (A016) are not funded.

- Line 415b, New line to reflect emerging priorities within the Anglican Communion with a focus on reconciliation and evangelism and sustainable development initiatives.
- Line 466b. Discernment, training, reentry, travel. Reduced by \$1.2 mill, changing program from providing housing, stipend, and pension to a program that provides only insurance and travel. Focus on a “Volunteers for Mission Program”. Maintains up to \$100,000 annually for the support of “Border Missioners”.
- Line 471 reflects translation costs for many OGR materials, policy documents, educational webinars, and resources.

### **Mission Governance**

This area includes:

1. The General Convention Office (Lines 512 to 539)
  - The General Convention Office provides budgeting for in-person and virtual meetings of Interim Bodies, Executive Council (EC) including the work of committees of EC.
  - The Executive Council will hold two meetings in person and one meeting via Zoom in the upcoming triennium. Other bodies have been encouraged to adopt similar meeting schedules. (Line 514)
  - Translation and Interpretation Services reflect enhanced use of technology to meet our increasing need for these services.(Line 534)
  - Although we have gone “paperless” for General Convention, the software and technology costs are necessary to ensure that we can run General Convention efficiently so funds for maintaining our technology are in the budget. (Line 533)
2. Provincial Coordination (Line 543 to 544)
3. The House of Deputies (Lines 547 to 558)
  - The House of Deputies includes the budget for the President of the House of Deputies.
  - The President of the House of Deputies has budgeted for a 12-person Council of Advice, down from 15, for the upcoming triennium to reduce costs. (Line 548)
4. The Archives of the Episcopal Church. (Lines 561 to 564)

The Archives reflects budget items for maintenance of historical information related to the Episcopal Church for research and legal operations, among others.

### **Mission Finance Legal Operations**

Included in this section are: 1) the Development Office; 2) Controller’s Office;

3) Treasurer’s Office; 4) Legal ; 5) Chief Operating Officer; 6) Human Resources; 7) Information Technology; and 8) Facilities Management.

These areas also represent “the cost of doing business” as The Episcopal Church and are generally less negotiable and typically increase with inflation. These areas are budgeted, again, with no increase in the net number of staff employed. They provide support for all areas of mission: Mission Within, Mission Beyond, the Presiding Bishop’s office, Racial Equality and Justice, Evangelism, and Care of Creation.

- Facilities management for the Church Center at 815 Second Avenue in New York City (lines 653- 679) include not only costs for building maintenance and upkeep but also requirements to comply with building codes in New York City. Other fees include plumbing, electrical, insurance, security, etc.
- The City of New York has code requirements for buildings, including sidewalk repair and maintenance. The property at 815 Second Avenue will need such sidewalk work in the 2025-2027 triennium, which is reflected in this budget. The COO and building supervisor will get competitive bids for this work.

### **Summary**

The budget presented is balanced and supports the areas of mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church and the dictates of General Convention. It is based on income assumptions observed and calculated from the past and uses sound financial practices. There will be two canonically mandated hearings on the budget. The first is a zoom meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (EDST). The second will be at General Convention on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am, location TBD.

## Report of the Registrar of the General Convention

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## Report of the Registrar of the General Convention

From July 12, 2022 to June 22, 2024, 17 bishops have been ordained and consecrated in and for this Church. The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe was the official Registrar for this time period.

### Consecrations

**1147: The Rev. Paula Clark** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Chicago, on 17-Sep-22, at Westin Chicago, Lombard, IL.

Chief Consecrator: Michael Curry

Co-Consecrating Bishops:  
Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows  
Deon Johnson

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was not in attendance and by the Rev. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1148: The Rev. Phyllis Spiegel** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Utah, on 17-Sep-22, at Capitol Theatre, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Chief Consecrator: Katharine Jefferts Schori

Co-Consecrating Bishops:  
Scott Hayashi  
Jos Tharakan James Gonia (ELCA)

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was not in attendance and by Other: Ms. Betsey Bell, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1149: The Rev. Douglas Frederick Scharf** was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Southwest Florida, on 24-Sep-22, at Van Wezel Performing Arts Center, Sarasota, FL.

Chief Consecrator: Michael Curry

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Dabney Smith

Maria Griselda Delgado del Carpio

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was not in attendance and by the Rev. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1150: The Rev. Jeffrey William Mello** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut, on 15-Oct-22, at Hartford Convention Center, Hartford, CT.

Chief Consecrator: Michael Curry

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Thomas Brown

Alan Gates

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was not in attendance and by the Rev. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.



**1152: The Rev. Edward Mark Stevenson** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Virginia, on 3-Dec-22, at The St. Paul's Baptist Church, Henrico, VA.

Chief Consecrator: Michael Curry

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Susan Goff

Sean Rowe

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was not in attendance and by the Rev. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1154: The Rev. Pastor Elías García Cárdenas** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Colombia, on 18-Feb-23, at La Catedral de San Albán, Bogotá D.C, Cundinamarca, Colombia.

Chief Consecrator: Michael Curry

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Juan Carlos Quiñonez

Rafael Morales

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was not in attendance and by the Rev. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1155: The Rev. Anne Bryson Jolly** was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio, on 29-Apr-23, at Cleveland Public Auditorium, Cleveland, OH.

Chief Consecrator: Michael Curry

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Mark Hollingsworth

Jeffrey Lee

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar

and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1156: The Rev. Matthew Foster Heyd** was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of New York, on 20-May-23, at Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, New York.

Chief Consecrator: Michael Curry

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Andrew Dietsche

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar

and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1157: The Rev. Justin Seth Holcomb** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Central Florida, on 10-Jun-23, at Calvary Church, Orland, Florida.

Chief Consecrator: William Klusmeyer

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Lloyd Allen

John Bauerschmidt

Matthew Riegel (ELCA)

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar  
and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1158: The Rev. Sally Johnson French** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of New Jersey, on 24-Jun-23, at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey.

Chief Consecrator: Mary Gray-Reeves

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Samuel Rodman

William Stokes

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar  
and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1159: The Rev. David Glenn Read** was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas, on 8-Jul-23, at All Saints Chapel, TMI Episcopal, San Antonio, Texas.

Chief Consecrator: William Klusmeyer

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

David M. Reed

Kathryn Ryan

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar  
and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1160: The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent** was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Maryland, on 16-Sep-23, at Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Washington, D.C..

Chief Consecrator: Mary Gray-Reeves

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

DeDe Duncan-Probe

Eugene Sutton

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar  
and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1161: The Rev. Ann Marie Ritonja** was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Church-wide, or multi-diocesan entity, on 30-Sep-23, at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C..

Chief Consecrator: Todd Ousley

Co-Consecrating Bishops:  
Bonnie Perry

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar  
and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1162: The Rev. John T. Harmon** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Arkansas, on 6-Jan-24, at Episcopal Collegiate School, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Chief Consecrator: Jeff Fisher

Co-Consecrating Bishops:  
Larry Benfield  
Mariann Budde

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar  
and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.



**1163: The Rev. Kristin Uffelman White** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Southern Ohio, on 17-Feb-24, at Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Chief Consecrator: Wendell Gibbs

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

George Wayne Smith

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar

and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1164: The Rev. Jeremiah David Williamson** was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Albany, on 24-Feb-24, at Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, New York.

Chief Consecrator: DeDe Duncan-Probe

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Kimberly Lucas

Ruth Woodliff-Stanley

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar

and by the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James, who was in attendance at this consecration.

**1165: The Rev. Austin Keith Rios** was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of California, on 4-May-24, at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, California.

Chief Consecrator: Diane Jardine Bruce

Co-Consecrating Bishops:

Thomas Brown

Mark Edington

Attested by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar  
and by Ms. Betsey Bell, who was in attendance at this consecration.

## Report of the Recorder of Ordinations

## Report of the Recorder of Ordinations

This report covers the years 2022 and 2023. It is based on the data contained in the Diocesan Reports which the Bishop of each jurisdiction is required by Canon law to send to the Recorder of Ordinations each year. The figures below compare the totals in the current report with those in the report provided by the Recorder of Ordinations in 2021.

<b>Additions</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2023</b>
Deacons ordained in The Episcopal Church	1,297	633
Receptions via Full Communion	94	42
Receptions via Historic Succession	28	30
Restorations	6	5
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>710</b>
<b>Deletions</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2023</b>
Transfers to other Churches in the Anglican Communion	14	9
Removals	137	66
Deaths	1,094	858
<b>Total Deletions</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>933</b>
<b>Net Gain</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-223</b>
Suspensions	29	6

**Record of Ordinations to the Priesthood Since 2021 of Those Ordained Deacons Before 2021**

(Date shown is that of Ordination to the Priesthood)

<b>Serial#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ordaining Bishop</b>
39629	Mitchell, Katherine Nicholson	26-Feb-2022	Skirving, R. S.
41433	Trammell, Robert William	24-Jun-2022	Reed, P. C., Jr
42161	Horvath, Leslie Ferguson	9-Jun-2022	Richards, D. P.
42629	Ware, Anita Faye	21-Jan-2023	Mcloughlin, J. A.
43382	Martin, Nancy K	6-Jan-2023	Cowden, M. D.
45124	Elliott, Luz Adriana	10-Dec-2022	Sumner, G. R., Jr
45604	Cridler, Dion Gregory	29-Jun-2023	Reed, P. C., Jr
45629	Mueller, Kay Swann	9-Oct-2022	Brewer, G. O.
45633	Strenth, Robert Sean	19-Nov-2022	Brewer, G. O.
45743	Causton, Michele Lynn	24-Jun-2023	Nichols, K. D.
45744	Chingua, Diego Andres	17-Jun-2023	Quinonez-Mera, J. C.
45759	Jones, Erin Courtney	14-May-2022	Mayer, J. S.
46030	Ferguson, Katherine	9-Sep-2023	Stevenson, E. M.
46091	Nonken, Scott Eugene	15-May-2022	Howe, B. R.
46098	Mendoza, Lidia	18-Jun-2022	Snook, S. B.
46123	Gumulauskas, Michael P	11-Jun-2022	Gunter, M. A.
46453	Dischinger, George Lane III	25-Jan-2022	Perry, B. A.
46498	Ekerberg, Stephen Matthew	30-May-2023	Hirschfeld, A. R.
46787	Cropper, Andrew C	27-May-2023	Marray, S. K.
46837	Otero-Ruiz, Edgar	26-Jan-2022	Wright, R. C.
46855	Banach, Karla	8-Oct-2022	Smith, M. G.
46856	Beck, Jonathon Paul	12-Jun-2022	Sisk, M. S.
46860	Goldstein, Margaret Barry	26-Jun-2022	Johnson, D. K.
46877	Jameson, Jonathan Isaac	21-Jan-2022	Brewer, G. O.
46938	Celis, Edgar Fabiam	14-May-2022	Duque-Gomez, F. J.
46939	Cole, Mary Catherine	26-Mar-2022	Nichols, K. D.
46940	Lambis, Luz Maria	14-May-2022	Duque-Gomez, F. J.
46941	Parry, Tyler	26-Mar-2022	Nichols, K. D.
46946	Barker, Paul R	17-Jun-2023	Cowden, M. D.
46957	Dewrell, Heath Daniel	26-Feb-2022	Stokes, W. H.
46961	Allen, Megan A	9-Dec-2023	Jolly, A. B.
46962	Coventry, Jon	19-Jan-2022	Hollingsworth, M., Jr
46964	Cox Oney, Erin Kathleen	16-Jun-2022	Reddall, J. A.
46965	Crosby, Benjamin David	26-Feb-2022	Gates, A. M.
46971	Johnson, Brett Randall	8-Jan-2022	Gates, A. M.



46978	Rutledge, Shawn Joseph	23-Jun-2022	Reddall, J. A.
46981	Smith, Craig Loren	5-Jun-2022	Reddall, J. A.
46989	Preysner, Elizabeth	26-Feb-2022	Hirschfeld, A. R.
46990	Beals, Julie A L	8-Jan-2022	Taylor, J. H.
46992	Cleary, Brian Poul	27-Aug-2022	Smith, D. T.
46996	Feng, Katherine Ying	8-Jan-2022	Taylor, J. H.
46998	Garcia-Juarez, Jose L	8-Jan-2022	Taylor, J. H.
47001	Lawler, Kathy	15-Jan-2022	Traquair, M. M.
47003	Montgomery, Terri Lynn	22-Jan-2022	Perry, B. A.
47004	Paget, Joshua N	8-Jan-2022	Taylor, J. H.
47005	Reinke, Michael Barton	19-Feb-2022	Hirschfeld, A. R.
47006	Rose, Patricia M	23-Apr-2022	Smith, G. W.
47007	Rugg, Stephen Peter	15-Jan-2022	Hirschfeld, A. R.
47014	Cowgill, Benjamin Paul	8-Jan-2022	Bourlakas, M. A.
47015	Atkins, James Jackson	14-Jan-2023	Hunn, M. B.
47016	Chambers, Penni Howell	3-Jun-2022	Hunn, M. B.
47017	Cline, Dana Jill	19-Jun-2022	Hunn, M. B.
47019	Joyce-Miesse, Julia Page	18-Jun-2022	Loya, C. W.
47021	Ehling, Paul	18-Jun-2022	Loya, C. W.
47022	Finnegan, Lynn Marie	14-Jun-2022	Hunn, M. B.
47024	Green, Ronnie Dillon	8-Jan-2022	Bascom, C. C.
47025	Henton, David Luke	24-Sep-2022	Hunn, M. B.
47027	Landeweer, Marc Yeong Hoon	17-Jun-2023	Loya, C. W.
47028	Powell, Gwendolen Mair	18-Jun-2022	Loya, C. W.
47030	Schlabach, Karen E	8-Jan-2022	Bascom, C. C.
47031	Sherraden, Shawn Travis	8-Jan-2022	Bascom, C. C.
47032	Stahura, Denise H	18-Jun-2022	Loya, C. W.
47033	Stang, Christine Simmons	18-Jun-2022	Loya, C. W.
47034	Twait, Aaron Thomas	18-Jun-2022	Loya, C. W.
47035	Vanhouten, Patricia Delores	18-Jun-2022	Loya, C. W.
47036	Willis, Ryan Lee	8-Jan-2022	Bascom, C. C.
47037	Barrows, Dustin Kyle	8-Feb-2022	High, R. B., Jr
47039	Melancon, Sylvia A	8-Jan-2022	High, R. B., Jr
47040	Adams-Thompson, Larry	21-Jan-2022	Ryan, K. M.
47041	Bilow, Alexandra Lynn	4-Jun-2022	Lucas, K. D.
47042	Brunson, Christine	2-Feb-2022	Fisher, J. W.
47043	Cowan, Sarah Bliss	26-Feb-2022	Roaf, P. A.
47044	Gage, Susan Chase	22-Jan-2022	Logue, F. S.
47045	Hawthorne, Ryan	15-Jan-2022	
47047	Mcalister, Joel	21-Jan-2022	Fisher, J. W.

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47048	Mcgriff, Amanda Perkins	19-Feb-2022	Roaf, P. A.
47049	Myers, Jason Phillip	22-Jan-2022	
47050	Nelson, Beth Anne	15-Jan-2022	Fisher, J. W.
47051	Newell-Large, Amy	4-Jun-2022	Lucas, K. D.
47052	Osgood, Lynn Ann Kalsched	15-Jan-2022	Ryan, K. M.
47054	Dezhbod, Melina	1-Feb-2022	Ahrens, L. J.
47055	Sanderson, Meredith Sue Kadet	23-Apr-2022	Duncan-Probe, D.
47057	Grohowski, Elizabeth	26-Feb-2022	Nichols, K. D.
47061	Sentigar, Betsy Welliver	10-Dec-2022	Nichols, K. D.
47064	Tuttle, Eric J	2-Apr-2022	Stokes, W. H.
47069	Kurkowski, Nicole P	6-May-2023	Stokes, W. H.
47071	Nesbitt, Katharine Lynne	25-Mar-2022	Bell, P. W.
47075	Manoff, Maribeth Scholten	30-Apr-2022	Cole, B. L.
47076	Sims, Ashton Lane-Ross	27-May-2022	Cole, B. L.
47078	Buzzini, Walter IV	26-Mar-2022	Reed, D. M.
47079	Jones, Gerald Dean	7-May-2022	Gardner, E. B.
47080	Maestretti, Carolyn Fern	30-Apr-2022	Gardner, E. B.
47081	Steinbrenner, Peter Dean	23-Apr-2022	Gardner, E. B.
47083	Huff, Holly A	25-Mar-2022	Hayashi, S. B.
47084	Burnett, Nancy	18-Jun-2022	Snook, S. B.
47085	Conner, John William	26-Mar-2022	Gutierrez, D. G.
47086	Gordon, Katherine	18-Jun-2022	Snook, S. B.
47087	Gowe, Bruce Edward	20-Aug-2022	Nichols, K. D.
47088	Lindsay, Steven William	12-Mar-2022	Gutierrez, D. G.
47090	O'Rear, Joseph Allen	20-Aug-2022	Nichols, K. D.
47100	Orlando, Patricia Roberts	22-May-2022	Brewer, G. O.
47104	Sanfilippo, Matthew Paul	23-Apr-2022	Provenzano, L. C.
47106	Borda, Julian M	4-Jun-2022	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47107	Crofts, Marisa D	25-Apr-2022	Lambert, P. E., Jr
47111	Kendagor, Rita Jo Carson	28-May-2022	Bruce, D. J.
47112	Combs, Melanie Jean	4-Jun-2022	Macvean-Brown, S. L.
47113	Moore, Linda June	4-Jun-2022	Macvean-Brown, S. L.
47114	Barthle, Donna	28-May-2022	Scanlan, A. C.
47115	Mattson, Bradley L	21-May-2022	Scanlan, A. C.
47120	Baker, Danielle	14-Jun-2022	Hughes, C. J.
47121	Bloom, Lauren Marie	18-Jun-2022	Sutton, E. T.
47122	Boerner, Nora Bc	25-Sep-2022	Monnot, E. L.
47124	Dredde, George E III	6-Jun-2022	Hughes, C. J.
47125	Fortner, Jason	4-Jun-2022	Baskerville-Burrows, J. L.
47126	Kugler, Michael James	8-Oct-2022	Monnot, E. L.

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47127	Livingood, Abigail Zoeann	23-Jul-2022	Monnot, E. L.
47128	Lobb, Mark Andrew	18-Jun-2022	Sutton, E. T.
47129	Munoz, Joel	4-Jun-2022	Baskerville-Burrows, J. L.
47130	Pennington, Richard Gregory	2-Jul-2022	Klusmeyer, W. M.
47131	Salamony, Ryan	18-Jun-2022	Sutton, E. T.
47132	Schotto, Kathleen	18-Jun-2022	Sutton, E. T.
47134	Yoe, Sara	18-Jun-2022	Sutton, E. T.
47136	Batten-Kalantzis, Kendall	6-Aug-2022	Knudsen, C. R.
47138	Bouvel, William	25-Jun-2022	Knudsen, C. R.
47141	Pusnur, Barnabas E	25-Jun-2022	Knudsen, C. R.
47142	Erkman, Charles Philip	11-Jun-2022	Howard, S. J.
47143	Jung, Annie K	15-Jun-2022	Thompson, M. K., Jr
47144	Anderson, Karen Elizabeth	25-Jun-2022	Wright, R. C.
47145	Beck-Ei, Katherine	29-Jun-2022	Perry, B. A.
47146	Blakemore, Andrew Thomas	25-Jun-2022	Wright, R. C.
47147	Braun, Eric	1-Jul-2022	Perry, B. A.
47148	Colley, Ashley Taylor	9-Jun-2022	Mayer, J. S.
47149	Drosos, William	25-Jun-2022	Wright, R. C.
47150	Ferguson, Thomas A	18-Jun-2022	Perry, B. A.
47152	Gordon, Andrew	25-Jun-2022	Wright, R. C.
47153	Graham, Elizabeth Folk	18-Jun-2022	Seage, B. R.
47154	Huber, Joshua	18-Jun-2022	Johnson, D. K.
47155	Lockhart, Donna Lee	30-Jun-2022	Perry, B. A.
47156	Lovelace, Logan Chas	25-Jun-2022	Mcloughlin, J. A.
47157	Lutz, Joseph Anthony	2-Jul-2022	Klusmeyer, W. M.
47158	Nygren, Adam	25-Jun-2022	Mcloughlin, J. A.
47159	Petersen, Brian	18-Jun-2022	Snook, S. B.
47160	Peterson, Amy Lepine	25-Jun-2022	Sparks, D. E.
47161	Phillips, Trey B	25-Jun-2022	Wright, R. C.
47162	Stahlecker, Linzi	29-Jun-2022	Rickel, G. H.
47163	Tinsley, Pamela Byam	13-Jun-2022	Rickel, G. H.
47164	Walton, Rebecca	18-Jun-2022	Seage, B. R.
47165	Williams, Ian	25-Jun-2022	Mcloughlin, J. A.
47167	Cisneros, Omar	29-Jun-2022	Reed, P. C., Jr
47168	Eller, William Everett III	29-Jun-2022	Reed, P. C., Jr
47170	Smith, Sarah E	24-Jun-2022	Reed, P. C., Jr
47171	Thomas, David L	24-Jun-2022	Reed, P. C., Jr
30782	Favell, George	17-Jun-2023	Loya, C. W.
34790	Orwig, Dana Lynn Maynard	29-Jun-2023	Reed, P. C., Jr
37957A	Clark, Taylor Brooks	23-Jul-2022	Bell, P. W.

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40059	Davies-Aryeequaye, Eliza Ayorkor	24-Sep-2022	Dietsche, A. M.
44568A	Leemhuis, Guy Anthony	8-Jan-2022	Taylor, J. H.
46433A	Ayuen, James Jok	13-Jun-2022	Skelton, M. M.
45892A	Chidester, Daren	13-Jun-2022	Skelton, M. M.
46711A	Paz, Baudelina	13-Jun-2022	Skelton, M. M.
46716A	Bol, Mary Achol	13-Jun-2022	Skelton, M. M.
46020A	Hicks, Allen	13-Jun-2022	Skelton, M. M.

**Bishops Consecrated Since Last Recorder Report**

<b>Succession#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Consecration</b>
1158	French, Sally Johnson	24-Jun-2023
1149	Scharf, Douglas Frederick	24-Sep-2022
1143	Cowden, Matthew D	12-Mar-2022
1152	Stevenson, Edward Mark	3-Dec-2022
1159	Read, David Glenn	8-Jul-2023
1145	Burgess, Brian Kendall	21-May-2022
1144	Quinonez-Mera, Juan Carlos	17-May-2022
1148	Spiegel, Phyllis Ann	17-Sep-2022
1155	Jolly, Anne B	29-Apr-2023
1151	Duckworth, Shannon R	19-Nov-2022
1141	Richards, Daniel P	26-Feb-2022
1150	Mello, Jeffrey W	15-Oct-2022
1157	Holcomb, Justin S	10-Jun-2023
1146	Tharakan, Jos	25-Jun-2022
1156	Heyd, Matthew F	20-May-2023
1142	Gardner, Elizabeth B	5-Mar-2022
1147	Clark, Paula E	17-Sep-2022
1161	Ritonia, Ann Marie	30-Sep-2023
1154	Garcia Cardenas, Pastor Elias	18-Feb-2023
1160	Schofield-Broadbent, Carrie Kathlyn	16-Sep-2023



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**Necrology for Bishops**

<b>Succession #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
648	Folwell, William Hopkins	7-Feb-2022
887	Mcleod, Mary Adelia Rosamond	12-Oct-2022
794	Griswold, Frank Tracy III	5-Mar-2023
943	Croneberger, John Palmer	23-Feb-2023
871	Joslin, David Bruce	25-Oct-2023
935	Herzog, Daniel William	4-Aug-2023
798	Carr, William Franklin	7-Aug-2022
744	Hunt, George Nelson III	23-Oct-2022
802	Macnaughton, John Herbert	28-Feb-2022
785	Lee, Peter J	2-Jul-2022
833	Wood, Raymond Stewart Jr	30-Jul-2023
854	Keyser, Charles Lovett	31-Jul-2022
964	Cederholm, Roy Frederick Jr	28-Aug-2023
763	Coleridge, Clarence Nicholas	10-Aug-2023
894	Jacobus, Russell Edward	24-Oct-2023
603	Reed, David Benson	11-Mar-2023
921	Leidel, Edwin Max Jr	5-Jun-2022
752	McNutt, Charlie Fuller Jr	25-Oct-2023
788	Chalfant, Edward Cole	24-Jan-2023

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**Necrology for Priests and Deacons**

17350	Moreau, Walter Jerome	12-Jul-2023
17665	Tiffany, Roger Lyman	15-Jul-2022
17668	Boesser, Mark Alan	13-Oct-2022
17722	Stivers, Donald Austin	28-Jun-2022
17780	Seitz, Thomas Comstock Jr	3-Mar-2023
17822	Jenkins, John Stone	17-Apr-2023
17906	Frank, William George Jr	8-Jun-2023
18133	Harkins, James Robert	27-May-2022
18281	Webster, Edwin Crowe	28-Jun-2022
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19413	Coulter, Clayton Roy	30-Aug-2023
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19584	Carlson, Robert Warren	22-Feb-2022
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19734	Stuart, Charles Moore	28-Sep-2022
19812	Chesterman, Thomas Charles Jr	10-Apr-2023
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20258	Mangum, Frank Burnett	26-Jun-2022
20305	Snyder, Albert Eric	7-Nov-2023
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21048	Marsh, Karl Edwin	3-Dec-2022
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21281	Greenfield, Peter Alan	16-Jan-2022
21295	Dickey, Robert William	29-Jun-2022
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21413	James, Robert Arthur	18-Dec-2022
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21542	Crewdson, Robert Henry	27-Jul-2022
21549	Warrington, James Malcolm	17-Aug-2022
21567	Crocker, John Alexander Frazer Jr	10-Jul-2022
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21791	Kunz, Andrew George Jr	27-Nov-2022
21845	Ward, Herbert Arthur Jr	31-May-2022
21881	Frensley, James Monroe	25-Aug-2022
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21939	Anderson, James Desmond	4-Feb-2022
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22709	Coolidge, Edward Cole	5-Apr-2022
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23149	Kaighn, Reuel Stewart	13-Sep-2023
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23319	Swartsfager, Ames Kent	31-Jul-2023
23321	Ward, Samuel Mortimer IV	28-Jul-2022
23377	Slack, James Cooper Simmons	26-Mar-2022

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23851	Alexander, Stephen Gray	23-Aug-2023
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24193	Huffman, Charles Howard	23-Jan-2023
24211	Mitchener, Gary Asher	3-Sep-2023
24239	Gervais, Sidney Joseph Jr	5-Mar-2022
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24851	Greene, Edward Rideout	12-Mar-2022



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24878	Foote, Stephen Williams	8-Mar-2023
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24129	Ross, Robert Layne	7-Apr-2022
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25686	Wolfe, Alexander	4-Jun-2022



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26731	Bowersox, Ned Ford	31-Jul-2022
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27409	West, Irvin D Jr	29-Mar-2022
27474	Low, Melvin Leslie	19-Apr-2022
27534	Ralston, D Darwin	2-Aug-2023
27548	Shoulders, David Ira	16-Jul-2022
27631	Platt, Nancy Grace Van Dyke	14-Sep-2022
27658	Wood, Rodgers Taylor	13-Jan-2023
27661	Hargis, James Frederick	11-Oct-2022
27700	Neuhaus, Theodore James	14-Mar-2022
27716	Lawrence, Gerard Martin	2-Feb-2023
27821	Seay, Donald Robert	31-May-2022
27884	Kidd, Paul David	12-May-2023
27907	Geer, Francis Hartley	19-Jul-2023
27912	Howard, Noah B	18-Apr-2023
28010	Barnes, Jeffry Parker	3-Jul-2023
28055	Stevens, Robert Ellsworth	9-Feb-2023
28081	Morgan-Higgins, Stanley Ethelbert	17-May-2023
28135	Cruz, Hector	18-Sep-2022
28152	Casey, Dayle Alan	1-Oct-2023
28164	Harding, Rona Robertine	28-Feb-2022
28207	Burrows, Judith Dawson	10-Mar-2023
28232	Sammons, Margaret Duncan Holt	3-Aug-2022
28260	Glaude, Ronald Arthur	22-Mar-2022
28253	Coburn, Ann Struthers	7-Jun-2023
28259	Glancey, Bryan Eaton	2-Jan-2023
28286	Brdlik, Christopher M F	19-Nov-2023
28361	Ramstad, Philip Robert	24-Jun-2023
28374	Eaton, William Albert	2-Jul-2023
28369	Cawthorne, John Harry	7-Mar-2023

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28378	Johnson, Ira Joseph	20-Aug-2022
28471	Griffin, Calvin Russell	17-Feb-2022
28488	Wilkins, Palmer Oliver	22-Mar-2022
28543	Carson, Boyd Rodney	5-Nov-2022
28563	Westerhoff, John Henry III	25-Feb-2022
28584	Coles, Constance Carolyn	10-Aug-2022
28582	Chattin, Mark Haney	27-Aug-2022
27605	Montanari, Albert Ubaldo	26-Apr-2022
28644	Martin, Kenneth Earl	24-Mar-2023
28758	McDowell, James Lynn	16-May-2022
28771	Yarborough, Jesse H	13-Sep-2023
X-28766	Pong, Tak Yue	18-Nov-2022
28782A	Two Bulls, Robert G	5-Feb-2022
28821	Benz, Charles Frederick	15-Oct-2022
28884A	Summerfield, Leroy James	7-Oct-2023
28890	De Fontaine-Stratton, James Bruce	9-Jul-2022
28905	Harland, Mary Frances	13-Oct-2022
28923	Smith, Charles L	19-May-2022
28933	Burchard, Russell Church	2-Dec-2023
28938	McCall, Richard D	30-Dec-2022
28951	Henking, Patricia Ellen	18-Aug-2022
28959	Pease, Edwin C Jr	28-Jan-2023
28958	Parker, Ronald Wilmar	26-May-2023
28988	Crapsey, Marcus Trowbridge II	8-Jun-2022
29031	Innes, Neil Fraser	22-Mar-2022
29091	Lee, Darry Kyong Ho	7-Nov-2022
29097	Peverley, Stephen Richard	25-Oct-2022
29326	Weatherwax, Elizabeth May	7-Jul-2023
29340	Kelley, Barbara A	22-Feb-2023
29341	Kimmey, Jimmie Elizabeth	3-Feb-2022
29368	Garrett, Jane Nuckols	12-Oct-2023
X-37950	Daniel, Wilfred Arthnel	28-Dec-2022
X-32330	Holder, Michael Rawle	23-Jan-2023
21794	Wing, Arthur K III	1-Aug-2022
30751	Bellais, William Frank	5-Feb-2022
30536	Geerdes, Patricia Seney	20-Dec-2023
X-30976	MacNeice, Alan Donor	20-May-2022
X-26506	Touchstone, G Russell	24-Jun-2023
34430	Cleland, Carol Elaine	24-Jun-2023
29569	Killingstad, Mary Louise	3-Sep-2022
39368	Kirkpatrick, Daisy	17-Aug-2023
31343	Chandler, Nan Elizabeth	12-Aug-2023
X-32776	Mapplebeckpalmer, Richard Warwick	7-Dec-2022
22417	Vilar-Santiago, Jose E	21-May-2023

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33800	Allman, Mary Katherine	27-Dec-2022
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20221	Two Hawk, Webster Aaron	21-Oct-2022
21282	Hazelett, William Howard	6-Dec-2022
21860	Keyes, Charles Don	4-Feb-2023
21878	Cartwright, Thomas Lisson	28-Jun-2023
22214	Jones, Peter Hoyt	13-Nov-2022
23935	Burger, Charles Sherman	3-Feb-2023
24155	Yao, Ting Chang	9-Jul-2022
24270	Stanton, Barclay Reynolds Jr	7-Feb-2022
25727	Chatham, Charles Erwin	7-May-2023
25762	Ayers, Phillip Wallace	25-May-2022
26471	Mauney, James Patrick	19-May-2023
40359	Callaghan, Carol L	19-Aug-2022
41569	Hays-Smith, Melissa B	16-Sep-2022
45870	Rodgers, Robert Christopher	23-Dec-2022
29431	Spruhan, John Halsey	5-Feb-2022
29418	Larsen, Erik W	9-Jun-2022
29415	Kevern, John R	9-May-2023
29474	Ravndal, Eric III	4-Feb-2023
29470	Huft, Jerry Ray	21-Sep-2023
29502	Reeves, Frank B	28-Dec-2022
29543	Strimer, Peter Mccoy	18-Oct-2022
29647	Hayward, Dennis Earl	31-Aug-2022
29714	Fetterman, James Harry	4-Nov-2023
29717	Marshall, Richard Gerald	10-Jun-2022
29763	Williams, Priscilla Mudge	14-Jun-2022
29818	Tubbs, James Collin	30-Oct-2023
29827	Lloyd, Samuel Thames III	31-Aug-2022
29835	Worley, James Paul	6-Jul-2022
29841	Donnelly, John Allen	5-Nov-2023
29842	Dudley, Michael Devere	25-Jun-2022
29866	Williams, Wendy Ann	17-Mar-2023
29929	Shoberg, Warren Elwood	20-Dec-2022
29940	Gilmer, Lyonel Wayman	23-Sep-2022
29957	Rogers, Elizabeth Page	18-Mar-2023
30006	Mussatti, David James	26-Aug-2022
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30044	Bardos, Gordon A	3-Feb-2022
X-37267	Petley, Dale Alfred	24-Jun-2022
30069	Brown, James Louis	6-Feb-2023
30099	Philips, J Kevin	21-Jan-2022
30093	McCarty, Marjorie McDonall	11-Jul-2023
30136	Monahan, Anne Duval	20-Mar-2023

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30142	Robbins, Anne Wilson	23-Mar-2022
30181	Radcliff, Cecil Darrell III	27-Nov-2023
30212	Trutner, Thomas Kirk	1-Feb-2023
30213	Fair, Verna M	14-Feb-2023
30224	Keener, E Michaella	17-Feb-2023
30230	Whiteford, Cecily S	22-Apr-2022
30236	Shippen, Sallie Elliot	10-Aug-2023
30253	Exner, William Edward	24-Apr-2022
30315	Carter, James Lee	25-Feb-2022
30326	Sears, Gwen W	12-Aug-2022
30372	Polley, Bonnie Bonnabel	5-Aug-2022
30491	Morgan, Edward James	13-Dec-2022
30606	Gelineau, Francoise	3-Jun-2023
30617	Collins, Stanley Penrose	1-Mar-2022
30628	Gober, Wallace Gene	4-Sep-2023
30654	Thigpen, William McCord III	20-Sep-2022
30664	Gillett, Elizabeth Rosa Hamilton	20-Sep-2023
30722	Manning, Ronald Francis	29-Jan-2022
30730	Smith, Edwin Ball	4-Aug-2022
30968	Wise, Eugene Field Jr	11-Jul-2023
31004	Pritts, Clarence Edward	29-Oct-2022
31020	Bridges, Melva Gayle	11-Jun-2022
31027	Staples, Ann McDonald	10-Sep-2022
31050	Taylor, Josephine A	8-Mar-2023
31066	Labarre, Barbara L Root	3-Aug-2023
31093	Morgan, Elaine Ludlum	27-Sep-2022
31092	Moore, Judith Ann	9-Jun-2023
31145	Wissink, Charles Jay	21-Jan-2022
31175	Sparks-Lundelius, Heulette C	7-May-2022
31217	Marquand, Betty Harlina	9-Feb-2022
31308	Stiefel, Jennifer H	9-Jun-2022
31369	Freeman, Monroe Jr	15-Jul-2022
31361	Cole, C Alfred Jr	27-Mar-2023
31392	Narvaez, Alfonso Anthony	30-Mar-2022
31395	Rollinson, John Thomas	21-Feb-2022
31422	Hall, Allen Keith	24-Dec-2022
31461	Whisenhunt, William Allen	28-Jan-2022
31440	Graves, Rena B	21-May-2023
31464	Yerkes, Kenneth Bickford	2-Dec-2023
31466	Atkinson, Joel Walter Jr	7-Nov-2022
31473	Turk, Davette Lois	19-Jul-2023
31563	Connell, John Baade	22-Jan-2023
31629	Snow, Robert Gerald	2-Oct-2023
31638	Earl, John Keith	14-Mar-2023

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31713	Gaddy, Anna Lee	2-Aug-2022
31726	Rose-Crossley, Ramona	11-Jan-2023
31737	Hutton, Linda Arzelia	14-Oct-2022
X-31830	Vasquez, Irineo M	25-Jul-2023
31859	Lowe, Lori Marleen	25-Apr-2022
31836	Brown, John Ashmore Jr	23-Sep-2023
31846	Friedrich, Robert Edmund Jr	18-Jan-2022
31887	Allen, Mark Frederick	11-Nov-2023
31963	Wood, Howard Fitler	8-Mar-2023
31947	Powell, David Richardson	11-Dec-2022
32003	Teschner, David Hall	15-Jun-2023
32008	Miller, Alden Scott	23-Feb-2022
32007	Erwin, Virginia Gilbert	12-Sep-2023
32020	Ferriani, Nancy Ann	1-Jul-2023
32087	Spaid, William John	20-Mar-2022
32109	Maranville, Joyce Margaret	18-Aug-2022
32148	Beattie, Richard Edward	11-Nov-2023
32160	Stockard, Matthew Easter	13-Mar-2022
X-32690	Serpa-Ordonez, Pedro Abel	1-Nov-2022
32333	Reardin, Lois Arline	25-Feb-2022
32370	Mann, Henry Rezin	19-Dec-2023
32422	Faison, Dee Doheny	24-Feb-2023
32517	Worthington, Cynthia Muirhead	26-Dec-2023
32518	Frank, Richard Lloyd	10-Aug-2023
32547	Mccabe, Charles Peyton III	2-Nov-2022
X-32558	Araica, Alvaro	31-Dec-2023
32569	Butler, Barbara Thayer	11-Mar-2022
32697	Kim, John Jong-Kun	15-Jan-2023
32792	Sivret, David Otis	23-Nov-2022
32802	Winters, William Michael	30-Dec-2023
32794	Somes, Norman F	7-Jan-2023
32834	Burdett, Audrey Brown	3-Sep-2022
32819	Adams, David Robert	18-May-2022
32880	Porteus, Beverly S	8-Aug-2022
32972	Jensen, Anne Hislop	17-May-2023
32984	Mackenzie, Alexander James	20-Apr-2023
33024	Smith, Harold Vaughn	2-Nov-2022
33027	Knight, Joseph Sturdevant	2-Dec-2023
33043	Northway, Daniel Page	3-Aug-2023
33069	Herlocker, Thomas Dean	4-Feb-2023
33172	Houser, Lucy Anne Latham	16-Jan-2022
33244	Sisson, Duane	28-Apr-2023
33256	Johnson, Frances Kay Carter	26-Nov-2022
33363	Adler, John Stuart	10-Sep-2023

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33374	Cozzoli, John David	14-Nov-2023
33385	Haberkorn, Violet Marie	22-Mar-2022
33401	Neylon, Jean Carla	3-May-2023
33444	Dileo, John Michael	23-Aug-2023
33550	Nicholson, Aleathia Dolores	20-Oct-2022
33559	Guernsey, Jacqueline Louise	16-Oct-2022
33579	Packard, Linda Axelson	10-Nov-2023
33597	Martin, Terry L	5-Jun-2022
33609	Jasper, John Weaver Sr	7-Apr-2022
33646	Buck, Elizabeth Salmon	30-Mar-2022
33804	Appelberg, Helen Marie Waller	21-Apr-2022
33940	Adam, Betty Conrad	30-Jun-2022
33962	Easton, Stanley Evan	10-Jul-2023
33977	Thomsen, William Robert	26-Dec-2023
33984	Lane, Johnny	3-Jan-2023
34004	Cook, Carol Lee	17-Nov-2022
34054	Morgan, Barbara Jean	30-May-2022
34063	Bennet, Richard Wilson	1-Aug-2023
34097	Hague, Sarah Anne	6-Jun-2022
34118	Barrie, David Paul	21-Jul-2023
34178	Agner, Georgia Ellen	1-Aug-2023
34209	Boatright-Spencer, Angela Robinson	4-Nov-2022
34257	Seracuse, Linda Kay	12-Nov-2022
34278	Vince, Gail Lynne	28-Jan-2022
34274	Albers, Barbara Ann	18-Aug-2023
34379	Palmer, John Avery	27-Nov-2023
34421	Weeks Wulf, Marta Joan	1-Sep-2023
34423	Lucas, Alison C	3-Feb-2022
34494	Snyder, Judith Urso	1-Apr-2023
34561	Schacht, Lawrence Arthur	25-Nov-2022
34574	Ogburn, John Nelson Jr	1-May-2023
34652	Cheney, Michael Robert	20-Jul-2023
34700	Peabody, S Walton	20-Feb-2023
34775	Brentnall, Burden	26-Jan-2022
34785	Lewis, Maurine Ann	13-Feb-2022
34781	Glenn, Michael Eugene	3-May-2023
34841	Dierick, F Lorraine	8-Feb-2023
34865	Holt, Jane Louise	16-May-2023
34904	Cox, Mildred Louise	14-May-2022
34936	Spears, Melanie Lea	10-May-2022
34964	Stockwell-Tangeman, Carolyn Lee	21-Jan-2023
34989	Adam, Barbara Ann	1-Aug-2022
35165	Collins, Diana Garvin	31-May-2022
35241	Niehaus, Thomas Kenneth	29-Dec-2022

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35281	Armer, Mary Carolyn	24-Dec-2022
35307	Howard, Leonard Rice	8-May-2023
35371	Arrington, Sandra Clark	12-May-2023
35501	Wilson, Steven Clark	14-Feb-2022
35474	Hummel, Virginia K	1-Feb-2022
35584	Anderson, Elizabeth May	22-Dec-2022
35611	Rood, Peter H Jr	20-Apr-2023
35716	Kirking, Kerry Clifton	8-Dec-2023
35788	Durant, Jack Davis	2-Jan-2022
35816	Butts, Stephen Jack	4-Sep-2022
35928	Hoffman, Edgar Henry Hap Jr	2-Apr-2023
36002	Trytten, Patricia Shoemaker	2-Oct-2023
36030	Hoffman, Mary E	16-Sep-2023
X-36044	Rivera Rivera, Luis G	31-Mar-2023
36058	Kempster, Jane Leon	12-Mar-2022
36191	Hogan, Faye	5-Jun-2022
36225	Conrad, John William	16-Jan-2023
36362	Freeman, Reed Harlow	26-Oct-2022
36400	Houston, Barbara Pearce	24-Oct-2023
36422	Luckey, Thomas Hannan III	20-Dec-2022
36433	Tuttle, Peggy Elaine Wills	3-Apr-2022
36488	Metz, Susanna	30-Apr-2022
36547	Fausak, Frederick Emil	29-Jul-2023
36587	Davis, Johnnie Manly Jr	1-Aug-2023
36684	Keith, Judith Ann	31-May-2023
36658	Becker, Mary Elizabeth	15-Oct-2023
36656	Anderson, William C	4-Sep-2022
36766	Lewis, Barbara Ann	23-Mar-2023
36800	Brada, Netha Nadine	24-Sep-2023
36830	Batson, Sara Chapman	4-Sep-2023
36883	Steidl, Gerald Scobie	31-Dec-2023
36920	Neary, Marlyn Mason	25-Aug-2023
36929	Grabner, John David	17-Jun-2023
36970	Natoli, Anne M	9-May-2022
37013	Panasevich, Eleanor Jones	13-Jul-2022
37248	Hall, Lisbeth Jordan	4-Jan-2022
37280	Vardemann, Brady Joyce	27-Oct-2023
37284	Stone, Sandra Elizabeth	4-Feb-2022
37290	Brill, Steven G	5-May-2022
37320	Jones, Teresa Crawford	15-Dec-2022
37385	Cooper, Robert Norman	9-Apr-2023
X-37410	Marshall, Carol Phillips	11-Apr-2022
37481	Woody, Robert James	8-Nov-2023
37556	Miescher, Walter Henry III	13-Jul-2023



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X-37570	Everett, Sherman Bradley	2-Jul-2022
37626	Albergate, Scott P	7-Sep-2023
37643	Caldwell, Brenda Ann	6-Oct-2023
37680	Gardner, Carol Hartsfield	18-Nov-2023
37687	Grab, Virginia Lee	6-Jul-2023
37697	Kempster, Patricia Sue	5-May-2022
37816	Hoffmann, Beth Borah	22-Dec-2022
37795	Speir, Susan Elizabeth	15-May-2022
37918	Shigaki, Jerry Moritsune	7-Oct-2023
38000	Suruda, Teresa Ann	4-Oct-2022
37987	Bonadie, Leroy Rowland	17-Nov-2022
38040	Warley, Dianne Goodwin	5-May-2023
38064	Foster, Kenneth Earl Jr	18-Mar-2023
38066	Trigleth, John Paul	22-Oct-2023
38118	Clarke, John David Blackmore	4-Feb-2023
38121	Thom, Kenneth Stow	9-Jul-2023
38237	Lehmann, Richard B	11-Jul-2022
38293	Scott, Nolie Edward	2-Nov-2022
38323	Corkern, Matthew Thomas Locy	24-Apr-2022
38424	Carlson, Philip Lawrence	4-Sep-2023
38448	Towne, Jane Clapp	25-Sep-2022
38519	McManis, Dennis R	26-Apr-2022
38526	Byer, Martha Russell	9-Sep-2023
38534	Gwin, Lawrence Prestidge Jr	4-Jul-2022
38537	Edwards, James Paul	3-Jul-2023
38550A	Savino, Bella Jean	15-Jul-2023
38563	Papanek, Nicolette	16-Jun-2023
38600	Auchincloss, R Anne	29-Jan-2023
38744	Koehler, Norman Elias III	21-Jul-2023
38869	Grabher, Jerald	12-Oct-2022
38942	Weir, Silas Michael	22-Jun-2023
38970	Pain, Mary Reed	13-May-2022
38987A	Crosier, Allen Duane	24-Feb-2023
39017	Pumphrey, Margaret K	15-Oct-2022
39259A	Andersen, Steven C	1-Jul-2022
39553A	Porterfield, David	14-Aug-2022
39605A	Brice, Sandra Theresa	9-Jun-2023
39706	Paul, Rocks-Anne	10-Jun-2023
40004	McCloud, Linda	11-Dec-2022
40663A	Dalton, James Albert Jr	28-Jul-2022
40817A	To'Alepai, Meki	29-Jul-2023
41535	Steele, Nancy J	5-Apr-2022
41533A	Herring, Dianne Lerae	2-Jun-2022
42963A	Herring, Sarah	10-May-2023

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43645A	Graham, Pamela Louise	29-May-2022
44710A	Carter, Stevie	23-Nov-2023
40174A	Grubbs, Michael Conway	19-Dec-2022
X-17868	Burchill, George Stuart	12-Dec-2022
X-23059	Gibson, John Noel Keith	5-Feb-2022
X-23536	Rettger, John Hubbard	13-Feb-2022
X-23553	Oda-Burns, John Macdonald	1-Jan-2022
X-23662	Howard, Norman	16-Sep-2022
X-26428	Hayden, John Carleton	29-Jun-2022
X-29627	Bolle, Winnie Mckenzie Hoilette	2-Jun-2023
X-29633	Dearing, Trevor	24-Feb-2023
X-32515	Nairn, Frederick William	13-Aug-2023
X-33023	Cook, Peter John Arthur	23-Feb-2023
X-33933	Chrisman, John Aubrey Jr	23-Jun-2022
X-35390	Taylor, Williamson Sylvanus	12-Dec-2023
X-35280	Robillard, Roger Manuel	5-Mar-2022
X-34965	Jackson, Peter Jonathan Edward	30-Aug-2022
X-44538	Ackaah, Vincent Abisi	4-Jan-2023
31225	Whelan, Edgar Joseph	13-Nov-2022
24745	Knapp, Donald Hubert	14-Feb-2023
26897	Szymanski, Walter	19-Oct-2022
27735	O'Neill, Vincent Depaul	1-May-2023
29239	Raschke, Vernon Joseph	21-Jul-2023
29267	Falcone, John Francis	5-Dec-2022
29448	Tuohy, James Fidelis	8-Apr-2022
X-31103	Fernandez-Liranzo, Hipolito Secundino	14-Nov-2022
31278	Mejia, Jairo	22-Jan-2023
32310	Pfab, Martin William	24-Aug-2022
32609	Mushorn, Richard C	6-Aug-2022
32694	Whitney Wise, Stephen D	23-May-2023
X-33156	Peterson, Ralph Edward	7-Jun-2022
33507	Cendese, William Ivan	7-Jan-2023
33797	Carey, Peter R	3-Dec-2022
33913	Roos, Carl A	3-Apr-2022
33955	D'Alcaravela, Joao Antonio Alpalhao	30-Jan-2023
X-33692	Haas, Michael James	20-Apr-2022
X-34934	Jewson, Alfred Joseph	6-Nov-2022
X-19173	Monica, Ted Jay	5-Jun-2022
X-36277	Hall, Vernon Donald	15-Mar-2022
X-31869	Bencken, Charles F	2-Oct-2023
X-34904	Brockman, John Martin	25-Aug-2022
X-36644	Buhrer, Richard Albert	5-Oct-2022
X-39384	Mejia, Jose Arnaldo	13-Aug-2023
X-41623	Lyons, James Hershel Jr	23-Jun-2023

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X-33165	Watson, Richard Avery	20-Nov-2023
38261	Wilson, Linda Latham	24-Aug-2022
23092	Henderson, Theodore Herbert Jr	4-Dec-2023
19072A	Day, Charles Larry	3-Dec-2022
X-35801	Eaves, Lindon John	8-Mar-2022

### Depositions, Renunciations, Releases, Removals

Serial #	Name	Removal Date	Bishop Removing
18051	Allison, Christopher Fitzsimons	31-Oct-2022	Curry, M. B.
22213	Hathaway, Alden Moinet	31-Oct-2022	Curry, M. B.
35250	Watkins, Leeanne Ingeborg	17-Nov-2023	Loya, C. W.
38852	Adams-Riley, Gena D	26-Oct-2022	Howard, S. J.
39016	Shevlin, James Charles	17-Feb-2022	Brewer, G. O.
39342	Theodore, Margaret Bessie	16-May-2022	Smith, M. G.
39730	Vandermark, Roy James	5-Dec-2022	Smith, M. G.
40117	Kerner, Sandra Barbary	1-Mar-2023	Haynes, S. B.
40144	Batarseh, Peter Bahjat	4-Apr-2022	Bauerschmidt, J. C.
41052	Easterling, William Ramsay Sr	8-Aug-2023	Owensby, J. W.
41750	Gray, Marie Therese	18-Jul-2022	Gunter, M. A.
41810	Strickland, William Earl Jr	6-Sep-2023	Smith, M. G.
42353	Trezevant, Margaret Anne	11-Apr-2023	Andrus, M. H.
42495	Morgan, Ruth Margaret	21-Apr-2023	Hunn, M. B.
42516	Kannenbergh, James Gordon	2-Dec-2022	Monnot, E. L.
43483	Hybl, Andrew David	17-May-2022	Andrus, M. H.
43551	Bartlett, Laurie Lee	13-Nov-2023	Smith, M. G.
43616	Chapman, Colin M	11-Jul-2023	Hirschfeld, A. R.
43740	Monroe, Sarah Beth	26-Sep-2023	Skelton, M. M.
43943	Scarff, Stephen D	6-Nov-2023	Smith, M. G.
44421	Stewart, James Macgregor	24-Jan-2023	Rodman, S. S., III
44620	Loveless, Phillip Lyman	23-Aug-2022	Snook, S. B.
44628	Beall, Nathan A	22-Dec-2023	Sutton, E. T.
44929	White, Kevin Gerard	22-Mar-2022	Bruce, D. J.
44996	Miller, Christopher James-Alan	28-Apr-2023	Wright, R. C.
45020	Macmillan, Cameron P	18-Aug-2022	Brewer, G. O.
45223	Durany, Helen M	8-Sep-2023	Akiyama, D. D.
45399	Rodriguez, Gladys	20-Jul-2023	Holcomb, J. S.
45747	Jones, Arthur III	16-Jun-2023	Nichols, K. D.
45964	Clements, Michael Stuart	6-May-2022	Reed, P. C., Jr
46073	Castellanos Flores, Marcos Antonio	4-Oct-2023	Quezada Mota, M.
46171	Savastano, Peter	8-Feb-2023	Hughes, C. J.
46323	Morris, Matthew David	1-Jun-2023	Akiyama, D. D.
46429	Gabriel, Dani	8-Mar-2023	Andrus, M. H.
46449	Beaton-Oakley, Michael	26-Sep-2023	Skelton, M. M.
46913	Loewen-Samuels, Joshua	24-Aug-2022	Howard, S. J.
47108	Musser, David N	30-Mar-2023	Lucas, K. D.

X-39087	Agim, Ngozi Emeka	24-Mar-2022	Doyle, C. A.
X-46495	Compton, David O	16-Jun-2022	Bourlakas, M. A.
28673	Spicer, John Tildsley	21-Sep-2022	Howard, S. J.
31990	Kelly, Francis J III	16-Feb-2023	Brewer, G. O.
32479	Fountain, Timothy L	10-Aug-2023	Folts, J. H.
33993	Daly, Richard R	26-Oct-2022	Sumner, G. R., Jr
34334	Mcgill, James Calvin	12-Dec-2023	Doyle, C. A.
37050	Kaval, Lura M	23-Feb-2022	Goff, S. E.
37520	Depriest, Sandra Moss	7-Dec-2022	Seage, B. R.
38431	Lewis, Philip M	31-Mar-2023	Burgess, B. K.
38437	Dickinson, Garrin William	8-Feb-2022	Sumner, G. R., Jr
38670	Dawson, Adrien P	31-May-2023	Sutton, E. T.
40021	Garrison, William Brian	20-Jul-2023	Holcomb, J. S.
44268	Nettles, Duane Joseph	7-Sep-2023	Stevenson, E. M.
X-33098	Cordoba, Guillermo	26-Oct-2022	Howard, S. J.
X-42524	Cisneros, Hilario	30-Mar-2023	Gardner, E. B.
45628	Mcgee, Robert Maurice	13-Oct-2023	Holcomb, J. S.
45624	Duncan, Sean David	9-May-2023	Doyle, C. A.
44436	Shoemake, Daniel O	21-Feb-2022	Wright, R. C.
42137	Henault, Armand Joseph Jr	22-Feb-2023	Macvean-Brown, S. L.
40701	Marshall, Robert K	2-Nov-2022	Haynes, S. B.
40417	Bates, Percy Quin	29-Jul-2022	Thompson, M. K., Jr
40230	Szobota, Nicholas S	20-Jul-2023	Harris, G. E.
39734	Watts, Timothy Joe	21-Feb-2022	Wright, R. C.
36356	Leatherman, Daniel Lee	21-Oct-2022	Fitzpatrick, R. L.
47019A	Dominguez Reyez, Jesus David	30-Jul-2023	Allen, L. E.
X-37626	Major, John Charles	31-Mar-2023	Nichols, K. D.
X-47194	Wharff Galvis, Arian Hernando	24-May-2023	Stokes, W. H.
47294	Impey, Paul	6-Jun-2023	Reddall, J. A.

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**Suspensions**

<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Suspension Date</b>	<b>Bishop Suspending</b>
41149	Oechsel, Russell Harold Jr	27-Oct-2022	Doyle, C. A.
45711	Somers, Daniel E	21-Dec-2023	French, S.
46972	Banks, Lauren Thomas	27-Dec-2023	Gates, A. M.
32979	Brown, Hugh Eldridge III	27-Jan-2023	Stokes, W. H.
37888	Bailey, David Bruce	15-Aug-2023	Smith, G. W.
39252	Turner, Anne M	29-Sep-2023	Stevenson, E. M.

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**Restorations**

<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Restoration Date</b>	<b>Bishop Restoring</b>
30782	Favell, George	14-Feb-2023	Loya, C. W.
38590	Anderson Schutz, Ann Johnston	5-May-2022	Ely, T. C.
X-44606	Silva-Gonzalez, Alvaro	4-Sep-2022	Morales Maldonado, R. L.
30510A	Molineaux, Natalie Brigit	12-Nov-2023	Sumner, G. R., Jr
32101	Platt, Shelley Lynd	28-Feb-2023	Tharakan, J.



### Receptions

(From denominations in communion with The Episcopal Church and denominations in historic succession but not in communion with The Episcopal Church)

Serial #	Name	Reception Date	Denomination
X-47389	Lopez Bolanos, Eddy E	30-Jun-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47760	Riherd, John Arthur	26-Jul-2023	Roman Catholic
X-47312	Fuentes Fernandez, Adreano I	5-Jun-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47698	Diaz, Filemon	4-Jun-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47569	Meier, Corey	4-Feb-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47621	Hiltner, Harry E	19-Apr-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47863	Tebbe, Matthew Jacob	16-Dec-2023	Anglican Church in North America
X-47194	Wharff Galvis, Arian Hernando	19-Feb-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47816	Arcement, Kyle Thomas	19-Nov-2023	Roman Catholic
X-47797	Blank, David Mark	28-Oct-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47610	Carian, Simon	1-Apr-2023	Roman Catholic
X-47862	Sternke, Benjamin	16-Dec-2023	Anglican Church in North America
X-47609	Dalzell, David Chandler	28-Mar-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47215	Plekon, Michael Paul	27-Mar-2022	Greek Orthodox
X-47824	Graul, Douglas E	5-Dec-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47264	Morris, Stephen Michael	15-May-2022	The Orthodox Church in America
X-47331	Latour, Charles H	15-Jun-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47186	Gonzalez, Emilio	31-Jan-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47401	Cook, Millard Spurgeon	20-Aug-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47405	Chaparro, Fabio M	3-Sep-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47860	Ruark, Spencer	16-Dec-2023	Anglican Church in North America
X-47724	Frank, Gary Lee	22-Jun-2023	Roman Catholic
X-47567	Losemann, Heinrich J Jr	29-Jan-2023	Roman Catholic
X-47390	Reeves, Thomas Daniel	14-Jul-2022	Anglican Church in North America
X-47429	Kelley, Patrick	2-Oct-2022	The Orthodox Church in America
X-47782	Ortiz, Jorge Antonio	8-Oct-2023	Roman Catholic
X-47430	Hall, Natalie	4-Oct-2022	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47755	Rojas, Felipe	1-Jul-2023	Roman Catholic
X-47226	Garnett, Andrew M	23-Apr-2022	Roman Catholic
X-47442	Anderson, Jack D	30-Oct-2022	Roman Catholic

### Receptions from Other Provinces in the Anglican Communion

Succession #	Name	Date	Province
X-47811	Mcfarlin, Phoebe	3-Nov-2023	Anglican Church Of Australia
X-47698	Diaz, Filemon	4-Jun-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47630	Anthony, Rudolph A	30-Apr-2023	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47817	Gioia, Luigi	24-Nov-2023	Church Of England
X-47190	Galles, Jonathan Wesley	9-Feb-2022	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47537	Brennen, Scott O	1-Jan-2023	Ch in the Province Of The West Indies
X-47554	Turtle, Jonathan	20-Jan-2023	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47391	Kim, Kyrie	15-Jul-2022	Anglican Church Of Korea
X-47569	Meier, Corey	4-Feb-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47561	Levanway, William Douglas	25-Jan-2023	Church Of England
X-47810	Watson, John Calum	1-Nov-2023	Church Of England
X-47538	Hartin, Cole William	1-Jan-2023	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47269	Njoku, Benjamin	22-May-2022	Church Of Nigeria
X-47573	Gray, Alison Jane	15-Feb-2023	Church Of England
X-47621	Hiltner, Harry E	19-Apr-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47723	Bauer, Jonathan	21-Jun-2023	Church Of England
X-47173	Skelton, Melissa Maxine	28-Jan-2023	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47441	Owuor, Shadrack Peter	29-Oct-2022	Anglican Church Of Kenya
X-47562	Radcliff, Jason	27-Jan-2023	Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
X-47574	Joseph, George	17-Feb-2023	Church of North India
X-47188	Kerr, Donald G	1-Feb-2022	Ch in the Province Of The West Indies
X-47797	Blank, David Mark	28-Oct-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47818	Kok, Abraham Dot Pareng	28-Nov-2023	The Episcopal Church of the Sudan
X-47609	Dalzell, David Chandler Connolly, Catherine Hannah	28-Mar-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47254	Victoria	11-May-2022	Church Of England
X-47579	Kinyua, Zachary N	1-Mar-2023	Anglican Church Of Kenya
X-47824	Graul, Douglas E	5-Dec-2023	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47216	Wall, Dawna D	31-Mar-2022	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47553	Johnstone, Kenneth Michael	20-Jan-2023	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47701	Samuel, Jeffrey	6-Jun-2023	Anglican Church Of Pakistan
X-47539	Mccartney, Enriquer	1-Jan-2023	Ch in the Province Of The West Indies
X-47241	Stephen, Christopher	28-Apr-2022	Anglican Church Of Pakistan
X-47224	Hill, James Allen III	13-Apr-2022	Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America
X-47703	Philbrick, Leah Karen	7-Jun-2023	Church in Wales
X-47403	Samuel, Joshua	24-Aug-2022	Church of South India
X-47204	Smith-Firestone, Tammy	8-Mar-2022	Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America
X-47393	Wallace, Charles F	19-Jul-2022	Anglican Church of Canada

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X-47570	Rajan, Paul	4-Feb-2023	Church of South India
X-47217	Beck, Douglas A	1-Apr-2022	Anglican Church of Canada
X-47430	Hall, Natalie	4-Oct-2022	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
X-47761	Seaborn, Javon	26-Jul-2023	Anglican Church of Tanzania
X-47172	Joseph, Yves-Eugene	14-Apr-2022	Anglican Church of Canada

### Transfers Out

(To other provinces in the Anglican Communion)

<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Province</b>
38938	Beecher, Josefina Cameron	25-Jun-2022	Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
43609	Illas, Antonio	1-Apr-2022	Anglican Church of Canada
43812	Ware, Jordan H	15-Jul-2022	Anglican Church of Canada
46188	Long, Pamela Hosey	14-Sep-2022	Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
X-44885	Barrington, Dominic M J	12-Nov-2022	Church Of England
X-45649	Sipos, Elizabeth Anne Margaret	1-Sep-2023	Anglican Church of Canada
X-31778	Gibson, Catherine S	8-Mar-2023	Scottish Episcopal Church
X-29183	Montgomery, Ian David	15-Nov-2023	Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America
47284	Cunliffe, Jacob	18-Jun-2022	Anglican Church of Canada

## Clergy Ordained Deacon and Priest

Ser #	Name	Diaconate		Priesthood	
		Date	Ordaining Bishop	Date	Ordaining Bishop
47750	Martinez, Joel Micah	25-Jun-23	Ashby, L.		
47502	Tuell, Henry Offord III	10-Dec-22	Stebbins, M. E.		
47661	Hoyer, Katherine	3-Jun-23	Gates, A. M.		
47409	Pinzon Duque, Alvaro Felipe	3-Sep-22	Duque-Gomez, F. J.		
47622	Foster, James Jacob	21-Apr-23	Folts, J. H.	30-Nov-23	Folts, J. H.
47682	Proctor, Tyler	3-Jun-23	Richards, D. P.	6-Dec-23	Richards, D. P.
47726	Brun, Le Anna S	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	24-Jan-24	Hunn, M. B.
47611	Hodnett, David Wayne	12-Apr-23	Curry, G. S.	4-Oct-23	Curry, G. S.
47472	Rodriguez-Laureani, Yuriria	3-Dec-22	Baskerville-Burrows, J. L.	3-Jun-23	Sparks, D. E.
47436	Kilpatrick, George Michael	22-Oct-22	Snook, S. B.		
47280	Bloss, Matthew Robert	4-Jun-22	Reed, D. M.	21-Mar-23	Reed, D. M.
47477	Turner, Cody Anthony	3-Dec-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	17-Jun-23	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47551	Ogletree, Andrew W	19-Jan-23	Budde, M. E.	3-Aug-23	Budde, M. E.
47371	Gray, Robert Edward	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.		
47253	Harris, Martha Lester	7-May-22	Scanlan, A. C.	17-Dec-22	Scanlan, A. C.
47438	Terhune, Rebecca Claudia	22-Oct-22	Lee, J. D.		
47732	Jodon, Cole C	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	25-Jan-24	Mayer, J. S.
47840	Meyer, Charlotte Delahay	9-Dec-23	Murray, S. K.	16-Jun-24	Murray, S. K.
47447	Alford, Michael R	12-Nov-22	Smith, D. T.	21-Jun-23	Scharf, D. F.
47748	Warner Gilmer, Laura	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	20-Jan-24	Ryan, K. M.
47793	Williams, Scott	21-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	25-May-24	Cowden, M. D.
47503	Walker, Elizabeth	10-Dec-22	Rickel, G. H.	21-Jun-23	Skelton, M. M.
47656	Felton, Mitchell Wayne	3-Jun-23	Richards, D. P.	9-Dec-23	Richards, D. P.
47372	Hirdes, Carrie D	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	21-Jan-23	Doyle, C. A.
47806	Salgado, Hector E	28-Oct-23	Allen, L. E.		
47796	Bird, Andy Allen	28-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	4-May-24	Cowden, M. D.
47247	Nichols, Jacob Robert	30-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	12-Nov-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47525	Vandermale, Hannah K	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47784	Velandia Mendivelso, Martin	8-Oct-23	Garcia Cardenas, P. E.		
47756	Smith, Robbie Dale	1-Jul-23	Harris, G. E.	6-Jan-24	Stevenson, E. M.
47778	Graumlich, Lisa Jane	7-Oct-23	Skelton, M. M.		
47545	Cox, Diane	8-Jan-23	Rowe, S. W.		
47541	Sparrow Savage, Brittany	7-Jan-23	Bruce, D. J.	15-Jul-23	Bruce, D. J.
47198	Laskowski, Kevin R	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.
47455	Vasquez, Adela	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		
47665	Johnson, Christopher	3-Jun-23	Richards, D. P.	10-Dec-23	Richards, D. P.

47788	Pulford, Wayne	14-Oct-23	Loya, C. W.		
47320	Johnson, Qiana	11-Jun-22	Knudsen, C. R.		
47588	O'Neil Frank, Margaret	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47666	Keene, Paul James	3-Jun-23	Gallagher, C. T.	16-Dec-23	Hughes, C. J.
47296	Koppelberger, Sarah G	4-Jun-22	Rodman, S. S., III	4-Dec-22	Stebbins, M. E.
47658	Galbasini, Jamie	3-Jun-23	Lucas, K. D.		
47704	Beausoleil, Lisa	10-Jun-23	Hirschfeld, A. R.		
47278	Bass, Phillip Michael	4-Jun-22	Rodman, S. S., III	10-Dec-22	Rodman, S. S., III
47483	Garfield, Elizabeth C	7-Dec-22	Brewer, G. O.	7-Jun-23	Brewer, G. O.
47857	Irwin, Cory	16-Dec-23	Baskerville-Burrows, J. L.	15-Jun-24	Baskerville-Burrows, J. L.
47466	Humm, Charity A	3-Dec-22	Ihloff, R. W.	3-Jun-23	Sutton, E. T.
47292	Gutwein, Dorothy	4-Jun-22	Reddall, J. A.		
47300	Mcclain, Charles	4-Jun-22	Bauerschmidt, J. C.	5-Dec-22	Bauerschmidt, J. C.
47603	Clark, Bradford Leon	25-Mar-23	Kendrick, J. R.	11-Oct-23	Kendrick, J. R.
47718	Rozolsky, Erica S	17-Jun-23	Hunn, M. B.	23-Dec-23	Gardner, E. B.
47350	Smith, Margaret Mary Stapleton	18-Jun-22	Douglas, I. T.	14-Feb-23	Mello, J. W.
47236	Quinn, Derek James	24-Apr-22	Singh, P. G.	29-Oct-22	Singh, P. G.
47777	Eaton, Katherine	7-Oct-23	Skelton, M. M.		
47287	Edmonson, Hal	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.	4-Feb-23	Harris, G. E.
47679	Ostendorf, Kristen	3-Jun-23	Gutierrez, D. G.	9-Dec-23	Gutierrez, D. G.
47833	Corcorran, Myra Ryneheart	9-Dec-23	Skelton, M. M.	15-Jun-24	Skelton, M. M.
47414	Collier, John Winston Jr	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.	15-Apr-23	Brewer, G. O.
47457	Warner, Brian Douglas	26-Nov-22	Owensby, J. W.		
47715	Mello, Dylan C	17-Jun-23	Ahrens, L. J.	6-Jan-24	Ahrens, L. J.
47736	Lane, Garrett Matthew	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	20-Jan-24	Doyle, C. A.
47729	Herder, Sandra Marie	24-Jun-23	Cowell, M. A.		
47558	Wisz, Katherine	21-Jan-23	Brooke-Davidson, J.		
47638	Wilson, Jane Carol	6-May-23	Stokes, W. H.		
47699	Keegan, Dennis Jr	4-Jun-23	Smith, M. G.		
47758	Ambrose, Martha Anne Rose	8-Jul-23	Scanlan, A. C.	10-Feb-24	Scanlan, A. C.
47456	Hollinger, Rane Marie	16-Nov-22	Spiegel, P. A.		
47550	Miksa, Katherine Elizabeth	19-Jan-23	Budde, M. E.	3-Aug-23	Budde, M. E.
47632	Cruce, Joanie N	6-May-23	Howard, S. J.	18-Nov-23	Lambert, W. J., III
47346	Pickersgill, Erin	18-Jun-22	Johnson, D. K.	17-Dec-22	Johnson, D. K.
47304	Paiva, Fernando III	4-Jun-22	Stokes, W. H.	17-Dec-22	Stokes, W. H.
47799	Destephen, Fatima E	28-Oct-23	Allen, L. E.		
47691	Suggs-Perea, Anthony Thomas	3-Jun-23	Lucas, K. D.		
47506	Toburen, Patricia	14-Dec-22	Duckworth, S. R.	14-Jun-23	Duckworth, S. R.
47449	Ethelston, Sally A	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		
47714	Gregorio, Christopher Legaspi	17-Jun-23	Mello, J. W.	6-Jan-24	Mello, J. W.

47282	Chasse, Katherine	4-Jun-22	Reddall, J. A.		
47787	Mceacron, David	14-Oct-23	Loya, C. W.		
47365	Danielli, Helena Mary Corinne	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.		
47549	Case, Lara R	19-Jan-23	Budde, M. E.	3-Aug-23	Budde, M. E.
47451	Serrano, Francisco De Jesus	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		
47476	Tielens, Mees	3-Dec-22	Andrus, M. H.	3-Jun-23	Andrus, M. H.
47686	Rusconi, Robin L	3-Jun-23	Bruce, D. J.		
47384	Stebbing, Alyssa C	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	11-Feb-23	Doyle, C. A.
47617	Pickett, James	15-Apr-23	Fisher, D. J.	19-Oct-23	Fisher, D. J.
47743	Sathyaraj, Vijendran	24-Jun-23	Akiyama, D. D.	16-Feb-24	Akiyama, D. D.
47413	Bayonne, Zacher	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.	15-Apr-23	Brewer, G. O.
47237	Unangst, Joanna Dehaan Hawkins, Meredith Ann	24-Apr-22	Singh, P. G.	1-Nov-22	Fisher, J. W.
47207	Marguerite	12-Mar-22	Dietsche, A. M.	24-Sep-22	Dietsche, A. M.
47470	Petrone, Ayden James	3-Dec-22	Stokes, W. H.	3-Jun-23	Stokes, W. H.
47783	Sanchez Morales, Sonia Yamile	8-Oct-23	Garcia Cardenas, P. E.		
47737	Lewis, Leesa	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	18-Jan-24	Fisher, J. W.
47633	Mcdermott, Matthew	6-May-23	Stokes, W. H.	16-Mar-24	French, S.
47827	Dinglasan, Benjamin J	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Jun-24	Andrus, M. H.
47203	Wise, Leah Caitlin	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.		
47443	Campbell, Katherine C	5-Nov-22	Owensby, J. W.	9-Dec-23	Rodman, S. S., III
47685	Rose, Robert David	3-Jun-23	Lucas, K. D.		
47493	Stanton, Chelsea	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.		
47812	Mantler, Meghan	5-Nov-23	Fisher, D. J.	11-May-24	Fisher, D. J.
47790	Blackmon, Ellen	21-Oct-23	Tharakan, J.		
47841	Moore, Jared Dean	9-Dec-23	Johnson, D. K.	1-Jun-24	Johnson, D. K.
47341	Mamour, Samson James	18-Jun-22	Bourlakas, M. A.	7-Jan-23	Bourlakas, M. A.
47615	Kiwak Jacobs, Misty	15-Apr-23	Fisher, D. J.	19-Oct-23	Fisher, D. J.
47869	Farrow, Robert	23-Dec-23	Wright, R. C.	22-Jun-24	Wright, R. C.
47229	Smith, Gregory	23-Apr-22	Skirving, R. S.	8-Nov-22	Skirving, R. S.
47741	Moehnke, Amy M	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	24-Feb-24	Doyle, C. A.
47434	Speaker, Jess Willard III	8-Oct-22	Wright, R. C.		
47342	Mcalister, Louis Jett	18-Jun-22	Douglas, I. T.	26-Jan-23	Mello, J. W.
47359	Pigott, Susan Marie	23-Jun-22	Mayer, J. S.	10-Jun-23	Mayer, J. S.
47683	Reaves, James Edward	3-Jun-23	Sutton, E. T.		
47321	Knox, Dena	11-Jun-22	Chandler, P.		
47462	Gardner, Andrea	3-Dec-22	Gutierrez, D. G.		
47653	Dumontier, Thomas Roger	3-Jun-23	Bourlakas, M. A.	16-Dec-23	Bourlakas, M. A.
47206	Hanley, Nicole Regina	12-Mar-22	Dietsche, A. M.	24-Sep-22	Dietsche, A. M.
47589	Sanders-Wilson, Marybeth	4-Mar-23	Stevenson, E. M.	9-Sep-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47452	Sinclair, Thomas Roy	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		



47416	Harding, Susannah	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.		
47688	Sklar, Maxfield	3-Jun-23	Gallagher, C. T.	10-Feb-24	Gates, A. M.
47845	Pommerenke, Martin W III	9-Dec-23	Skelton, M. M.	15-Jun-24	Skelton, M. M.
47835	Duffy, Catherine Teresa	9-Dec-23	Smith, G. W.	15-Jun-24	White, K. U.
47423	Rich, Sara A	20-Sep-22	Howard, S. J.	23-Mar-23	Howard, S. J.
47673	Micklewright, Christopher Alan	3-Jun-23	Gutierrez, D. G.	2-Dec-23	Gutierrez, D. G.
47600	Kirk, Mary Katherine	22-Mar-23	Curry, G. S.	4-Jan-24	Curry, G. S.
47489	Koshy, Jayan	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.	17-Jun-23	Loya, C. W.
47238	Unangst, Kurt Aaron	24-Apr-22	Singh, P. G.	1-Nov-22	Fisher, J. W.
47378	Mazur, Meghan J	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	7-Feb-23	Bauerschmidt, J. C.
47645	Scott, Christopher Charles	31-May-23	Cowden, M. D.	21-Dec-23	Cowden, M. D.
47712	Perkins, Casey A	12-Jun-23	Logue, F. S.		
47581	Bragaw, Stephen	4-Mar-23	Stevenson, E. M.	9-Sep-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47752	Gaboton, Anthony Jr	1-Jul-23	Harris, G. E.	6-Jan-24	Stevenson, E. M.
47865	Bartkus, Zachary J	18-Dec-23	Mayer, J. S.	18-Jun-24	Mayer, J. S.
47392	Rubendall, Charles Wesley III	16-Jul-22	Stokes, W. H.		
47690	Stewart, William Arthur	3-Jun-23	Nichols, K. D.	16-Dec-23	Nichols, K. D.
47399	Ludwig, Nancy Greig	15-Aug-22	Brown, T. J.	19-Feb-23	Brown, T. J.
47256	Angelo, Jean Marie	14-May-22	Dietsche, A. M.		
47504	Whitworth, Jana L	10-Dec-22	Rickel, G. H.	21-Jun-23	Skelton, M. M.
47851	Stephens-Doll, Antonie Kim	12-Dec-23	Snook, S. B.		
47855	Crewdson, Kathryn C	16-Dec-23	Wright, R. C.	22-Jun-24	Wright, R. C.
47635	Sherman, Rocco	6-May-23	Stokes, W. H.		
47744	Stiernberg, Charles M Sr	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.		
47244	Dosher, Amanda Harbert	30-Apr-22	Kendrick, J. R.	29-Jan-23	Kendrick, J. R.
47239	Dawkins, Adam L	25-Apr-22		1-Nov-22	Gates, A. M.
47772	Stevens, Pamela June	9-Sep-23	Andrus, M. H.		
47837	Lienau, Phillip	9-Dec-23	Skelton, M. M.	15-Jun-24	Skelton, M. M.
47626	Gurling, Ashley	26-Apr-23	Spiegel, P. A.	1-Nov-23	Spiegel, P. A.
47822	Reese, Matthew Frerking	2-Dec-23	Sutton, E. T.	10-Aug-24	Reddall, J. A.
47340	Mackay Vinson, Jean Annette	18-Jun-22	Haynes, S. B.	21-Dec-22	Haynes, S. B.
47368	Ford, Linda Alexander	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.		
47355	Williams, Jerome Tywan	18-Jun-22	Hunn, M. B.		
47644	Allen, Timothy	31-May-23	Cowden, M. D.	13-Dec-23	Cowden, M. D.
47730	Houchen, Benjamin William	24-Jun-23	Cowell, M. A.	16-Mar-24	Cowell, M. A.
47319	Hartley, Timothy	11-Jun-22	Taylor, J. H.	14-Jan-23	Curry, M. B.
47366	Devore, Christopher Scott	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	25-Jan-23	Fisher, J. W.
47284	Cunliffe, Jacob	4-Jun-22	Smith, G. W.		
47421	Schoomaker, Ronald William	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.		
47495	Carlson, Michael Shane	10-Dec-22	Rickel, G. H.	21-Jun-23	Skelton, M. M.

47697	Bee, Abigail	4-Jun-23	Smith, M. G.		
47866	Ryes, Audra Alisa	20-Dec-23	Duckworth, S. R.	10-Jul-24	Duckworth, S. R.
47181	Lambers, August Jacob	23-Jan-22	Lattime, M. A.		
47692	Taliaferro, Justin	3-Jun-23	Bauerschmidt, J. C.		
47722	Videla, Roxana Elisa	17-Jun-23	Ahrens, L. J.	6-Jan-24	Ahrens, L. J.
47640	Cranford, Shayna W	20-May-23	Logue, F. S.	2-Dec-23	Logue, F. S.
47481	Barnswell-Schmidt, Garcia C	7-Dec-22	Brewer, G. O.	7-Jun-23	Brewer, G. O.
47614	Drake, Thomas C	15-Apr-23	Skirving, R. S.	1-Nov-23	Skirving, R. S.
47821	Paul, Kristen Elizabeth	2-Dec-23	Sutton, E. T.	15-Jun-24	Schofield-Broadbent, C. K.
47234	Haynes, Brandon Shane	24-Apr-22	Benfield, L. R.	29-Oct-22	Benfield, L. R.
47379	Moeser, Annelies Gisela	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	18-Feb-23	Ryan, K. M.
47196	Hood, Suzanne	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Skirving, R. S.
47618	Smith, Robin Loflin	15-Apr-23	Skirving, R. S.		
47765	Beracochea, Maria	12-Aug-23	Stevenson, E. M.		
47201	Rodriguez, Julius Sophia	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.
47831	Poynor, David Thomas IV	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Jun-24	Andrus, M. H.
47285	Daniels, Josiah Mark	4-Jun-22	Rodman, S. S., III	17-Dec-22	Gutierrez, D. G.
47832	Shaterian, Larisa	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Jun-24	Andrus, M. H.
47597	Becker, Thomas Benson	18-Mar-23		30-Sep-23	
47738	Light, Margaret	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.		
47279	Bebber, Donald	4-Jun-22	Reddall, J. A.	27-May-23	Reddall, J. A.
47461	Furlong, Angela	3-Dec-22	Ihloff, R. W.	3-Jun-23	Sutton, E. T.
47706	Hamlin, Timothy Gardner	10-Jun-23	Taylor, J. H.	6-Jan-24	Mello, J. W.
47386	Walker Miller, Joy	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	7-Feb-23	Fisher, J. W.
47651	Connor Mcgugan, Karen Elizabeth	3-Jun-23	Brooke-Davidson, J.	9-Dec-23	Rodman, S. S., III
47458	Anderson, Michael P	3-Dec-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	10-Jun-23	Lawton, F. W.
47652	Da Silva, Lisa	3-Jun-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.
47410	Silva Parez, Jose Espar	3-Sep-22	Duque-Gomez, F. J.		
47491	Lienesch, Elizabeth F	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.	17-Jun-23	Loya, C. W.
47599	Mckenzie, Izak Cameron	18-Mar-23		30-Sep-23	
47825	Deal, Annalise	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Jun-24	Andrus, M. H.
47650	Cavanaugh, Joshua Pdraig	3-Jun-23	Gates, A. M.	6-Jan-24	Stevenson, E. M.
47189	Leight, Susan Elaine	5-Feb-22	Murray, S. K.	1-Oct-22	Murray, S. K.
47789	Harris, Louis	18-Oct-23	Sumner, G. R., Jr	20-Apr-24	
47251	Christopher, Edward Barse	7-May-22	Scanlan, A. C.	10-Dec-22	Scanlan, A. C.
47774	Lopez, Angela Marie	27-Sep-23	Holcomb, J. S.		
47357	Duffield, Barbara	19-Jun-22	High, R. B., Jr	13-Jan-23	Reed, D. M.
47524	Van Horn, Johnny R	17-Dec-22	Seage, B. R.	17-Jun-23	Seage, B. R.
47222	Harber, Michael	6-Apr-22	Curry, G. S.	17-Nov-22	Curry, G. S.
47823	Tinner, Natalie Deloris	2-Dec-23	Sutton, E. T.	15-Jun-24	Schofield-Broadbent, C. K.

47543	Williams, Jon Ryan	7-Jan-23	Bruce, D. J.	15-Jul-23	Bruce, D. J.
47210	Mccarthy, Mary K	12-Mar-22	Dietsche, A. M.	24-Sep-22	Dietsche, A. M.
47556	Harmon, Jessica Louise	21-Jan-23	Rice, D. C.	29-Jul-23	Rice, D. C.
47373	Jaworski, Karen Loomis	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.		
47336	De Silva, Dinushka M	18-Jun-22	Ahrens, L. J.		
47494	Camele, Martha	10-Dec-22	Smith, G. W.	10-Jun-23	Smith, G. W.
47463	German, Joseph Anthony	3-Dec-22	Gutierrez, D. G.		
47663	Hutnak, Andrea A	3-Jun-23	Knisely, W. N., Jr		
47509	Bashir, Salmoon	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47819	Bowman, Connie	2-Dec-23	Sutton, E. T.	15-Jun-24	Schofield-Broadbent, C. K.
47695	Vines, Taylor Davis	3-Jun-23	Brooke-Davidson, J.	9-Dec-23	Perry, B. A.
47727	Bumgardner, Eric	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	25-Jan-24	Fisher, J. W.
47572	Williams, Nancy Lawanda	12-Feb-23	Howard, S. J.		
47293	Hunter, Lars	4-Jun-22	Macvean-Brown, S. L.		
47836	Lewis, Victoria Marian	9-Dec-23	Smith, G. W.	15-Jun-24	White, K. U.
47295	Kimmel, Joseph	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.	28-Jan-23	Harris, G. E.
47362	Bradley, Jeremy Charles	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	18-Jan-23	Doyle, C. A.
47243	Cripps, Samuel Cassidy Roth	30-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	12-Nov-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47734	Krueger, Ruth	24-Jun-23	Akiyama, D. D.		
47343	Modisett, Cara Ellen	18-Jun-22	Bourlakas, M. A.	7-Jan-23	Bourlakas, M. A.
47191	Adams, William C	12-Feb-22	White, T. A.	28-Nov-22	Hughes, C. J.
47669	Luckes, David	3-Jun-23	Johnson, D. K.		
47263	Tang, Pamela W	14-May-22	Dietsche, A. M.		
47852	West, Countess Authement	14-Dec-23	Owensby, J. W.	14-Jun-24	Owensby, J. W.
47512	Hilton, Joshua D	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47577	Stary, Dawn Marie	18-Feb-23	Snook, S. B.	19-Aug-23	Snook, S. B.
47548	Bogino, Eva Elena	19-Jan-23	Budde, M. E.	3-Aug-23	Budde, M. E.
47510	Chappell, Katherine Cantelou	17-Dec-22	Cole, B. L.	15-Jul-23	Cole, B. L.
47702	Swan, Timothy Lamont	6-Jun-23	Reed, D. M.	8-Dec-23	Reed, D. M.
47711	Scheerer, Linda	11-Jun-23	Singh, P. G.		
47347	Rose, Joseph John	18-Jun-22	Douglas, I. T.	31-Jan-23	Mello, J. W.
47530	Hill, Jesse Jaron	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr		
47352	Sylvester, Heather	18-Jun-22	Brown, T. J.		
47242	Beadle, David L	30-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	22-Oct-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47208	Herasimtschuk, Alexander James	12-Mar-22	Dietsche, A. M.	24-Sep-22	Dietsche, A. M.
47792	Thompson Zaher, Martha C	21-Oct-23	Wright, R. C.		
47563	Baker, Zachary Daniel	28-Jan-23	Provenzano, L. C.	16-Sep-23	Provenzano, L. C.
47288	Esposito, Keith Callahan	4-Jun-22	Rodman, S. S., III	10-Dec-22	Rodman, S. S., III
47839	Mcmillan, Susan F	9-Dec-23	Macvean-Brown, S. L.		
47768	Lockhart, Deborah	12-Aug-23	Stevenson, E. M.		

47805	Mcclure, Amelia Hope	28-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	31-May-24	Cowden, M. D.
47177	Pasternak Post, Alyssa R	15-Jan-22	Scanlan, A. C.	16-Jul-22	Scanlan, A. C.
47363	Braun, Kristin Leigh	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	7-Jan-23	Ryan, K. M.
47469	Natta, Laura E	3-Dec-22	Andrus, M. H.	3-Jun-23	Andrus, M. H.
47775	Alaak, Joseph	5-Oct-23	Barker, J. S.	16-Aug-24	Barker, J. S.
47667	Lias, Margaret E	3-Jun-23	Gates, A. M.		
47853	Alexander, Thomas Maulden	16-Dec-23	Benfield, L. R.		
47596	Ottley, Luis Anthony	17-Mar-23	Loya, C. W.	24-Oct-23	Loya, C. W.
47358	Koonce, Nancy	19-Jun-22	Thom, B. J.		
47759	Harmon, Meredith A M	22-Jul-23	Lee, J. D.	20-Jul-24	Gunter, M. A.
47375	Kulak, Joshua	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	21-Jan-23	Ryan, K. M.
47631	Bolton, Eva Koon	6-May-23	Howard, S. J.	18-Nov-23	Lambert, W. J., III
47425	Cahill, Elizabeth Ann	1-Oct-22	Bell, P. W.	10-Nov-23	Bell, P. W.
47689	Smith, Brooks Rogers	3-Jun-23	Bauerschmidt, J. C.		
47517	Missel, Ryan	17-Dec-22	Johnson, D. K.	3-Jun-23	Johnson, D. K.
47629	Murrell, Elaine	29-Apr-23	Dietsche, A. M.		
47382	Singer, Ann Kilpen	25-Jun-22	Goff, S. E.	7-Jan-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47834	Douglas, Jeffrey Charles	9-Dec-23	Knisely, W. N., Jr		
47800	Fonseca, Saul E	28-Oct-23	Allen, L. E.		
47440	Kennedy, Joseph M	29-Oct-22	Singh, P. G.	24-Jun-23	Singh, P. G.
47330	Wright-Nava, C Susanne	11-Jun-22	Taylor, J. H.	14-Jan-23	Curry, M. B.
47348	Scarlett, Jamal	18-Jun-22	Hunn, M. B.	17-Dec-22	Hunn, M. B.
47435	Ward-Osborne, Faustina	8-Oct-22	Wright, R. C.		
47676	Nelson, Keith	3-Jun-23	Gallagher, C. T.	19-Dec-23	Gates, A. M.
47432	O'Neill, Julie E	8-Oct-22	Wright, R. C.		
47310	Wilson, Adwoa	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.	3-Dec-22	Gates, A. M.
47780	Caceres Robayo, Jose Luis	8-Oct-23	Garcia Cardenas, P. E.		
47693	Thompson, Michael	3-Jun-23	Gates, A. M.	16-Dec-23	Gallagher, C. T.
47710	Wong, Joshua H	10-Jun-23	Taylor, J. H.	13-Jan-24	Taylor, J. H.
47601	Miller, Pamela	24-Mar-23	Bell, P. W.	22-Oct-23	Bell, P. W.
47636	Thompson, Kevin Joel	6-May-23	Stokes, W. H.		
47815	Darrah, Toby Harper	18-Nov-23	Perry, B. A.	29-Jun-24	Perry, B. A.
47496	Denegre, Corinne B	10-Dec-22	Stebbins, M. E.		
47847	Rose, Joseph Underwood	9-Dec-23	Hirschfeld, A. R.	15-Jun-24	Hirschfeld, A. R.
47659	Go, Loretta	3-Jun-23	Johnson, D. K.		
47670	Lusk, Sarah	3-Jun-23	Bourlakas, M. A.	3-Feb-24	Bourlakas, M. A.
47522	Southern, Susannah	17-Dec-22	Marray, S. K.	24-Jun-23	Marray, S. K.
47771	Bennett, Katie	6-Sep-23	Howard, S. J.		
47508	Adkins, Jerry D	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47428	George, Jamie	2-Oct-22	Reed, D. M.	19-Apr-23	Reed, D. M.

47174	Rogers, Sandra K	1-Jan-22	Howe, B. R.	22-Jun-23	Scharf, D. F.
47804	Mcclung, Marilou	28-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	29-Jul-24	Cowden, M. D.
47672	Meeks, Katherine Glenda	3-Jun-23	Smith, G. W.	17-Aug-24	Price, K. L.
47262	Rendon Agudelo, Carlos H	14-May-22	Duque-Gomez, F. J.	16-Sep-23	Provenzano, L. C.
47616	Page, Margaret Skene	15-Apr-23	Fisher, D. J.		
47582	Dodge, Leanne	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47677	Odidi, Olufunmilayo Durotoluwa	3-Jun-23	Bauerschmidt, J. C.		
47411	Anderson, Scott Keith	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.		
47864	Work, Lisa Amspacher	16-Dec-23	Scanlan, A. C.	6-Jul-24	Scanlan, A. C.
47218	Grimelli, Jennifer N	2-Apr-22	Ihloff, R. W.	15-Oct-22	Sutton, E. T.
47515	Mcbride, Jennifer Marie	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47199	Newell, Kevin Michael	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.
47634	Roberts, Daphne	6-May-23	Stokes, W. H.		
47271	Gatlin, Lonny J	28-May-22	Hollingsworth, M., Jr		
47648	Burkhardt, Jennifer Leigh	3-Jun-23	Nichols, K. D.		
47605	Knight-Epps, Deborah Theresea	25-Mar-23	Kendrick, J. R.		
47586	Howard, Michelle Paulina Wolfe	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47228	Simpson, Ashley D	23-Apr-22	Skirving, R. S.	29-Oct-22	Skirving, R. S.
47533	Whaley, Mary Susan	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr	24-Jun-23	Reed, P. C., Jr
47286	Diener-Schlitt, Sarah Ruth	4-Jun-22	Rodman, S. S., III	10-Dec-22	Ray, R. J.
47791	Bruner-Smith, Debra	21-Oct-23	Wright, R. C.		
47619	Ahlquist, Richard	17-Apr-23	Curry, G. S.	4-Oct-23	Curry, G. S.
47694	Vetiac, Kevin	3-Jun-23	Gallagher, C. T.	9-Dec-23	Gates, A. M.
47580	Bomar, Kyle	4-Mar-23	Stevenson, E. M.	9-Sep-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47220	Larimore, Collin Kenneth	2-Apr-22	Bruce, D. J.	22-Oct-22	Bruce, D. J.
47813	Machard, Pauline	10-Nov-23	Barker, J. S.		
47786	Maddox, Katharine Paschal	14-Oct-23	Bourlakas, M. A.		
47233	Hager, Alicia	24-Apr-22	Singh, P. G.	29-Oct-22	Singh, P. G.
47424	Anderson, Vicky Lyn	1-Oct-22	Bruce, D. J.		
47417	Hargett, Ernest Augustus Jr	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.		
47454	Stockbridge, Nancy Starr	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		
47439	Anderson, Tracy Lynn	26-Oct-22	Bell, P. W.		
47335	Cooper, George L	18-Jun-22	Brown, T. J.		
47380	Robbins, Mary Elizabeth	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	7-Feb-23	Frade, L.
47521	Sorey, Katie O'Neal	17-Dec-22	Seage, B. R.	17-Jun-23	Seage, B. R.
47266	Natera Matos, Juan Jose	20-May-22	Quezada Mota, M.		
47345	Mount, Jeremy Philip	18-Jun-22	Hunn, M. B.	30-Mar-23	Hunn, M. B.
47473	Rossi, Matthew Jordan	3-Dec-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	17-Jun-23	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47528	Font Sanchez, William	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr	29-Jun-23	Reed, P. C., Jr
47642	Frizzell, Tina	27-May-23	Seage, B. R.		

47354	Wachter, Jessica B	18-Jun-22	Johnson, D. K.	17-Dec-22	Johnson, D. K.
47739	Mast, Sarah	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	2-Feb-24	Ryan, K. M.
47418	Klingstedt, Luke A	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.	15-Apr-23	Brewer, G. O.
47713	Carter, Emily Nicole	17-Jun-23	Ahrens, L. J.	9-Mar-24	Ahrens, L. J.
47183	Mis, Claire	30-Jan-22	Wolf, G.		
47275	Romanelli, Leah L	28-May-22	Hollingsworth, M., Jr	17-Dec-22	Hollingsworth, M., Jr
47474	Schroeder, Catherine Ann	3-Dec-22	Monnot, E. L.	3-Jun-23	Monnot, E. L.
47807	Sigler, William	28-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	11-Jun-24	Cowden, M. D.
47395	Johnston, David L	22-Jul-22	Klusmeyer, W. M.	28-Jan-23	Cowden, M. D.
47794	Dickson, Joann	22-Oct-23	Bell, P. W.		
47757	Williams, Ann Peyton	1-Jul-23	Harris, G. E.	6-Jan-24	Stevenson, E. M.
47478	Tyler, Rachel Emily	3-Dec-22	Stokes, W. H.	3-Jun-23	Stokes, W. H.
47299	Marshall Casasola, Elizabeth	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.	11-Feb-23	Stokes, W. H.
47576	Miller, Christina C	18-Feb-23	Snook, S. B.	19-Aug-23	Snook, S. B.
47404	Camero Sanabria, Elizabeth	3-Sep-22	Duque-Gomez, F. J.		
47848	Rugen, Zachary J	9-Dec-23	Johnson, D. K.		
47680	Parker, Ryan Paul	3-Jun-23	Brooke-Davidson, J.	9-Dec-23	Rodman, S. S., III
47306	Rodriguez, Edwin	4-Jun-22	Reddall, J. A.		
47608	Pecot, Stephen Douglas	25-Mar-23	Kendrick, J. R.	7-Oct-23	Kendrick, J. R.
47501	Tigner, Michael	10-Dec-22	Smith, G. W.	10-Jun-23	Smith, G. W.
47671	Mccarthy, Mary Catherine	3-Jun-23	Bauerschmidt, J. C.		
47520	Rhodes, Debra G	17-Dec-22	Sparks, D. E.	1-Jul-23	Sparks, D. E.
47547	Addison, Yaa	19-Jan-23	Budde, M. E.	3-Aug-23	Budde, M. E.
47532	Rodgers, Beverly	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr	29-Jun-23	Reed, P. C., Jr
47351	Stanford, Daryl Clayton	18-Jun-22	Bascom, C. C.	7-Jan-23	Bascom, C. C.
47484	Schlossberg, Jacob Z	7-Dec-22	Brewer, G. O.	7-Jun-23	Brewer, G. O.
47281	Carlson, Daniel S	4-Jun-22	Smith, G. W.	10-Jun-23	Smith, G. W.
47333	Blind, Carlisle	18-Jun-22	Brown, T. J.		
47324	Martinez, Luke	11-Jun-22	Rice, D. C.	29-Jul-23	Rice, D. C.
47272	Major, Maureen M	28-May-22	Hollingsworth, M., Jr	15-Dec-22	Hollingsworth, M., Jr
47308	Snyder, Katharine	4-Jun-22	Lucas, K. D.		
47427	Wegener, Barbara Jean	1-Oct-22	Bruce, D. J.		
47647	Armstrong, Carolyn Patrice	3-Jun-23	Sutton, E. T.		
47798	Carr, Daniel Arron	28-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	4-May-24	Cowden, M. D.
47623	Phillips, Elizabeth Nichole	22-Apr-23	Marray, S. K.	21-Oct-23	Marray, S. K.
47696	Wilson, Whitney	3-Jun-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.
47585	Hernandez Rivas, Luis E	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47643	Raiford, Noelle	27-May-23	Logue, F. S.		
47274	Muller, Albert J	28-May-22	Hollingsworth, M., Jr		
47471	Rieker, Scott	3-Dec-22	Ihloff, R. W.	3-Jun-23	Sutton, E. T.

47518	Nonnemaker, Brandon	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47415	Grissom, Preston Reid	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.	15-Apr-23	Brewer, G. O.
47385	Thomas, Michael Joseph	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	25-Jan-23	Ryan, K. M.
47252	Cronin, Micah Connor	7-May-22	Stokes, W. H.	19-Nov-22	Stokes, W. H.
47566	Mccarthy, Michael P	28-Jan-23	Provenzano, L. C.		
47178	Smith, Rebecca Jean	21-Jan-22	Barker, J. S.		
47431	Mitchell, Florence Cooper	8-Oct-22	Wright, R. C.		
47575	Ma, Heather	18-Feb-23	Snook, S. B.	19-Aug-23	Snook, S. B.
47516	Mcdonald, Carmie Jones	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47396	Zobel, Jeanette Lynn	30-Jul-22	Lee, J. D.		
47762	Stankich, Brian Daniel	27-Jul-23	Holcomb, J. S.	10-Feb-24	Holcomb, J. S.
47544	Zavacky, Ryan A	7-Jan-23	Bruce, D. J.	15-Jul-23	Bruce, D. J.
47674	Miorelli, James Attilio	3-Jun-23	Solak, K. A.	4-May-24	Solak, K. A.
47717	Quinteros, Christian Gerardo	17-Jun-23	Quinonez-Mera, J. C.		
47334	Bussey, Gregory	18-Jun-22	Hunn, M. B.		
47369	Geldreich, Linda Celeste	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	1-Feb-23	Fisher, J. W.
47854	Carter, Caroline	16-Dec-23	Wright, R. C.	22-Jun-24	Wright, R. C.
47716	Pawlik, Sydney Elizabeth	17-Jun-23	Hunn, M. B.	4-Jan-24	Hunn, M. B.
47232	Thomas, Rhonda Ann	23-Apr-22	Skirving, R. S.		
47753	Laughton, Robert	1-Jul-23	Harris, G. E.	6-Jan-24	Stevenson, E. M.
47779	Poulton Kamakura, Lynette	7-Oct-23	Skelton, M. M.		
47227	Martinez Gama Olivares, Jose I	23-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr		
47360	Alvarez, Jose Antonio	25-Jun-22	Rice, D. C.	21-Jan-23	Rice, D. C.
47301	Mercier, Darcey	4-Jun-22	Macvean-Brown, S. L.	3-Dec-22	Macvean-Brown, S. L.
47751	Brice, Emma Addison Wright	1-Jul-23	Harris, G. E.	6-Jan-24	Stevenson, E. M.
47542	Wilcox, David S II	7-Jan-23	Bruce, D. J.	15-Jul-23	Bruce, D. J.
47398	Lee, Daniela	15-Aug-22	Hayashi, S. B.	15-Feb-23	Spiegel, P. A.
47641	Webb, Patrick	20-May-23	Sumner, G. R., Jr	18-Nov-23	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47769	Searby, Nancy	12-Aug-23	Stevenson, E. M.		
47820	Ekholm, Karin Jori	2-Dec-23	Sutton, E. T.	15-Jun-24	Schofield-Broadbent, C. K.
47746	Tomlinson, Steven Robert	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	27-Jan-24	Ryan, K. M.
47245	Hyde, Ian Geoffrey	30-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	28-Oct-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47560	Frederick, Katherine	25-Jan-23	Traquair, M. M.	29-Jul-23	Traquair, M. M.
47843	Osborne, Alane	9-Dec-23	Smith, G. W.	15-Jun-24	White, K. U.
47213	Clark, Michael Thomas	19-Mar-22	Lambert, P. E., Jr	18-Oct-22	Burgess, B. K.
47557	Storrs, Sherry	21-Jan-23	Brooke-Davidson, J.		
47364	Bush, Samuel Prescott	25-Jun-22	Goff, S. E.	7-Jan-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47649	Carroll, Joann Grace	3-Jun-23	Bruce, D. J.	13-Jan-24	Bascom, C. C.
47314	Kelley, Mark Hazen III	5-Jun-22	Singh, P. G.		
47546	Kozlowski, Robin E	8-Jan-23	Rowe, S. W.		

47446	Davis, James Frazier	10-Nov-22	Cole, B. L.		
47571	Ruiz, Isaac	4-Feb-23	Morales Maldonado, R. L.		
47487	Hoch, Sarah	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.	17-Jun-23	Loya, C. W.
47856	Dupree, Mary Grace	16-Dec-23	Wright, R. C.		
47657	Gainer, Cynthia	3-Jun-23	Solak, K. A.		
47250	Aguilar, Lisa	6-May-22	Barker, J. S.	9-Dec-22	Barker, J. S.
47313	Harris, Patricia Lyn	5-Jun-22	Singh, P. G.		
47258	Cordoba Meneses, Nolberto	14-May-22	Duque-Gomez, F. J.		
47200	Regan, Natalie M	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.
47700	Roessler, Tami Gardner	4-Jun-23	Smith, M. G.		
47445	Henson, John Craig	5-Nov-22	Owensby, J. W.	17-May-23	Owensby, J. W.
47209	Layton, Molly Jane	12-Mar-22	Dietsche, A. M.	24-Sep-22	Dietsche, A. M.
47291	Goehring, Dorothy	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.		
47829	O'Neill, Jeremy R	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Jun-24	Andrus, M. H.
47639	Henes, Amanda F	13-May-23	Provenzano, L. C.	1-Jun-24	Provenzano, L. C.
47540	Daniels, Garron	7-Jan-23	Johnson, D. K.	22-Jul-23	Johnson, D. K.
47655	Faber Ginggen, Lisa	3-Jun-23	Gallagher, C. T.	16-Dec-23	Gates, A. M.
47412	Aponte-Safe, Gerardo Joel	10-Sep-22	Perry, B. A.	10-Jun-23	Perry, B. A.
47315	Waldhauser, Mason Murrow	9-Jun-22	Brewer, G. O.	9-Dec-22	Brewer, G. O.
47249	White-Spunner, Kenneth P	30-Apr-22	Kendrick, J. R.	13-Nov-22	Kendrick, J. R.
47422	Seckinger, Ralph Raymond	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.		
47468	Mcelroy, Elizabeth Abbott-Wells	3-Dec-22	Monnot, E. L.	18-Jun-23	Monnot, E. L.
47802	Gutierrez, Encarnacion	28-Oct-23	Allen, L. E.		
47465	Hall, Dana	3-Dec-22	Gutierrez, D. G.	10-Jun-23	Gutierrez, D. G.
47260	Johnson, Anthony Troy	14-May-22	Dietsche, A. M.		
47492	Phelan, John Jr	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.	17-Jun-23	Loya, C. W.
47211	Patterson, Brice Joel	12-Mar-22	Smith, G. W.		
47507	Wright, Caroline B	14-Dec-22	Duckworth, S. R.	14-Jun-23	Duckworth, S. R.
47268	Hernandez Jose, Pedro	21-May-22	Quezada Mota, M.	20-May-23	Quezada Mota, M.
47867	Wendt, Austin Garrett	20-Dec-23	Duckworth, S. R.		
47668	Light, Robert C III	3-Jun-23	Bourlakas, M. A.	16-Dec-23	Bourlakas, M. A.
47808	Unger, Martina Steiner	28-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	27-Jul-24	Cowden, M. D.
47479	Wade, Herschel Vonedward III	3-Dec-22	Ihloff, R. W.	3-Jun-23	Sutton, E. T.
47176	Potter, David	13-Jan-22	Budde, M. E.	23-Jul-22	Budde, M. E.
47763	Buckles, Virginia Mckinley	5-Aug-23	Knisely, W. N., Jr	22-Feb-24	Knisely, W. N., Jr
47795	Artiaga, Miguel A	28-Oct-23	Allen, L. E.		
47408	Pacheco Osario, Jesus Isaias	3-Sep-22	Duque-Gomez, F. J.		
47326	Osborn, Bradley Scott	11-Jun-22	Knudsen, C. R.		
47728	Ellis, Eric J	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	3-Feb-24	
47221	Mercer, Karen	2-Apr-22	Ihloff, R. W.	15-Oct-22	Sutton, E. T.



47283	Coppersmith, Curtis Joseph	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.	21-Jan-23	Harris, G. E.
47230	Stroud, Ethan	23-Apr-22	Skirving, R. S.	16-Nov-22	Skirving, R. S.
47499	Joyce-Miesse, Iva	10-Dec-22	Smith, G. W.	10-Jun-23	Smith, G. W.
47240	Condello, Frank Michael II	27-Apr-22	Fitzpatrick, R. L.		
47318	Dupre, Stacey F	11-Jun-22	Taylor, J. H.	14-Jan-23	Curry, M. B.
47223	Harrison, Shari Bishop	7-Apr-22	Curry, G. S.	17-Nov-22	Curry, G. S.
47212	Anglin, Dante'	19-Mar-22	Lambert, P. E., Jr	29-Sep-22	Burgess, B. K.
47859	Mcabee, Christopher P	16-Dec-23	Wright, R. C.	22-Jun-24	Wright, R. C.
47460	Carmody, Stacey	3-Dec-22	Gutierrez, D. G.		
47205	Carpenter, Stacey M	12-Mar-22	Dietsche, A. M.	24-Sep-22	Dietsche, A. M.
47277	Ayers, Gregory Garrett	4-Jun-22	Richards, D. P.	7-Dec-22	Richards, D. P.
47298	Lewis, Kristina Jean	4-Jun-22	Lucas, K. D.		
47612	Bartal, Tara	15-Apr-23	Skirving, R. S.	7-Dec-23	Skirving, R. S.
47290	Geller, Isabel	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.	17-Dec-22	Gates, A. M.
47705	Chisolm, Frederick	10-Jun-23	Hirschfeld, A. R.	16-Dec-23	Hirschfeld, A. R.
47838	Martin, Justin	9-Dec-23	Johnson, D. K.		
47356	Yagel, William Westwood	18-Jun-22	Bourlakas, M. A.	17-Dec-22	Bourlakas, M. A.
47317	Butcher, Jonathan Mark	11-Jun-22	Burgess, B. K.	21-Dec-22	Burgess, B. K.
47861	Selles, Chloe	16-Dec-23	Scanlan, A. C.		
47766	Dickinson, John	12-Aug-23	Stevenson, E. M.		
47276	Woodberry, Robin R	28-May-22	Hollingsworth, M., Jr	3-Jun-23	Hollingsworth, M., Jr
47267	Colbert, Valerie Davis	21-May-22	Rodman, S. S., III		
47654	Dunn, Kimberly Elaine	3-Jun-23	Brooke-Davidson, J.	16-Dec-23	Logue, F. S.
47662	Hunter, John	3-Jun-23	Bauerschmidt, J. C.		
47604	Fountain, John M	25-Mar-23	Kendrick, J. R.	25-Oct-23	Kendrick, J. R.
47767	Laingen, Hope	12-Aug-23	Stevenson, E. M.		
47370	Gould, Katherine E	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	8-Feb-23	Doyle, C. A.
47785	Lawrence, Gabriel Michael	14-Oct-23	Logue, F. S.	19-Apr-24	Jolly, A. B.
47480	Waskowicz, Kristin	3-Dec-22	Gutierrez, D. G.		
47628	Barr, David Alexander	29-Apr-23	Dietsche, A. M.		
47437	Martin, Peter Thomas	22-Oct-22	Snook, S. B.		
47225	Been, Tyler Joe	23-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	29-Oct-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47500	Stutso, Michael	10-Dec-22	Perry, B. A.		
47325	Miller, Vicki Lynn	11-Jun-22	Seage, B. R.		
47307	Rodriguez, Omar	4-Jun-22	Reddall, J. A.	3-Jun-23	Reddall, J. A.
47486	Heise, Kimberly	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.		
47316	Armidon, Robert	11-Jun-22	Burgess, B. K.	25-Mar-23	Sparks, D. E.
47858	Lowe, Kevin Matthew	16-Dec-23	Scanlan, A. C.	27-Jul-24	Scanlan, A. C.
47419	Mcnamara, Dawn	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.		
47322	Long, Jean M	11-Jun-22	Bruce, D. J.		

47773	Hildreth, Thomas Perry	16-Sep-23	Mcloughlin, J. A.	16-Mar-24	Mcloughlin, J. A.
47514	Johnson, Mark Stewart	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47305	Roberts, Les Allen	4-Jun-22	Sutton, E. T.		
47733	Junek, Allen M	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	17-Feb-24	
47444	George-Thoms, Benjamin Wayne	5-Nov-22	Owensby, J. W.	27-May-23	Owensby, J. W.
47505	Ishler, Dina Carter	11-Dec-22	Scanlan, A. C.	15-Jul-23	Scanlan, A. C.
47764	Rutherford, Colleen Jaye	9-Aug-23	Holcomb, J. S.		
47578	Prox, Todd Anthony	19-Feb-23	Howard, S. J.	10-Sep-23	Howard, S. J.
47511	Hannah, Joseph	17-Dec-22	Duncan-Probe, D.	29-Jul-23	Duncan-Probe, D.
47868	Webb, Carson Seabourn	21-Dec-23	Reed, P. C., Jr	15-Aug-24	Reed, P. C., Jr
47745	Tomlin, Gavin Eugene	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	28-Jan-24	Doyle, C. A.
47850	Taylor, Brooklin	9-Dec-23	Smith, G. W.	15-Jun-24	White, K. U.
47482	Drake, Elliott Theodore	7-Dec-22	Brewer, G. O.	7-Jun-23	Brewer, G. O.
47720	Tengatenga, Cecil James	17-Jun-23	Mello, J. W.	6-Jan-24	Mello, J. W.
47535	Willis, Robert Eugene Jr	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr		
47740	Mills, Lorealee	24-Jun-23	Bascom, C. C.		
47529	Gill, Nancy Michelle	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr	24-Jun-23	Reed, P. C., Jr
47448	Ault, Jessica	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		
47594	Huster, James	5-Mar-23	Howard, S. J.	10-Sep-23	Howard, S. J.
47678	Ortez, Eva Maria	3-Jun-23	Gates, A. M.	13-Jan-24	Gallagher, C. T.
47809	Lund, Cynthia	1-Nov-23	Clark, P. E.		
47197	Kelly, Stacy Carlson	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.
47259	Galante, Anahi T	14-May-22	Dietsche, A. M.	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47498	Huff, Charles Richard II	10-Dec-22	Rickel, G. H.	21-Jun-23	Skelton, M. M.
47627	Anderson, Casey	29-Apr-23	Benfield, L. R.	16-Dec-23	Benfield, L. R.
47776	Baena Gomez, Gerardo Antonio	7-Oct-23	Garcia Cardenas, P. E.		
47637	Voyles, Karen	6-May-23	Howard, S. J.	18-Nov-23	Lambert, W. J., III
47684	Rogers, Aaron M	3-Jun-23	Johnson, D. K.	9-Dec-23	Johnson, D. K.
47376	Lazo, Andrew Charles	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	25-Jan-23	Brewer, G. O.
47523	Swett, Megan Kathleen	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47595	Jones, Caleb	5-Mar-23	Howard, S. J.	10-Sep-23	Howard, S. J.
47708	Soriano, Melvin M	10-Jun-23	Taylor, J. H.	13-Jan-24	Taylor, J. H.
47464	Gibson, David Warren	3-Dec-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr		
47675	Molina, Michael	3-Jun-23	Nichols, K. D.	27-Jan-24	Nichols, K. D.
47749	Glasser, Pamela	25-Jun-23	Chandler, P.		
47664	Jackson, Rachel	3-Jun-23	Rehberg, G. M.		
47488	Hunt, Anthony	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.	17-Jun-23	Loya, C. W.
47754	Leclair, Beckett Joseph	1-Jul-23	Singh, P. G.		
47329	Walton, Lynne A	11-Jun-22	Duncan-Probe, D.		
47624	Asplin, Parker Elijah	25-Apr-23	Burgess, B. K.	1-Nov-23	Burgess, B. K.

47513	Hiroshige, Janelle	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	23-Jun-23	Gates, A. M.
47387	Williams Fanning, Rhonda Artrea	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	4-Mar-23	Doyle, C. A.
47339	Koggani, Mtipe D	18-Jun-22	Johnson, D. K.	17-Dec-22	Johnson, D. K.
47598	Leer, Carter M	18-Mar-23			
47179	Feins, Amy Matthews	22-Jan-22	Howe, B. R.	13-Aug-22	Smith, D. T.
47519	Presley, Kaitlyn Victoria	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47552	Yoda, Creamilda S	19-Jan-23	Budde, M. E.	3-Aug-23	Budde, M. E.
47590	Spurlock Biggs, Sarah	4-Mar-23	Stevenson, E. M.	9-Sep-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47323	Macias, Ryan Michael	11-Jun-22	Taylor, J. H.	14-Jan-23	Curry, M. B.
47587	Mcmillen, Amanda	4-Mar-23	Stevenson, E. M.	9-Sep-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47402	Sturges, Maryann P	20-Aug-22	Nichols, K. D.	4-Mar-23	Nichols, K. D.
47584	Greene, Janet tarose	4-Mar-23	Stevenson, E. M.	9-Sep-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47747	Umana, Maria Victoria	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.	24-Feb-24	
47620	Major, Jane Hagan	18-Apr-23	Curry, G. S.	4-Oct-23	Curry, G. S.
47564	Conrad, Elliot	28-Jan-23	Provenzano, L. C.	16-Sep-23	Provenzano, L. C.
47397	Trenary, Jennifer L	13-Aug-22	Scanlan, A. C.	11-Feb-23	Scanlan, A. C.
47568	Cintron, Amelia	4-Feb-23	Morales Maldonado, R. L.		
47613	Crossland, Lucas	15-Apr-23	Skirving, R. S.	2-Nov-23	Skirving, R. S.
47265	Fleuranvil, Herace	20-May-22	Quezada Mota, M.	21-May-23	Quezada Mota, M.
47467	Mccarley, Daniel Lambert	3-Dec-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	3-Jun-23	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47531	Payne White, Robin Adair	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr		
47367	Eslicker, Jason Thorton	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	2-Feb-23	Rodman, S. S., III
47725	Boring, Emily Laura	24-Jun-23	Akiyama, D. D.	16-Feb-24	Akiyama, D. D.
47246	Mcadam, Gavin Edward	30-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	29-Oct-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47388	Brown, Kevin Clayton	29-Jun-22	Brown, K. S.	4-Feb-23	Brown, K. S.
47381	Schneider, Shane Bernard	25-Jun-22	Cowell, M. A.		
47646	Carlson, Meghan	1-Jun-23	Hollingsworth, M., Jr	8-Dec-23	Jolly, A. B.
47731	Howard, Caroline Katherine	24-Jun-23	Bascom, C. C.	13-Jan-24	Bascom, C. C.
47844	Ozaeta, Lisa	9-Dec-23	Skelton, M. M.	15-Jun-24	Skelton, M. M.
47687	Settle, Zachary Thomas	3-Jun-23	Cole, B. L.	16-Dec-23	Cole, B. L.
47302	Nichols, David Wilson	4-Jun-22	Bauerschmidt, J. C.		
47426	James, Adam Anthony	1-Oct-22	Bruce, D. J.		
47433	Smyth, Devon Goddard	8-Oct-22	Wright, R. C.		
47185	Cook, Laura Lynn	31-Jan-22	Brewer, G. O.	6-Oct-22	Brewer, G. O.
47849	Stevens, Robert Gary	9-Dec-23	Skelton, M. M.	15-Jun-24	Skelton, M. M.
47770	Prescott, Phillip Ervin	27-Aug-23	Lambert, W. J., III	17-Mar-24	Benhase, S. A.
47490	Lambert, Vicki	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.		
47485	Bliss, Bryan B	9-Dec-22	Loya, C. W.	17-Jun-23	Loya, C. W.
47591	Swanson, Kirstin Eleanor	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47294	Impey, Paul	4-Jun-22	Reddall, J. A.		

47377	Maguire, Rebecca Maria	25-Jun-22	Goff, S. E.	7-Jan-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47231	Sundara, Naomi	23-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	7-Jan-23	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47830	Payne-Taylor, Calvin	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Jun-24	Andrus, M. H.
47593	Walker-Cornetta, Emilee Ann	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47534	Williams, Joe Curtis	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr	6-Sep-23	Andrus, M. H.
47289	Galano, Frederick	4-Jun-22	Stokes, W. H.	17-Dec-22	Stokes, W. H.
47195	Evans, Paul M	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.
47842	Newell, Theresa L	9-Dec-23	Skelton, M. M.	15-Jun-24	Skelton, M. M.
47270	Kennedy, John Ira	24-May-22	Curry, G. S.		
47383	Singer, Blake A	25-Jun-22	Goff, S. E.	7-Jan-23	Stevenson, E. M.
47420	Rutherford, Timothy	10-Sep-22	Brewer, G. O.	10-May-23	Brewer, G. O.
47202	Smith, Sarah W	5-Mar-22	Goff, S. E.	10-Sep-22	Brooke-Davidson, J.
47450	Jenkins, Martha Lynn	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		
47497	Gough, Bradley W	10-Dec-22	Smith, G. W.	15-Jun-24	White, K. U.
47328	Tucker, Brian J	11-Jun-22	Taylor, J. H.	14-Jan-23	Curry, M. B.
47248	Webb, Nathan John	30-Apr-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr	7-Dec-22	Sumner, G. R., Jr
47337	Gassoumis, Athena Marie	18-Jun-22	Hunn, M. B.		
47214	Rogers, Sean Michael	26-Mar-22	Bell, P. W.	24-Sep-22	Bell, P. W.
47828	Estera, Rebekah Anne Hays	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.		
47400	Laughery, Martha Christine	18-Aug-22	Chandler, P.		
47681	Phillips, Andrew Ryan	3-Jun-23	Brooke-Davidson, J.	9-Dec-23	Rodman, S. S., III
47261	Mata, Edwin Geovanny	14-May-22	Garrison, J.		
47475	Siptroth, Stephen Michael	3-Dec-22	Andrus, M. H.	3-Jun-23	Andrus, M. H.
47801	Garcia, Paulo F	28-Oct-23	Allen, L. E.		
47257	Chamorro, Hector Manuel	14-May-22	Garrison, J.		
47374	Jerger, Robert C	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.	24-Jan-23	Fisher, J. W.
47273	Morey, Erin K	28-May-22	Solak, K. A.	10-Dec-22	Solak, K. A.
47349	Smith, Jonathan R	18-Jun-22	Douglas, I. T.	12-Jan-23	Mello, J. W.
47607	Lee, Ryan Maurice	25-Mar-23	Kendrick, J. R.	28-Sep-23	Hunn, M. B.
47583	Epperson, Lisha	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47846	Rohlfing, Bethann	9-Dec-23	Johnson, D. K.		
47353	Taylor-Montoya, Amanda	18-Jun-22	Hunn, M. B.	21-Dec-22	Hunn, M. B.
47338	Hagan, Erika P	18-Jun-22	Ahrens, L. J.	2-Feb-23	Ahrens, L. J.
47602	Bishop, Jordan	25-Mar-23	Chandler, P.	30-Sep-23	Chandler, P.
47559	Wooten, David	21-Jan-23	Rice, D. C.	29-Jul-23	Rice, D. C.
47735	Lamoy, Martha	24-Jun-23	Bascom, C. C.	13-Jan-24	Bascom, C. C.
47565	Foster, Barbara	28-Jan-23	Gunter, M. A.		
47235	Quick, Alexander Loren	24-Apr-22	Singh, P. G.	18-Feb-24	Adams, G. B., III
47311	Yak, Atem	4-Jun-22	Gates, A. M.		
47707	Jenkyn, Aaron B	10-Jun-23	Hirschfeld, A. R.	13-Dec-23	Hirschfeld, A. R.

47219	Heuett, Krista D	2-Apr-22	Bruce, D. J.	13-Oct-22	Perry, B. A.
47527	Dela Rosa Munoz, Jorge Alberto	21-Dec-22	Reed, P. C., Jr	29-Jun-23	Reed, P. C., Jr
47187	Sawyer, Vivian Ruth	31-Jan-22	Brewer, G. O.		
47309	Tems, Robin	4-Jun-22	Lucas, K. D.		
47182	Schule, Andrew	23-Jan-22	Rowe, S. W.		
47606	Leahey, Jennie	25-Mar-23	Kendrick, J. R.	15-Nov-23	Kendrick, J. R.
47453	Sites, Melissa Jo	12-Nov-22	Budde, M. E.		
47407	Ortiz Torres, Jorge Andres	3-Sep-22	Garcia Cardenas, P. E.		
47826	Deocariza-Nee, Brendan Francis	8-Dec-23	Andrus, M. H.	8-Jun-24	Andrus, M. H.
47719	Southwick, Michael John	17-Jun-23	Ahrens, L. J.	6-Jan-24	Ahrens, L. J.
47709	Stoner, Jonathan T	10-Jun-23	Taylor, J. H.	13-Jan-24	Taylor, J. H.
47803	Kovacs, Klara Mae	28-Oct-23	Cowden, M. D.	4-May-24	Cowden, M. D.
47361	Brackett Knight, Donna Marie	25-Jun-22	Doyle, C. A.		
47193	Mcevoy, Susan E	18-Feb-22	Chandler, P.	3-Sep-22	Chandler, P.
47536	Anderson, Alicia F	29-Dec-22	Roaf, P. A.	15-Sep-23	Scharf, D. F.
47526	Walker, Raymond III	17-Dec-22	Wright, R. C.	24-Jun-23	Wright, R. C.
47344	Morrison, Jillian B	18-Jun-22	Ahrens, L. J.	7-Jan-23	Ahrens, L. J.
47406	Oliveros, Sandra Milena	3-Sep-22	Duque-Gomez, F. J.		
47175	Manhardt, Catherine	13-Jan-22	Budde, M. E.	23-Jul-22	Budde, M. E.
47555	Fischer, Alison	21-Jan-23	Rice, D. C.		
47303	Niles, Sally	4-Jun-22	Reddall, J. A.		
47814	Chacon Lopez, Olga M	18-Nov-23	Allen, L. E.		
47394	Crompton, Jennifer	21-Jul-22	Ashby, L.	28-Jun-23	Ashby, L.
47327	Schwenk, Christopher Lee	11-Jun-22	Gutierrez, D. G.	19-Nov-22	Gutierrez, D. G.
47660	Hollingshead, Beth Ann	3-Jun-23	Gutierrez, D. G.		
47255	Pardy, William Goehl	11-May-22	Garrison, J.		
47459	Buser, Carolyn	3-Dec-22	Ihloff, R. W.	3-Jun-23	Sutton, E. T.
47625	Sines, Annette Katherine	25-Apr-23	Howard, S. J.		
47332	Mitchell, James L III	15-Jun-22	Singh, P. G.		
47781	Duran Lasso, Gabriel Hernan	8-Oct-23	Garcia Cardenas, P. E.		
47742	Nelson, Randy	24-Jun-23	Doyle, C. A.		
47180	Hartley, Anne E	22-Jan-22	Howe, B. R.	24-Aug-22	Smith, D. T.
47297	Kranichfeld, Bram	4-Jun-22	Macvean-Brown, S. L.	3-Dec-22	Macvean-Brown, S. L.
47184	Tees, Matthew B	30-Jan-22	Wolf, G.	10-Sep-22	Provenzano, L. C.
47721	Troutman, Rebecca Brittany	17-Jun-23	Haynes, S. B.	6-Jan-24	Stevenson, E. M.
47592	Veillon, Christine M	4-Mar-23	Dietsche, A. M.	16-Sep-23	Dietsche, A. M.
47192	Ranoull, Mary Elizabeth	17-Feb-22	Howard, S. J.		

### Alphabetical Listing of Clergy Included in Recorder Report

Con: Consecrated

Dec: Deceased

Ord: Ordained Deacon

Pri: Ordained Priest

RecHS: Received from denominations in communion with The Episcopal Church and denominations in historic succession but not in communion with The Episcopal Church

RecFC: Received from Anglican Province

Rem: Removed

Rest: Restored

Susp: Suspended

Tr Out: Transferred Out

<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Name and Index</b>	21116	Alling, Roger Jr - Dec
X-44538	Ackaah, Vincent Abisi - Dec	<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Name and Index</b>
34989	Adam, Barbara Ann - Dec	18051	Allison, Christopher Fitzsimons - Rem
33940	Adam, Betty Conrad - Dec	47360	Alvarez, Jose Antonio - Pri
47191	Adams, William C - Pri	47758	Ambrose, Martha Anne Rose - Pri
32819	Adams, David Robert - Dec	22707	Andersen, John Day - Dec
25591	Adams, Frank George - Dec	39259A	Andersen, Steven C - Dec
38852	Adams-Riley, Gena D - Rem	47536	Anderson, Alicia F - Pri
47040	Adams-Thompson, Larry - Pri	47627	Anderson, Casey - Pri
47547	Addison, Yaa - Pri	X-47442	Anderson, Jack D - RecHS
47508	Adkins, Jerry D - Pri	47144	Anderson, Karen Elizabeth - Pri
33363	Adler, John Stuart - Dec	47458	Anderson, Michael P - Pri
X-39087	Agim, Ngozi Emeka - Rem	47411	Anderson, Scott Keith - Ord
34178	Agner, Georgia Ellen - Dec	47439	Anderson, Tracy Lynn - Ord
47250	Aguilar, Lisa - Pri	47424	Anderson, Vicky Lyn - Ord
47619	Ahlquist, Richard - Pri	35584	Anderson, Elizabeth May - Dec
47775	Alaak, Joseph - Pri	21939	Anderson, James Desmond - Dec
37626	Albergate, Scott P - Dec	36656	Anderson, William C - Dec
34274	Albers, Barbara Ann - Dec	38590	Anderson Schutz, Ann Johnston - Rest
47853	Alexander, Thomas Maulden - Ord	24415	Andrews, John Anthony - Dec
23851	Alexander, Stephen Gray - Dec	47256	Angelo, Jean Marie - Ord
47447	Alford, Michael R - Pri	42540	Angle, Nancy Scott - Dec
24978	Allemeier, James Elmer - Dec	47212	Anglin, Dante' - Pri
46961	Allen, Megan A - Pri	X-47630	Anthony, Rudolph A - RecFC
47644	Allen, Timothy - Pri	23690	Anthony, Robert Williams - Dec
31887	Allen, Mark Frederick - Dec	47412	Aponte-Safe, Gerardo Joel - Pri

33804	Appelberg, Helen Marie Waller - Dec	47612	Bartal, Tara - Pri
26445	Appleyard, Robert Bracewell Jr - Dec	47114	Barthle, Donna - Pri
X-32558	Araica, Alvaro - Dec	47865	Bartkus, Zachary J - Pri
X-47816	Arcement, Kyle Thomas - RecHS	43551	Bartlett, Laurie Lee - Rem
38148	Arents, Gina - Dec	X-29313	Barton, Charles Denis Hampden - Dec
35281	Armer, Mary Carolyn - Dec	47509	Bashir, Salmoon - Pri
47316	Armidon, Robert - Pri	47278	Bass, Phillip Michael - Pri
47647	Armstrong, Carolyn Patrice - Ord	40144	Batarseh, Peter Bahjat - Rem
25348	Armstrong, Richard Sweet - Dec	40417	Bates, Percy Quin - Rem
41790	Arnold, Robyn Elizabeth - Dec	36830	Batson, Sara Chapman - Dec
35371	Arrington, Sandra Clark - Dec	47136	Batten-Kalantzis, Kendall - Pri
23556	Arrunategui, Herbert - Dec	X-47723	Bauer, Jonathan - RecFC
47795	Artiaga, Miguel A - Ord	47413	Bayonne, Zacher - Pri
47624	Asplin, Parker Elijah - Pri	19705	Beachy, William Nicholas - Dec
47015	Atkins, James Jackson - Pri	47242	Beadle, David L - Pri
31466	Atkinson, Joel Walter Jr - Dec	44628	Beall, Nathan A - Rem
38600	Auchincloss, R Anne - Dec	46990	Beals, Julie A L - Pri
47448	Ault, Jessica - Ord	46449	Beaton-Oakley, Michael - Rem
21021	Austin, William Paul - Dec	32148	Beattie, Richard Edward - Dec
47277	Ayers, Gregory Garrett - Pri	47704	Beausoleil, Lisa - Ord
46433A	Ayuen, James Jok - Pri	47279	Bebber, Donald - Pri
47776	Baena Gomez, Gerardo Antonio - Ord	X-47217	Beck, Douglas A - RecFC
37888	Bailey, David Bruce - Susp	46856	Beck, Jonathon Paul - Pri
42083	Bakely, Catherine Mae - Dec	47145	Beck-Ei, Katherine - Pri
47120	Baker, Danielle - Pri	47597	Becker, Thomas Benson - Pri
47563	Baker, Zachary Daniel - Pri	36658	Becker, Mary Elizabeth - Dec
44452	Baker, Robert O - Dec	40826	Becker, Robert Andrew - Dec
40070	Ballard, Kathleen Miller - Dec	47697	Bee, Abigail - Ord
22283	Ballert, Irving Frank Jr - Dec	38938	Beecher, Josefina Cameron - TrOut
46855	Banach, Karla - Pri	47225	Been, Tyler Joe - Pri
46972	Banks, Lauren Thomas - Susp	X-31869	Bencken, Charles F - Dec
30044	Bardos, Gordon A - Dec	34063	Bennet, Richard Wilson - Dec
46946	Barker, Paul R - Pri	47771	Bennett, Katie - Ord
28010	Barnes, Jeffry Parker - Dec	22002	Bennett, Franklin Pierce Jr - Dec
47481	Barnswell-Schmidt, Garcia C - Pri	28821	Benz, Charles Frederick - Dec
47628	Barr, David Alexander - Ord	47765	Beracochea, Maria - Ord
24447	Barre, James Lyman - Dec	24395A	Bice, Michael Kenneth - Dec
34118	Barrie, David Paul - Dec	47041	Bilow, Alexandra Lynn - Pri
X-44885	Barrington, Dominic M J - TrOut	47796	Bird, Andy Allen - Pri
47037	Barrows, Dustin Kyle - Pri	47602	Bishop, Jordan - Pri

19412	Bishop, Edwin Lyman - Dec	X-47537	Brennen, Scott O - RecFC
47790	Blackmon, Ellen - Ord	34775	Brentnall, Burden - Dec
38783	Blaine, Carol Mcgown - Dec	47751	Brice, Emma Addison Wright - Pri
47146	Blakemore, Andrew Thomas - Pri	39605A	Brice, Sandra Theresa - Dec
X-47797	Blank, David Mark - RecHS	31020	Bridges, Melva Gayle - Dec
47333	Blind, Carlisle - Ord	40621	Brightman, Dorothy Louise - Dec
47485	Bliss, Bryan B - Pri	37290	Brill, Steven G - Dec
47121	Bloom, Lauren Marie - Pri	22357	Brisbane, Paul Owen - Dec
47280	Bloss, Matthew Robert - Pri	19962	Brison, William Stanly - Dec
19554	Blottner, William Eugene - Dec	X-34904	Brockman, John Martin - Dec
34209	Boatright-Spencer, Angela Robinson - Dec	20768	Broughton, William - Dec
47122	Boerner, Nora Bc - Pri	32979	Brown, Hugh Eldridge III - Susp
17668	Boesser, Mark Alan - Dec	47388	Brown, Kevin Clayton - Pri
22052	Bogan, Leslie Eugene III - Dec	25696	Brown, Bernard Owen - Dec
47548	Bogino, Eva Elena - Pri	43614	Brown, Gary Neil - Dec
46716A	Bol, Mary Achol - Pri	24290	Brown, Ian Frederick - Dec
X-29627	Bolle, Winnie Mckenzie Hoilette - Dec	30069	Brown, James Louis - Dec
47631	Bolton, Eva Koon - Pri	31836	Brown, John Ashmore Jr - Dec
47580	Bomar, Kyle - Pri	42514	Brown, Lyle Leslie - Dec
37987	Bonadie, Leroy Rowland - Dec	47726	Brun, Le Anna S - Pri
22223	Bond, Jeremy William - Dec	47791	Bruner-Smith, Debra - Ord
47106	Borda, Julian M - Pri	21280	Brunner, Arthur Fischer - Dec
47725	Boring, Emily Laura - Pri	47042	Brunson, Christine - Pri
47138	Bouvel, William - Pri	21265	Brusso, Leonard George - Dec
20082	Bowen, George Harry - Dec	33646	Buck, Elizabeth Salmon - Dec
22775	Bower, John Allen - Dec	47763	Buckles, Virginia Mckinley - Pri
26731	Bowersox, Ned Ford - Dec	41560	Buffone, Gregory James - Dec
47819	Bowman, Connie - Pri	X-36644	Buhrer, Richard Albert - Dec
23098	Bowyer, Charles L - Dec	47727	Bumgardner, Eric - Pri
47361	Brackett Knight, Donna Marie - Ord	28933	Burchard, Russell Church - Dec
36800	Brada, Netha Nadine - Dec	X-17868	Burchill, George Stuart - Dec
47362	Bradley, Jeremy Charles - Pri	32834	Burdett, Audrey Brown - Dec
47581	Bragaw, Stephen - Pri	24025	Burger, Douglas Clyde - Dec
27224	Bramlett, Robert Gordon - Dec	37404	Burgess, Brian Kendall - Con
47147	Braun, Eric - Pri	23256	Burke, Cyril Casper - Dec
47363	Braun, Kristin Leigh - Pri	47648	Burkhardt, Jennifer Leigh - Ord
28286	Brdlik, Christopher M F - Dec	47084	Burnett, Nancy - Pri
38726	Breckenridge, Ella Huff - Dec	28207	Burrows, Judith Dawson - Dec
26881	Breiner, Bert Fredrick - Dec	26004	Busch, Glenn E - Dec
43058	Brenemen, Betty Jo - Dec	47459	Buser, Carolyn - Pri



47364	Bush, Samuel Prescott - Pri	47549	Case, Lara R - Pri
47334	Bussey, Gregory - Ord	28152	Casey, Dayle Alan - Dec
47317	Butcher, Jonathan Mark - Pri	19979	Cassell, Warren Michael Jr - Dec
32569	Butler, Barbara Thayer - Dec	46073	Castellanos Flores, Marcos Antonio - Rem
19601	Butler, Charles Roger - Dec	45756	Cate, Rex Vasa - Dec
23915	Butler, Robert Mitchell - Dec	45743	Causton, Michele Lynn - Pri
35816	Butts, Stephen Jack - Dec	47650	Cavanaugh, Joshua Padraig - Pri
47078	Buzzini, Walter IV - Pri	28369	Cawthorne, John Harry - Dec
38526	Byer, Martha Russell - Dec	26177	Cederholm, Roy Frederick Jr - Dec
47780	Caceres Robayo, Jose Luis - Ord	46938	Celis, Edgar Fabiam - Pri
47425	Cahill, Elizabeth Ann - Pri	33507	Cendese, William Ivan - Dec
37643	Caldwell, Brenda Ann - Dec	47814	Chacon Lopez, Olga M - Ord
18036	Caldwell, Edward F - Dec	22726	Chalfant, Edward Cole - Dec
25224	Caldwell, Stephen Russell - Dec	47016	Chambers, Penni Howell - Pri
47494	Camele, Martha - Pri	47257	Chamorro, Hector Manuel - Ord
47404	Camero Sanabria, Elizabeth - Ord	X-47405	Chaparro, Fabio M - RecHS
47443	Campbell, Katherine C - Pri	43616	Chapman, Colin M - Rem
18404	Campbell, Ernest Francis - Dec	24836	Chapman, George Memory - Dec
22821	Cannon, Alberry Charles Jr - Dec	47510	Chappell, Katherine Cantelou - Pri
23145	Cannon, David Lawrence - Dec	47282	Chasse, Katherine - Ord
33797	Carey, Peter R - Dec	28582	Chattin, Mark Haney - Dec
X-47610	Carian, Simon - RecHS	34652	Cheney, Michael Robert - Dec
44360	Carleton, Ellen Diane - Dec	19812	Chesterman, Thomas Charles Jr - Dec
47281	Carlson, Daniel S - Pri	45892A	Chidester, Daren - Pri
47646	Carlson, Meghan - Pri	45744	Chingua, Diego Andres - Pri
47495	Carlson, Michael Shane - Pri	47705	Chisolm, Frederick - Pri
38424	Carlson, Philip Lawrence - Dec	X-33933	Chrisman, John Aubrey Jr - Dec
19584	Carlson, Robert Warren - Dec	45505	Christiansen, Anthony - Dec
47460	Carmody, Stacey - Ord	47251	Christopher, Edward Barse - Pri
47205	Carpenter, Stacey M - Pri	47568	Cintron, Amelia - Ord
47798	Carr, Daniel Arron - Pri	X-42524	Cisneros, Hilario - Rem
25681	Carr, William Franklin - Dec	47167	Cisneros, Omar - Pri
47649	Carroll, Joann Grace - Pri	47603	Clark, Bradford Leon - Pri
18979	Carroll, James Earle - Dec	47213	Clark, Michael Thomas - Pri
28543	Carson, Boyd Rodney - Dec	39682	Clark, Paula E - Con
47854	Carter, Caroline - Pri	37957A	Clark, Taylor Brooks - Pri
47713	Carter, Emily Nicole - Pri	25312	Clark, Richard Neece - Dec
30315	Carter, James Lee - Dec	38118	Clarke, John David Blackmore - Dec
44710A	Carter, Stevie - Dec	42372	Clarke, Kenneth Gregory - Dec
24757	Cartier, Fred Claire - Dec	22635	Clay, Thomas Davies - Dec

46992	Cleary, Brian Poul - Pri	38323	Corkern, Matthew Thomas Locy - Dec
45964	Clements, Michael Stuart - Rem	19413	Coulter, Clayton Roy - Dec
41795	Clemmons, Geraldine Dobbs - Dec	46962	Coventry, Jon - Pri
47017	Cline, Dana Jill - Pri	47043	Cowan, Sarah Bliss - Pri
28253	Coburn, Ann Struthers - Dec	40585	Cowden, Matthew D - Con
20247	Cockrell, Richard - Dec	47014	Cowgill, Benjamin Paul - Pri
26743	Coffey, Edward Allen - Dec	47545	Cox, Diane - Ord
24093	Coggin, Bruce W - Dec	34904	Cox, Mildred Louise - Dec
26904	Coil, Paul Douglas - Dec	46964	Cox Oney, Erin Kathleen - Pri
47267	Colbert, Valerie Davis - Ord	33374	Cozzoli, John David - Dec
46939	Cole, Mary Catherine - Pri	25220	Crandall, John Davin - Dec
31361	Cole, C Alfred Jr - Dec	47640	Cranford, Shayna W - Pri
21674	Coleridge, Clarence Nicholas - Dec	28988	Crapsey, Marcus Trowbridge II - Dec
28584	Coles, Constance Carolyn - Dec	47855	Crewdson, Kathryn C - Pri
47148	Colley, Ashley Taylor - Pri	21542	Crewdson, Robert Henry - Dec
47414	Collier, John Winston Jr - Pri	20395	Crews, William Eugene - Dec
35165	Collins, Diana Garvin - Dec	45604	Crider, Dion Gregory - Pri
30617	Collins, Stanley Penrose - Dec	47243	Cripps, Samuel Cassidy Roth - Pri
47112	Combs, Melanie Jean - Pri	21567	Crocker, John Alexander Frazer Jr - Dec
X-46495	Compton, David O - Rem	47107	Crofts, Marisa D - Pri
47240	Condello, Frank Michael II - Ord	47394	Crompton, Jennifer - Pri
31563	Connell, John Baade - Dec	22791	Croneberger, John Palmer - Dec
47085	Conner, John William - Pri	47252	Cronin, Micah Connor - Pri
X-47254	Connolly, Catherine Hannah Victoria - RecFC	46787	Cropper, Andrew C - Pri
47651	Connor Mcgugan, Karen Elizabeth - Pri	46965	Crosby, Benjamin David - Pri
47564	Conrad, Elliot - Pri	38987A	Crosier, Allen Duane - Dec
36225	Conrad, John William - Dec	47613	Crossland, Lucas - Pri
47185	Cook, Laura Lynn - Pri	47632	Cruce, Joanie N - Pri
X-47401	Cook, Millard Spurgeon - RecHS	X-42742	Crump, Carl Calvin - Dec
34004	Cook, Carol Lee - Dec	28135	Cruz, Hector - Dec
X-33023	Cook, Peter John Arthur - Dec	24820	Crysler, Fred Jr - Dec
22709	Coolidge, Edward Cole - Dec	47652	Da Silva, Lisa - Pri
26288	Cooling, David Albert - Dec	33955	D'Alcaravela, Joao Antonio Alpalhao - Dec
18888	Coon, David Paul - Dec	41456	Dalmasso, Judith Connie - Dec
47335	Cooper, George L - Ord	40663A	Dalton, James Albert Jr - Dec
37385	Cooper, Robert Norman - Dec	33993	Daly, Richard R - Rem
47283	Coppersmith, Curtis Joseph - Pri	X-47609	Dalzell, David Chandler - RecHS
47833	Corcorran, Myra Ryneheart - Pri	47365	Danielli, Helena Mary Corinne - Ord
X-33098	Cordoba, Guillermo - Rem	47540	Daniels, Garron - Pri
47258	Cordoba Meneses, Nolberto - Ord	47285	Daniels, Josiah Mark - Pri

47815	Darrah, Toby Harper - Pri	29841	Donnelly, John Allen - Dec
39146	Dauphin, Joanne Coyle - Dec	47244	Dosher, Amanda Harbert - Pri
40059	Davies-Aryeequaye, Eliza Ayorkor - Pri	47834	Douglas, Jeffrey Charles - Ord
47446	Davis, James Frazier - Ord	23210	Draesel, Herbert Gustav Jr - Dec
31209	Davis, Alice Downing - Dec	47482	Drake, Elliott Theodore - Pri
36587	Davis, Johnnie Manly Jr - Dec	47614	Drake, Thomas C - Pri
24288	Davis, Michael Mckean - Dec	47124	Dredden, George E III - Pri
47239	Dawkins, Adam L - Pri	47149	Drosos, William - Pri
38670	Dawson, Adrien P - Rem	38284	Duckworth, Shannon R - Con
22047	Dawson, George Henry - Dec	29842	Dudley, Michael Devere - Dec
19072A	Day, Charles Larry - Dec	47357	Duffield, Barbara - Pri
28890	De Fontaine-Stratton, James Bruce - Dec	47835	Duffy, Catherine Teresa - Pri
47336	De Silva, Dinushka M - Ord	47653	Dumontier, Thomas Roger - Pri
47825	Deal, Annalise - Pri	23944	Dunbar, Robert Barron - Dec
21956	Dean, Gordon Joy - Dec	45624	Duncan, Sean David - Rem
22686	Dear, Arthur Tyrrel - Dec	22520	Duncan-O'Neal, William Mckinley III - Dec
X-29633	Dearing, Trevor - Dec	47654	Dunn, Kimberly Elaine - Pri
47527	Dela Rosa Munoz, Jorge Alberto - Pri	26982	Dunn, Robert Ellis - Dec
24524	Deming, Robert - Dec	47318	Dupre, Stacey F - Pri
47496	Denegre, Corinne B - Ord	47856	Dupree, Mary Grace - Ord
23585	Dennis, Fredrick Hogarth - Dec	47781	Duran Lasso, Gabriel Hernan - Ord
47826	Deocariza-Nee, Brendan Francis - Pri	35788	Durant, Jack Davis - Dec
37520	Depriest, Sandra Moss - Rem	45223	Durany, Helen M - Rem
47799	Destephen, Fatima E - Ord	41418	Dutcher, Katherine Grant - Dec
47366	Devore, Christopher Scott - Pri	31638	Earl, John Keith - Dec
46957	Dewrell, Heath Daniel - Pri	42515	Easley, Barbara Ann - Dec
47054	Dezhbod, Melina - Pri	41052	Easterling, William Ramsay Sr - Rem
X-47698	Diaz, Filemon - RecHS	33962	Easton, Stanley Evan - Dec
21295	Dickey, Robert William - Dec	47777	Eaton, Katherine - Ord
38437	Dickinson, Garrin William - Rem	28374	Eaton, William Albert - Dec
47766	Dickinson, John - Ord	X-35801	Eaves, Lindon John - Dec
22444	Dicks, Paul Richard - Dec	20651	Ebens, Richard Frank - Dec
47794	Dickson, Joann - Ord	22095	Eckart, Richard Joseph Jr - Dec
47286	Diener-Schlitt, Sarah Ruth - Pri	47287	Edmonson, Hal - Pri
34841	Dierick, F Lorraine - Dec	27349	Edwards, James Lloyd - Dec
33444	Dileo, John Michael - Dec	38537	Edwards, James Paul - Dec
47827	Dinglasan, Benjamin J - Pri	47021	Ehling, Paul - Pri
46453	Dischinger, George Lane III - Pri	46498	Ekerberg, Stephen Matthew - Pri
47582	Dodge, Leanne - Pri	47820	Ekholm, Karin Jori - Pri
47019A	Dominguez Reyez, Jesus David - Rem	39651	Eklo, Thomas J - Dec

44565	Elder, Paul Robert - Dec	18810	Finch, Floyd William Jr - Dec
47168	Eller, William Everett III - Pri	X-33526	Fineanganof, Sosaia A - Dec
45124	Elliott, Luz Adriana - Pri	18373	Finkenstaedt, Harry Seymour Jr - Dec
47728	Ellis, Eric J - Pri	47022	Finnegan, Lynn Marie - Pri
40756	Emery-Ginn, Margaret E - Dec	47555	Fischer, Alison - Ord
25108	Engels, Jimichael - Dec	24529	Fisher, Davis Lee - Dec
42091	Engle, Cynthia L - Dec	25456	Fitch, William Babcock - Dec
47583	Epperson, Lisha - Pri	23476	Flanders, James W Jr - Dec
26788	Erdman, Daniel Le Roy - Dec	47265	Fleuranvil, Herace - Pri
17570	Erickson, Joseph Austin Jr - Dec	24298	Flynn, Michael Thomas - Dec
47142	Erkman, Charles Philip - Pri	18139	Folwell, William Hopkins - Dec
32007	Erwin, Virginia Gilbert - Dec	47800	Fonseca, Saul E - Ord
47367	Eslicker, Jason Thorton - Pri	47528	Font Sanchez, William - Pri
47288	Esposito, Keith Callahan - Pri	24878	Foote, Stephen Williams - Dec
47828	Estera, Rebekah Anne Hays - Ord	18572	Forbes, David Reineman - Dec
47449	Ethelston, Sally A - Ord	47368	Ford, Linda Alexander - Ord
47195	Evans, Paul M - Pri	25129	Ford, Robert Lawrence - Dec
23414	Evans, David Hugh - Dec	47125	Fortner, Jason - Pri
22233	Evans, John Frederick - Dec	47565	Foster, Barbara - Ord
X-37570	Everett, Sherman Bradley - Dec	47622	Foster, James Jacob - Pri
30253	Exner, William Edward - Dec	38064	Foster, Kenneth Earl Jr - Dec
47655	Faber Ginggen, Lisa - Pri	47604	Fountain, John M - Pri
30213	Fair, Verna M - Dec	32479	Fountain, Timothy L - Rem
20998	Fairman, Henry Francis - Dec	X-47724	Frank, Gary Lee - RechS
32422	Faison, Dee Doheny - Dec	43933	Frank, Elizabeth - Dec
29267	Falcone, John Francis - Dec	32518	Frank, Richard Lloyd - Dec
47869	Farrow, Robert - Pri	17906	Frank, William George Jr - Dec
36547	Fausak, Frederick Emil - Dec	47560	Frederick, Katherine - Pri
47179	Feins, Amy Matthews - Pri	31369	Freeman, Monroe Jr - Dec
47656	Felton, Mitchell Wayne - Pri	36362	Freeman, Reed Harlow - Dec
46996	Feng, Katherine Ying - Pri	X-42079	French, Sally - Con
23271	Fenn, Richard Lewis - Dec	21881	Frensley, James Monroe - Dec
25504	Fenton, David Henry - Dec	26573	Frew, Randolph Lloyd - Dec
X-29517	Fenton, Graham R C - Dec	31846	Friedrich, Robert Edmund Jr - Dec
21003	Fenwick, Robert Donald - Dec	41719	Fritts, John Clinton - Dec
46030	Ferguson, Katherine - Pri	47642	Frizzell, Tina - Ord
47150	Ferguson, Thomas A - Pri	X-47312	Fuentes Fernandez, Adreano I - RechS
X-31103	Fernandez-Liranzo, Hipolito Secundino - Dec	39459	Fuller, Glen C - Dec
32020	Ferriani, Nancy Ann - Dec	23250	Fulton, Charles Britton Jr - Dec
29714	Fetterman, James Harry - Dec	47461	Furlong, Angela - Pri

47752	Gaboton, Anthony Jr - Pri	29940	Gilmer, Lyonel Wayman - Dec
46429	Gabriel, Dani - Rem	X-47817	Gioia, Luigi - RecFC
31713	Gaddy, Anna Lee - Dec	28259	Glancey, Bryan Eaton - Dec
47044	Gage, Susan Chase - Pri	47749	Glasser, Pamela - Pri
47657	Gainer, Cynthia - Ord	28260	Glaude, Ronald Arthur - Dec
47289	Galano, Frederick - Pri	21957	Glendinning, David Cross - Dec
47259	Galante, Anahi T - Pri	34781	Glenn, Michael Eugene - Dec
47658	Galbasini, Jamie - Ord	47659	Go, Loretta - Ord
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X-47190	Galles, Jonathan Wesley - RecFC	17473	Godfrey, William Calvin - Dec
47801	Garcia, Paulo F - Ord	47291	Goehring, Dorothy - Ord
X-45329	Garcia Cardenas, Pastor Elias - Con	42008	Goldbloom, Ruth Alice - Dec
46998	Garcia-Juarez, Jose L - Pri	46860	Goldstein, Margaret Barry - Pri
47462	Gardner, Andrea - Ord	X-47186	Gonzalez, Emilio - RecHS
43834	Gardner, Elizabeth B - Con	47152	Gordon, Andrew - Pri
37680	Gardner, Carol Hartsfield - Dec	47086	Gordon, Katherine - Pri
47483	Garfield, Elizabeth C - Pri	47497	Gough, Bradley W - Pri
X-47226	Garnett, Andrew M - RecHS	47370	Gould, Katherine E - Pri
29368	Garrett, Jane Nuckols - Dec	47087	Gowe, Bruce Edward - Pri
40021	Garrison, William Brian - Rem	37687	Grab, Virginia Lee - Dec
X-46529	Gaskin, Hershell - Dec	38869	Grabher, Jerald - Dec
47337	Gassoumis, Athena Marie - Ord	36929	Grabner, John David - Dec
21483	Gatch, Milton McCormick Jr - Dec	47153	Graham, Elizabeth Folk - Pri
47271	Gatlin, Lonny J - Ord	43645A	Graham, Pamela Louise - Dec
27907	Geer, Francis Hartley - Dec	X-47824	Graul, Douglas E - RecHS
23982	Geiger, Clifford T Sr - Dec	47778	Graumlich, Lisa Jane - Ord
47369	Geldreich, Linda Celeste - Pri	31440	Graves, Rena B - Dec
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47290	Geller, Isabel - Pri	41750	Gray, Marie Therese - Rem
47428	George, Jamie - Pri	47371	Gray, Robert Edward - Ord
47444	George-Thoms, Benjamin Wayne - Pri	24012	Gray, Bruce Alan - Dec
47463	German, Joseph Anthony - Ord	24027	Gray, Peter Hanson - Dec
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X-24692	Geston, Alejandro Sumadin - Dec	47024	Green, Ronnie Dillon - Pri
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X-23059	Gibson, John Noel Keith - Dec	47584	Greene, Janettarose - Pri
X-25626	Gilkes, Overton Weldon - Dec	24851	Greene, Edward Rideout - Dec
47529	Gill, Nancy Michelle - Pri	19701	Greene, Everett Henry - Dec
30664	Gillett, Elizabeth Rosa Hamilton - Dec	21281	Greenfield, Peter Alan - Dec

20602	Greer, James Gossett Jr - Dec	47416	Harding, Susannah - Ord
23002	Gregg, Robert Clark - Dec	28164	Harding, Rona Robertine - Dec
47714	Gregorio, Christopher Legaspi - Pri	47417	Hargett, Ernest Augustus Jr - Ord
28471	Griffin, Calvin Russell - Dec	27661	Hargis, James Frederick - Dec
47218	Grimelli, Jennifer N - Pri	18133	Harkins, James Robert - Dec
47415	Grissom, Preston Reid - Pri	28905	Harland, Mary Frances - Dec
22573	Griswold, Frank Tracy III - Dec	47556	Harmon, Jessica Louise - Pri
47057	Grohowski, Elizabeth - Pri	47759	Harmon, Meredith A M - Pri
23416	Groschner, Peter Kingston - Dec	47789	Harris, Louis - Pri
23713	Grosjean, Lyle Wood - Dec	47253	Harris, Martha Lester - Pri
41856	Gross, Robert Arthur - Dec	47313	Harris, Patricia Lyn - Ord
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33559	Guernsey, Jacqueline Louise - Dec	40186	Harris, Robert Charles - Dec
46123	Gumulauskas, Michael P - Pri	25276	Harris, William Henry - Dec
47626	Gurling, Ashley - Pri	47223	Harrison, Shari Bishop - Pri
47802	Gutierrez, Encarnacion - Ord	22575	Harrison, Merritt Raymond - Dec
47292	Gutwein, Dorothy - Ord	43765	Hart, Donnalee - Dec
38534	Gwin, Lawrence Prestidge Jr - Dec	X-47538	Hartin, Cole William - RecFC
X-33692	Haas, Michael James - Dec	47180	Hartley, Anne E - Pri
33385	Haberkorn, Violet Marie - Dec	47319	Hartley, Timothy - Pri
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23235	Haden, Robert Lee Jr - Dec	22213	Hathaway, Alden Moinet - Rem
47338	Hagan, Erika P - Pri	23119	Hawes, Charles Morris III - Dec
47233	Hager, Alicia - Pri	47207	Hawkins, Meredith Ann Marguerite - Pri
34097	Hague, Sarah Anne - Dec	47045	Hawthorne, Ryan - Pri
47465	Hall, Dana - Pri	X-26428	Hayden, John Carleton - Dec
X-47430	Hall, Natalie - RecHS	47234	Haynes, Brandon Shane - Pri
31422	Hall, Allen Keith - Dec	26346	Haynes, Peter Davis - Dec
31257	Hall, Daniel Charles - Dec	29647	Hayward, Dennis Earl - Dec
22677	Hall, John Liston - Dec	19025	Hayworth, Joseph Allison - Dec
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X-36277	Hall, Vernon Donald - Dec	41514	Heidt, James Kevin - Dec
25712	Hamilton, David Hendry - Dec	47486	Heise, Kimberly - Ord
47706	Hamlin, Timothy Gardner - Pri	42137	Henault, Armand Joseph Jr - Rem
18457	Hamlyn, Robert Cornelius - Dec	23092	Henderson, Theodore Herbert Jr - Dec
24455	Hanchey, Howard - Dec	47639	Henes, Amanda F - Pri
47206	Hanley, Nicole Regina - Pri	28951	Henking, Patricia Ellen - Dec
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47511	Hannah, Joseph - Pri	47025	Henton, David Luke - Pri
47222	Harber, Michael - Pri	47208	Herasimtschuk, Alexander James - Pri

47729	Herder, Sandra Marie - Ord	47730	Houchen, Benjamin William - Pri
33069	Herlocker, Thomas Dean - Dec	33172	Houser, Lucy Anne Latham - Dec
47268	Hernandez Jose, Pedro - Pri	36400	Houston, Barbara Pearce - Dec
47585	Hernandez Rivas, Luis E - Pri	47731	Howard, Caroline Katherine - Pri
41533A	Herring, Dianne Lerae - Dec	47586	Howard, Michelle Paulina Wolfe - Pri
42963A	Herring, Sarah - Dec	35307	Howard, Leonard Rice - Dec
26000	Herzog, Daniel William - Dec	27912	Howard, Noah B - Dec
47219	Heuett, Krista D - Pri	X-23662	Howard, Norman - Dec
42200	Heyd, Matthew F - Con	47661	Hoyer, Katherine - Ord
46020A	Hicks, Allen - Pri	41061	Hubbard, Lani Marie - Dec
41077	Higgins, Stanley Kent - Dec	47154	Huber, Joshua - Pri
47773	Hildreth, Thomas Perry - Pri	42270	Hubert, Lawrence William - Dec
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47530	Hill, Jesse Jaron - Ord	47083	Huff, Holly A - Pri
26354	Hill, Jerry Echols - Dec	24193	Huffman, Charles Howard - Dec
X-47621	Hiltner, Harry E - RechS	29470	Huft, Jerry Ray - Dec
47512	Hilton, Joshua D - Pri	47466	Humm, Charity A - Pri
47372	Hirdes, Carrie D - Pri	35474	Hummel, Virginia K - Dec
47513	Hiroshige, Janelle - Pri	40063	Hunkins, Claire Morfit - Dec
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47487	Hoch, Sarah - Pri	21451	Hunt, Donald Aldrich - Dec
40685	Hocker, William - Dec	47662	Hunter, John - Ord
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24449	Hoffacker, Michael Paul Niblett - Dec	27704	Hunter, Victor Edward Jr - Dec
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37816	Hoffmann, Beth Borah - Dec	47594	Huster, James - Pri
36191	Hogan, Faye - Dec	47663	Hutnak, Andrea A - Ord
X-41972	Holcomb, Justin S - Con	31737	Hutton, Linda Arzelia - Dec
22250	Holland, Clayton Theodore - Dec	43483	Hybl, Andrew David - Rem
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47456	Hollinger, Rane Marie - Ord	43609	Illas, Antonio - TrOut
47660	Hollingshead, Beth Ann - Ord	29031	Innes, Neil Fraser - Dec
34865	Holt, Jane Louise - Dec	23559	Irizarry, Jose Enrique - Dec
47139	Holt, Timmothy - Dec	47857	Irwin, Cory - Pri
47196	Hood, Suzanne - Pri	47505	Ishler, Dina Carter - Pri
24046	Hoover, John Frain - Dec	40794	Jablonski, Carol J - Dec
42161	Horvath, Leslie Ferguson - Pri	47664	Jackson, Rachel - Ord

20655	Jackson, Jared Judd - Dec	37320	Jones, Teresa Crawford - Dec
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39381	Jackson, Rosemary H - Dec	X-47172	Joseph, Yves-Eugene - RecFC
24653	Jackson, Thomas Lee - Dec	23536	Joslin, David Bruce - Dec
25577	Jacobus, Russell Edward - Dec	47499	Joyce-Miesse, Iva - Pri
25049	Jaeger, George Marvin Nick - Dec	47019	Joyce-Miesse, Julia Page - Pri
47426	James, Adam Anthony - Ord	47733	Junek, Allen M - Pri
21413	James, Robert Arthur - Dec	47143	Jung, Annie K - Pri
23805	James, William Evans - Dec	23149	Kaighn, Reuel Stewart - Dec
46877	Jameson, Jonathan Isaac - Pri	42516	Kannenbergh, James Gordon - Rem
33609	Jasper, John Weaver Sr - Dec	39770	Kardaleff, Patricia Payne - Dec
47373	Jaworski, Karen Loomis - Ord	20917	Karney, George James Jr - Dec
26840	Jeffery, David Luce - Dec	37050	Kaval, Lura M - Rem
47450	Jenkins, Martha Lynn - Ord	X-25910	Ke, Jason Chau-Sheng - Dec
17822	Jenkins, John Stone - Dec	20671	Kearley, David Arthur - Dec
47707	Jenkyn, Aaron B - Pri	47699	Keegan, Dennis Jr - Ord
32972	Jensen, Anne Hislop - Dec	47666	Keene, Paul James - Pri
47374	Jerger, Robert C - Pri	30224	Keener, E Michaela - Dec
X-34934	Jewson, Alfred Joseph - Dec	19256	Keester, John Carl - Dec
26402	Jimenez-Irizarry, Edwin - Dec	36684	Keith, Judith Ann - Dec
47732	Jodon, Cole C - Pri	21029	Kellett, James William - Dec
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46971	Johnson, Brett Randall - Pri	29340	Kelley, Barbara A - Dec
47665	Johnson, Christopher - Pri	31990	Kelly, Francis J III - Rem
47514	Johnson, Mark Stewart - Pri	47197	Kelly, Stacy Carlson - Pri
47320	Johnson, Qiana - Ord	36058	Kempster, Jane Leon - Dec
33256	Johnson, Frances Kay Carter - Dec	37697	Kempster, Patricia Sue - Dec
28378	Johnson, Ira Joseph - Dec	47111	Kendagor, Rita Jo Carson - Pri
45989	Johnson, Sydney - Dec	47270	Kennedy, John Ira Jr - Ord
41039	Johnson, Walter S - Dec	47440	Kennedy, Joseph M - Pri
47395	Johnston, David L - Pri	38833	Kenney, Christine Swarts - Dec
25864	Johnston, Robert Owen - Dec	40117	Kerner, Sandra Barbary - Rem
X-47553	Johnstone, Kenneth Michael - RecFC	X-47188	Kerr, Donald G - RecFC
43935	Jolly, Anne B - Con	29415	Kevern, John R - Dec
45747	Jones, Arthur III - Rem	26860	Keys, Joel Thompson - Dec
47595	Jones, Caleb - Pri	18939	Keyser, Charles Lovett - Dec
45759	Jones, Erin Courtney - Pri	27884	Kidd, Paul David - Dec
47079	Jones, Gerald Dean - Pri	47436	Kilpatrick, George Michael - Ord
26937	Jones, Frederick Lamar - Dec	X-47391	Kim, Kyrie - RecFC
23568	Jones, Sidney Ross - Dec	32697	Kim, John Jong-Kun - Dec



47295	Kimmel, Joseph - Pri	47490	Lambert, Vicki - Ord
29341	Kimme, Jimmie Elizabeth - Dec	26234	Lambert, John Peck - Dec
24017	King, Robert Andrew - Dec	46940	Lambis, Luz Maria - Pri
X-47579	Kinyua, Zachary N - RecFC	47735	Lamoy, Martha - Pri
47600	Kirk, Mary Katherine - Pri	39005	Lancaster, James Mansell - Dec
35716	Kirking, Kerry Clifton - Dec	47027	Landeweer, Marc Yeong Hoon - Pri
25046	Kirkman, John Raymond - Dec	47736	Lane, Garrett Matthew - Pri
23273	Kitagawa, Chisato - Dec	33984	Lane, Johnny - Dec
47615	Kiwak Jacobs, Misty - Pri	23423	Langfeldt, John Addington - Dec
23545	Kline, John William - Dec	44812	Langi, Viliami - Dec
47418	Klingstedt, Luke A - Pri	47220	Larimore, Collin Kenneth - Pri
24745	Knapp, Donald Hubert - Dec	29418	Larsen, Erik W - Dec
33027	Knight, Joseph Sturdevant - Dec	47198	Laskowski, Kevin R - Pri
21994	Knight, Stephen Herrick II - Dec	X-47331	Latour, Charles H - RecHS
47605	Knight-Epps, Deborah Theresea - Ord	47400	Laughery, Martha Christine - Ord
21274A	Knott, Joseph Lee - Dec	47753	Laughton, Robert - Pri
47321	Knox, Dena - Ord	45240	Lauritzen, Ruth - Dec
39942	Knudson, Kay Francis - Dec	47001	Lawler, Kathy - Pri
38744	Koehler, Norman Elias III - Dec	47785	Lawrence, Gabriel Michael - Pri
47339	Koggani, Mtipe D - Pri	27716	Lawrence, Gerard Martin - Dec
X-47818	Kok, Abraham Dot Pareng - RecFC	47209	Layton, Molly Jane - Pri
47358	Koonce, Nancy - Ord	47376	Lazo, Andrew Charles - Pri
47296	Koppelberger, Sarah G - Pri	19166	Le Barron, Bruce Erie - Dec
47489	Koshy, Jayan - Pri	47606	Leahey, Jennie - Pri
47803	Kovacs, Klara Mae - Pri	20778	Leary, Charles Randolph - Dec
23267	Kovic, Fenton Hubert - Dec	36356	Leatherman, Daniel Lee - Rem
47546	Kozlowski, Robin E - Ord	47754	Leclair, Beckett Joseph - Ord
18452	Kramer, Frederick Ferdinand - Dec	44333	Ledyard, Christopher Martin - Dec
47297	Kranichfeld, Bram - Pri	47398	Lee, Daniela - Pri
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47734	Krueger, Ruth - Ord	47607	Lee, Ryan Maurice - Pri
20200	Kuenneth, John Robert - Dec	29091	Lee, Darry Kyong Ho - Dec
47126	Kugler, Michael James - Pri	45442	Lee, Shiane Marlena - Dec
47375	Kulak, Joshua - Pri	44568A	Leemhuis, Guy Anthony - Pri
21791	Kunz, Andrew George Jr - Dec	47598	Leer, Carter M - Ord
47069	Kurkowski, Nicole P - Pri	38237	Lehmann, Richard B - Dec
31066	Labarre, Barbara L Root - Dec	23046	Leidel, Edwin Max Jr - Dec
47767	Laingen, Hope - Ord	47189	Leight, Susan Elaine - Pri
42925	Lake, Mark William - Dec	22245	Leonard, Thomas Edgar - Dec
47181	Lambers, August Jacob - Ord	X-47561	Levanway, William Douglas - RecFC

47298	Lewis, Kristina Jean - Ord	47669	Luckes, David - Ord
47737	Lewis, Leesa - Pri	36422	Luckey, Thomas Hannan III - Dec
38431	Lewis, Philip M - Rem	47399	Ludwig, Nancy Greig - Pri
47836	Lewis, Victoria Marian - Pri	47809	Lund, Cynthia - Ord
36766	Lewis, Barbara Ann - Dec	32865	Lusignan, Louise Jennet Cornish - Dec
X-31567	Lewis, Kenrick Ewart - Dec	47670	Lusk, Sarah - Pri
26798	Lewis, Lawrence Bernard - Dec	47157	Lutz, Joseph Anthony - Pri
34785	Lewis, Maurine Ann - Dec	X-41623	Lyons, James Hershel Jr - Dec
47667	Lias, Margaret E - Ord	47575	Ma, Heather - Pri
47837	Lienau, Phillip - Pri	47813	Machard, Pauline - Ord
47491	Lienesch, Elizabeth F - Pri	47323	Macias, Ryan Michael - Pri
47738	Light, Margaret - Ord	X-33175	Macintosh, Neil Keith - Dec
47668	Light, Robert C III - Pri	47340	Mackay Vinson, Jean Annette - Pri
20950	Lillpopp, Donald R - Dec	32984	Mackenzie, Alexander James - Dec
47088	Lindsay, Steven William - Pri	24417	Mackenzie, Jonathan - Dec
22826	Lindsey, Kenneth Lewis - Dec	45020	Macmillan, Cameron P - Rem
23772	Link, Michael Roger - Dec	18922	Macnaughton, John Herbert - Dec
X-24405	Liu, Ting-Hua - Dec	41878	Macwhinnie, Anthony Eugene II - Dec
47127	Livingood, Abigail Zoeann - Pri	47786	Maddox, Katharine Paschal - Ord
24167	Lloyd, James Edward - Dec	47080	Maestretti, Carolyn Fern - Pri
29827	Lloyd, Samuel Thames III - Dec	24777	Magers, James Hugh - Dec
47128	Lobb, Mark Andrew - Pri	47377	Maguire, Rebecca Maria - Pri
39405	Locke, Kathleen Newell - Dec	26419	Maguire, Bernard Leonard III - Dec
47768	Lockhart, Deborah - Ord	46949	Mahr, Wineva P - Dec
47155	Lockhart, Donna Lee - Pri	47620	Major, Jane Hagan - Pri
24863	Lodwick, James Nicholas - Dec	X-37626	Major, John Charles - Rem
46913	Loewen-Samuels, Joshua - Rem	47272	Major, Maureen M - Pri
47322	Long, Jean M - Ord	25074	Major, Joseph Kenneth - Dec
46188	Long, Pamela Hosey - TrOut	47341	Mamour, Samson James - Pri
47774	Lopez, Angela Marie - Ord	20258	Mangum, Frank Burnett - Dec
X-47389	Lopez Bolanos, Eddy E - RechS	47175	Manhardt, Catherine - Pri
X-47567	Losemann, Heinrich J Jr - RechS	32370	Mann, Henry Rezin - Dec
20905	Louis, Richard Mortimer - Dec	30722	Manning, Ronald Francis - Dec
26404	Love, Leon Lewis - Dec	47075	Manoff, Maribeth Scholten - Pri
47156	Lovelace, Logan Chas - Pri	47812	Mantler, Meghan - Pri
44620	Loveless, Phillip Lyman - Rem	32109	Maranville, Joyce Margaret - Dec
27474	Low, Melvin Leslie - Dec	31217	Marquand, Betty Harlina - Dec
47858	Lowe, Kevin Matthew - Pri	21137	Marr, Jon Aidan - Dec
31859	Lowe, Lori Marleen - Dec	21048	Marsh, Karl Edwin - Dec
34423	Lucas, Alison C - Dec	40701	Marshall, Robert K - Rem

X-37410	Marshall, Carol Phillips - Dec	47516	Mcdonald, Carmie Jones - Pri
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29717	Marshall, Richard Gerald - Dec	28758	Mcdowell, James Lynn - Dec
47299	Marshall Casasola, Elizabeth - Pri	47787	Mceacron, David - Ord
47838	Martin, Justin - Ord	47468	Mcelroy, Elizabeth Abbott-Wells - Pri
43382	Martin, Nancy K - Pri	47193	Mcevoy, Susan E - Pri
47437	Martin, Peter Thomas - Ord	X-47811	Mcfarlin, Phoebe - RecFC
28644	Martin, Kenneth Earl - Dec	45628	Mcgee, Robert Maurice - Rem
33597	Martin, Terry L - Dec	27405	Mcgee-Street, Eleanor Lee - Dec
47750	Martinez, Joel Micah - Ord	34334	Mcgill, James Calvin - Rem
47324	Martinez, Luke - Pri	25388	Mcgraw, Stanley Earle - Dec
47227	Martinez Gama Olivares, Jose I - Ord	47048	Mcgriff, Amanda Perkins - Pri
47739	Mast, Sarah - Pri	24398	Mchenry, Richard Earl - Dec
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17203	Matlack, David Russell - Dec	41476	Mckean, Deborah Adams - Dec
47115	Mattson, Bradley L - Pri	47599	Mckenzie, Izak Cameron - Pri
16765	Maxwell, William Ferguson - Dec	26698	Mckenzie, William Bruce Jr - Dec
47378	Mazur, Meghan J - Pri	17145	Mclaughlin, John Norris - Dec
47859	Mcabee, Christopher P - Pri	29373	Mcleod, Mary Adelia Rosamond - Dec
47246	Mcadam, Gavin Edward - Pri	21535	Mcleod, James Wallace - Dec
47047	Mcalister, Joel - Pri	38519	Mcmanis, Dennis R - Dec
47342	Mcalister, Louis Jett - Pri	47839	Mcmillan, Susan F - Ord
47515	Mcbride, Jennifer Marie - Pri	47587	Mcmillen, Amanda - Pri
32547	Mccabe, Charles Peyton III - Dec	47419	Mcnamara, Dawn - Ord
28938	Mccall, Richard D - Dec	19602	Mcnutt, Charlie Fuller Jr - Dec
43116	Mccallum, Bruce Allan - Dec	47672	Meeks, Katherine Glenda - Pri
22288	Mccandless, Richard William - Dec	X-47569	Meier, Corey - RechS
47467	Mccarley, Daniel Lambert - Pri	31278	Mejia, Jairo - Dec
47671	Mccarthy, Mary Catherine - Ord	X-39384	Mejia, Jose Arnaldo - Dec
47210	Mccarthy, Mary K - Pri	47039	Melancon, Sylvia A - Pri
47566	Mccarthy, Michael P - Ord	47715	Mello, Dylan C - Pri
X-47539	Mccartney, Enrique - RecFC	41268	Mello, Jeffrey W - Con
30093	Mccarty, Marjorie Mcdonall - Dec	46098	Mendoza, Lidia - Pri
47300	Mcclain, Charles - Pri	47221	Mercer, Karen - Pri
24630	Mccloskey, Robert Johnson Jr - Dec	47301	Mercier, Darcey - Pri
40004	Mccloud, Linda - Dec	21351	Merrill, George Richard - Dec
47804	Mcclung, Marilou - Pri	36488	Metz, Susanna - Dec
47805	Mcclure, Amelia Hope - Pri	47840	Meyer, Charlotte Delahay - Pri
45647	Mccue, Mary Madeline - Dec	25983	Meyer, Robert Bruce - Dec
47633	Mcdermott, Matthew - Pri	47673	Micklewright, Christopher Alan - Pri

37556	Miescher, Walter Henry III - Dec	26162	Morris, Clayton L - Dec
47550	Miksa, Katherine Elizabeth - Pri	22667	Morris, James Edgar - Dec
47576	Miller, Christina C - Pri	47344	Morrison, Jillian B - Pri
44996	Miller, Christopher James-Alan - Rem	47345	Mount, Jeremy Philip - Pri
47601	Miller, Pamela - Pri	45629	Mueller, Kay Swann - Pri
47325	Miller, Vicki Lynn - Ord	47274	Muller, Albert J - Ord
32008	Miller, Alden Scott - Dec	25242	Muller, John - Dec
47740	Mills, Lorelee - Ord	47129	Munoz, Joel - Pri
22447	Minturn, Sterling M - Dec	47629	Murrell, Elaine - Ord
47674	Miorelli, James Attilio - Pri	26882	Musgrave, David Charles - Dec
47183	Mis, Claire - Ord	32609	Mushorn, Richard C - Dec
47517	Missel, Ryan - Pri	30006	Mussatti, David James - Dec
47431	Mitchell, Florence Cooper - Ord	47108	Musser, David N - Rem
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39629	Mitchell, Katherine Nicholson - Pri	X-32515	Nairn, Frederick William - Dec
24211	Mitchener, Gary Asher - Dec	22412	Nako, James Walter - Dec
47343	Modisett, Cara Ellen - Pri	31392	Narvaez, Alfonso Anthony - Dec
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47379	Moeser, Annelies Gisela - Pri	36970	Natoli, Anne M - Dec
47675	Molina, Michael - Pri	47469	Natta, Laura E - Pri
30510A	Molineaux, Natalie Brigit - Rest	38963	Neal, James Frederick - Dec
30136	Monahan, Anne Duval - Dec	36920	Neary, Marlyn Mason - Dec
X-19173	Monica, Ted Jay - Dec	21707	Neilson, John Robert - Dec
43740	Monroe, Sarah Beth - Rem	40123	Neitzel, Anna C - Dec
27605	Montanari, Albert Ubaldo - Dec	47050	Nelson, Beth Anne - Pri
X-29183	Montgomery, Ian David - TrOut	47676	Nelson, Keith - Pri
47003	Montgomery, Terri Lynn - Pri	47742	Nelson, Randy - Ord
X-25215	Monzon-Molina, Eduardo - Dec	47071	Nesbitt, Katharine Lynne - Pri
47841	Moore, Jared Dean - Pri	44268	Nettles, Duane Joseph - Rem
47113	Moore, Linda June - Pri	27700	Neuhaus, Theodore James - Dec
31092	Moore, Judith Ann - Dec	47199	Newell, Kevin Michael - Pri
45326	Moore, Kathleen Mary - Dec	47842	Newell, Theresa L - Pri
17350	Moreau, Walter Jerome - Dec	47051	Newell-Large, Amy - Pri
47273	Morey, Erin K - Pri	33401	Neylon, Jean Carla - Dec
42495	Morgan, Ruth Margaret - Rem	47302	Nichols, David Wilson - Ord
34054	Morgan, Barbara Jean - Dec	47247	Nichols, Jacob Robert - Pri
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28081	Morgan-Higgins, Stanley Ethelbert - Dec	22681	Niese, Alfred Moring Jr - Dec
46323	Morris, Matthew David - Rem	47303	Niles, Sally - Ord

27553	Nix, William Dale Jr - Dec	25991	Page, Donald Richard - Dec
X-47269	Njoku, Benjamin - RecFC	47004	Paget, Joshua N - Pri
46091	Nonken, Scott Eugene - Pri	38970	Pain, Mary Reed - Dec
47518	Nonnemaker, Brandon - Pri	47304	Paiva, Fernando III - Pri
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33043	Northway, Daniel Page - Dec	37013	Panasevich, Eleanor Jones - Dec
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47158	Nygren, Adam - Pri, Dec	47255	Pardy, William Goehl - Ord
28897	O'Brien, Charles Harold - Dec	47680	Parker, Ryan Paul - Pri
X-23553	Oda-Burns, John Macdonald - Dec	26464	Parker, Robert Coleman - Dec
47677	Odidi, Olufunmilayo Durotoluwa - Ord	28958	Parker, Ronald Wilmar - Dec
41149	Oechsel, Russell Harold Jr - Susp	46941	Parry, Tyler - Pri
22203	Oesterlin, Peter William - Dec	22256	Partridge, Edmund Bruce - Dec
34574	Ogburn, John Nelson Jr - Dec	47177	Pasternak Post, Alyssa R - Pri
47551	Ogletree, Andrew W - Pri	47211	Patterson, Brice Joel - Ord
47406	Oliveros, Sandra Milena - Ord	42472	Patterson, Michael Steven - Dec
26604	Olsen, David Logie - Dec	19394	Patterson, Robert Place - Dec
41199	O'Neil, Janet Anne - Dec	47821	Paul, Kristen Elizabeth - Pri
47588	O'Neil Frank, Margaret - Pri	23855	Paul, Kenneth Wayne - Dec
47829	O'Neill, Jeremy R - Pri	39706	Paul, Rocks-Anne - Dec
47432	O'Neill, Julie E - Ord	43107	Paulis, Marion Helen - Dec
27735	O'Neill, Vincent Depaul - Dec	47716	Pawlik, Sydney Elizabeth - Pri
47090	O'Rear, Joseph Allen - Pri	47531	Payne White, Robin Adair - Ord
47100	Orlando, Patricia Roberts - Pri	47830	Payne-Taylor, Calvin - Pri
47678	Ortez, Eva Maria - Pri	46711A	Paz, Baudelina - Pri
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47407	Ortiz Torres, Jorge Andres - Ord	22734	Peabody, William Nelson - Dec
34790	Orwig, Dana Lynn Maynard - Pri	28959	Pease, Edwin C Jr - Dec
47326	Osborn, Bradley Scott - Ord	47608	Pecot, Stephen Douglas - Pri
47843	Osborne, Alane - Pri	47130	Pennington, Richard Gregory - Pri
47052	Osgood, Lynn Ann Kalsched - Pri	44178	Perez, Juan Francisco Jr - Dec
21776	O'Steen, Joe Arnold - Dec	44896	Perica, Raymond William - Dec
47679	Ostendorf, Kristen - Pri	47712	Perkins, Casey A - Ord
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22372	Phalen, John Richard - Dec	47682	Proctor, Tyler - Pri
47492	Phelan, John Jr - Pri	47578	Prox, Todd Anthony - Pri
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47161	Phillips, Trey B - Pri	47236	Quinn, Derek James - Pri
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47346	Pickersgill, Erin - Pri	40555	Quinonez-Mera, Juan Carlos - Con
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24451	Platt, Thomas Walter - Dec	27305	Ramsden, Charles Leslie - Dec
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18816	Pollard, Robert III - Dec	24101	Rankin, William Wright II - Dec
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20210	Porcher, Philip Gendron - Dec	34727	Read, David Glenn - Con
24996	Porter, Gerald William - Dec	32333	Reardin, Lois Arline - Dec
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39104	Richards, Daniel P - Con	24129	Ross, Robert Layne - Dec
19442	Riebe, Norman W - Dec	47473	Rossi, Matthew Jordan - Pri
47471	Rieker, Scott - Pri	23600	Roth, Ralph C - Dec
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47305	Roberts, Les Allen - Ord	21936	Rupp, Lawrence Dean - Dec
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41546	Shewmaker, David Paul - Dec	33024	Smith, Harold Vaughn - Dec
37918	Shigaki, Jerry Moritsune - Dec	40329	Smith, Jacqueline Kay - Dec
30236	Shippen, Sallie Elliot - Dec	23166	Smith, Myrl Elden - Dec
29929	Shoberg, Warren Elwood - Dec	22158	Smith, Perry Michael - Dec



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47521	Sorey, Katie O'Neal - Pri	44421	Stewart, James Macgregor - Rem
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47523	Swett, Megan Kathleen - Pri	47506	Toburen, Patricia - Pri
47352	Sylvester, Heather - Ord	47745	Tomlin, Gavin Eugene - Pri
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Annie Jones	Marvin McLennon
Peggy Cromwell	Rick Williams

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Jeff Jackson	Beth King
Carole Maddux	Lindsey Hardegree
Lauren Holder	Tammy Pallot*
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Timothy L. Alleman  
Susan Treanor  
Jay O'Rear

Cathy Bailey\*  
Judith Dickerson  
Jay Miller  
Cynthia Nortey

**California, Province VIII**

Eric M. M. Metoyer  
Richard Edward Helmer  
Deborah White  
Ruth Meyers

Sarah Lawton\*  
Warren Wong  
Christopher Hayes  
Laura Curlin

**Central Ecuador, Province IX**

Diego Chingúa

Betty Ruiz  
Anita Palacios\*

**Central Florida, Province IV**

Scott Holcombe  
José Rodríguez-Sanjuro  
Phyllis P. Bartle\*  
Sara Oxley

Heather Rodriguez  
Heidi White  
Emily Fletcher  
Mary Kay Predmore

**Central Gulf Coast, Province IV**

J. David Knight\*  
Christie Hord  
Amanda Doshier  
John Talbert

Jill Showers Chow  
Eugene Johnston  
Joe McDaniel  
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**Central New York, Province II**

Shelly Banner\*  
Megan L. Castellan  
Dawn-Victoria Mitchell  
Rebecca Roberts

Karen Anderson  
Pamela Talbott  
Felicity Hallanan  
Adam Hamilton-Ferguson

**Central Pennsylvania, Province III**

Shayna Watson\*  
Grant Ambrose  
Jennifer Mattson  
Kate Harrigan

Sarah Reid  
Anthony Alexander  
Amy Swiernik  
Drew Dorgan

**Chicago, Province V**

Fran Holliday	Louisa McKellaston*
Jenny Replogle	Crystal Plummer
M.E. Eccles	Ellen Lindeen
Jess Elfring-Roberts	Judi Jordan

**Colombia, Province IX**

Ricardo Betancur*	Inés Ricciuti
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**Colorado, Province VI**

Brian Winter	L. Zoe Cole
Melissa Adzima	Chuck Theobald*
Tory Moir	Erica Pomerenk
Anne Richter	Lawrence Hitt II

**Connecticut, Province I**

Rowena Kemp*	Elizabeth Rousseau
Tracy Johnson Russell	Marsha Adell
Rebekah Hatch	Suzy Burke
Linda Spiers	David Rivera

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Richard Cole	David Case*
Sunny Hallanan	Janet Day-Strehlow
Walter Baer	Anita Urassa
Robert Vukovic	Denis LeMoullac

**Cuba, Province II**

Halbert Pons Santana*	Laura Sarraff
Gilberto Caballero	Teresa Quevedo
Rody Pérez Risco	Yulay Camejo
Leandro Cardona Ceiro	Damaris Gonzalez

**Dallas, Province VII**

Matthew S.C. Olver	Jolayne LaCour*
Ignacio Gama	Rebecca Wellborn
Christopher Steele	Lee Spence
Paul Nesta	Ben Lima

**Delaware, Province III**

Patty Downing

Ted Olson

Donna Jean Kiessling

Marta Illueca

D-L Casson

Helen Spence

Michael Wood

Nana Soto

**Dominican Republic, Province IX**

Milquella Mendoza

Ercilia Peralta

Floencia Melvina Dinzey

Martha Rhina Perez Guante

Mary Pringle de Quezada

**East Carolina, Province IV**

Paul Canady\*

Tambria Lee

Robert Alves

Caleb Lee

Tess Judge

Hannah Hutchens

Tom Tully

Barbara Crumbacker

**East Tennessee, Province IV**

April Berends

Claire Brown

RJ Powell

Leigh Preston\*

Ellie Graham

Christina Sjoberg

Beverly Hurley Hill

Troy Eichenberger

**Eastern Michigan, Province V**

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Pam Lenartowicz

Tom Manney

Nancy Mayhew

Elizabeth Jordan

Carol Moggo

Ellen McVey

Sara Philo

**Eastern Oregon, Province VIII**

Ann Marie Hardin

Charlotte Wells\*

Marilyn Roth

Barbara Reynolds Mayo

Helen Keefe

David Kosar

Jan Uffelmann

**Easton, Province III**

Mary Friel

Laura Harbaugh

Susan Leight

Mark Delcuze\*

Sandra Bjork

Thomas Shuster

John Dragone

Susan Brown-Moore

**Eau Claire, Province V**

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David Bauer  
Aaron Zook  
Heather Hill

Deb Lorenze  
Tim Donahue  
Lee Donahue  
Nick Charles

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Alejandra Trillos  
Rob Keim  
Katherine Doar  
Barbara Miller\*

Jeff Diehl  
Timothy Gee  
Diana Trapani  
Laura Learned

**Florida, Province IV**

Teresa Seagle\*  
Mark Anderson  
Elisabeth Pessah  
Tanya Scheff

J. Byron Greene  
James Pierce  
James Salter  
Paul Van Brunt

**Fond du Lac, Province V**

Meredyth Albright\*  
Amy Heimerl  
Tyler Richards  
Michele Whitford

Bekah Scolare  
Richard Ackley  
Cheryl Dobrzynski  
Martina Mims

**Georgia, Province IV**

Kelly Steele\*  
Leeann Culbreath  
Thomas Purdy  
Yvette Owens

Liz Williams  
Molly (Mary B.) Stevenson  
Madison Cook  
Cecilia "Cissy" Bowden

**Haiti, Province II**

Kesner Ajax\*  
Samuel Saint Louis  
Renard Jacob

**Hawaii, Province VIII**

John Tomoso  
David Jackson  
Katlin McCallister  
Jennifer Latham

Ryan Kusumoto\*  
Kimberly Arakawa  
Roth Puahala  
Mary Carpenter

**Honduras, Province IX**

Luis Brenes

Vicente Vasquez\*

Norma Coello

Abelardo Irias

**Idaho, Province VIII**

Nancy Koonce\*

Dennis Reid

Jonah Kendall

Megan Dembi

Betsy Wiesmore

Ron Braman

Sue Bolen

Al Borg-Borm

**Indianapolis, Province V**

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Allan Wallace

Hilary Cooke

Julia Whitworth

Mariann Scott

Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale\*

Lara Dreyer

Connie Betts

**Iowa, Province VI**

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Meg Wagner

Stephen Benitz

Kathleen Milligan

William Smith

Dale Schirmer

Tiffany Farrell

Alescha Caldwell

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Torey Lightcap

Casey Rohleder

Laurie Lewis

Andrew O'Connor

Stephan Mann

Michael Funston\*

Kirsten Lee

Julia Hart

**Kentucky, Province IV**

Barbara Merrick\*

Steve Pankey

Benjamin Hart

Lee Shafer

James Moody

Camille Norman

Shelley Carter

Christopher Amiot-Funk

**Lexington, Province IV**

Amy Chambers Cortright

Laurie Brock\*

Peter Doddema

Karen Booth

Mary T Yeiser

Rob Coulston

Mark Medley

Anthony Haigh

**Liberia, Province IX**

A-Too Williams  
Wozayan Bazzie

Elizabeth Sele Mulbah  
Decontee King Sackie

**Litoral Ecuador, Province IX**

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Geronimo Alava Villarreal  
Mariana Loor

Alexander Mejillon  
Roberth Mendoza

**Long Island, Province II**

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Hickman Alexandre\*  
Landon Moore  
Denise Galloway

Sharon Brown-Veillard  
Christine Scott  
Charles Janoff  
Penny Grinage

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Rachel Nyback\*  
Kelli Grace Kurtz  
Dominique Piper

Kathryn Nishibayashi  
Andrew Tomat  
Thomas Diaz  
Alan Herendich

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Allison Reid\*  
Tommy Dillon II  
Liz Embler-Beazley  
Peter Wong

Bailey Alexander  
Carolyn Harris  
John Musser IV  
John Sykes

**Maine, Province I**

Joshua Hill  
Lisa Fry  
Kerry Mansir  
Lauren Kay

John Hennessy\*  
Mark Spahr  
Dick Rozene  
Christian Clough

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Ruth Elder\*  
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Randy Callender  
Kathleen Schotto

Alma Bell  
Mary DeKuyper  
Rachel Erdman  
David Mallery

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Edwin Johnson  
Karen Coleman  
Isaac Martinez  
Chris Wendell

Billy Boyce\*  
Betsy Ridge  
Brian Litzenberger  
Kevin Miller

**Michigan, Province V**

Philip Dinwiddie\*  
 Judith Schellhammer  
 Anthony Estes  
 Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Luke Thompson  
 Stephen Ott  
 Cedric Flounory  
 Brittany Estes

**Milwaukee, Province V**

Jana Troutman-Miller\*  
 Matthew Buterbaugh  
 Scott Seefeldt  
 Miranda Hassett

Deanna Christman  
 John Johnson  
 John Washbush  
 Janet Finn

**Minnesota, Province VI**

Devon Anderson  
 Margaret Thor\*  
 Richard Swenson  
 Ramona Scarpace

Esther Agbaje  
 Heidi Kim  
 Katie Madsen  
 Minnie Steele

**Mississippi, Province IV**

CJ Meaders\*  
 J. Brian Ponder  
 Anne Maxwell  
 Annie Kay Cumberland Elliott

Tom Fortner  
 Kathryn McCormick  
 Ed Sisson  
 Margaret McLarty

**Missouri, Province V**

Kathleen Adams-Shepherd  
 Shug Goodlow  
 Tamsen Whistler  
 Joshua Huber

Betty Bowersox\*  
 Doris Lucy-Goodlow  
 Michael Booker  
 Adrienne Dillon

**Montana, Province VI**

Stephen Day  
 Donna Gleaves  
 Connie Campbell-Pearson  
 Jean Collins

Sandra Williams\*  
 James Wiley  
 Glen Southergill  
 Brad Foster

**Navajoland Area Mission, Province VIII**

Cathlena Plummer\*  
 Leon Sampson  
 Michael Sells  
 Cornelia Eaton

GJ Gordy  
 Maggie Brown  
 Margaret Benally  
 Ruth Johnson

**Nebraska, Province VI**

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 Wesley Agar  
 Tom Jones  
 Emily Schnabl

D.C. "Woody" Bradford  
 Noelle Ptomey  
 James "Vic" Culp  
 Charles Plantz

**Nevada, Province VIII**

Kirk Woodliff  
 Marla Asson  
 Michael Engfer  
 Veronica Galas

Christina Lodge  
 Kathy Klein\*  
 Terry Cain  
 Patricia Holbrook-Seay

**New Hampshire, Province I**

Jason Wells\*  
 Kate Harmon Siberine  
 Alanna Van Antwerpen  
 Jane W Van Zandt

Robert Ambrogi  
 Sarah Ambrogi  
 Margaret Porter  
 Roberta Beavers

**New Jersey, Province II**

Valerie Balling  
 Emily Mellott  
 Daniel Scott Russell  
 Angelo Wildgoose

Paul Ambos\*  
 Barbie Okamoto Bach  
 Annette Buchanan  
 Noreen Duncan

**New York, Province II**

Theodora Brooks  
 Susan Fortunato  
 Katharine Flexer  
 Kirstin Swanson

Yvonne O'Neal\*  
 Diane Pollard  
 Wendy Cañas  
 Tivaun Cooper

**Newark, Province II**

George Dredde  
 Grant Mansfield  
 Cynthia Black\*  
 Anne E. Kitch

Janelle Grant  
 Paula Cappel  
 Laura Russell  
 Jewels Quelly

**North Carolina, Province IV**

Kathy Walker  
 Rebecca Yarbrough  
 Kevin Matthews\*  
 Jacob Pierce

Alice Freeman  
 Martha Bedell Alexander  
 Megan Carlson  
 Bryan Dougan



**North Dakota, Province VI**

Kimberly Fox

Angela Goodhouse

Robert Hoekstra

John Floberg

John Baird\*

Robert Fox

Carmine Goodhouse

Charlotte Peterson

**Northern California, Province VIII**

Robin Denney\*

James Richardson

Pamela Dolan

Matthew Woodward

Jay Elmquist

CeeCee Coleman

Peter Juvé

Amy Nykamp

**Northern Indiana, Province V**

Terri Bays\*

Kirsten Guidero

T.J. Freeman

Kathy Townley

Evan Doyle

Paul Ricketts

Timothy Skimina

Pamela Harris

**Northern Michigan, Province V**

Lydia Kelsey Bucklin

Virginia Mannisto

Suzanne Ray

Bradley Pickens

Rick Stanitis\*

Wyndeth Davis

Thomas Steffensen

Katie Chipman-Bergsma

**Northwest Texas, Province VII**

Mike Ehmer\*

Ricardo Lopez

Paige McKay

Miriam Scott

Carla Holeva

Dann Wigner

Mary Emeny

Kathy Balch

**Northwestern Pennsylvania, Province III**

Erin Betz Shank

Stacey Fussell

Melinda Hall

Adam Trambly\*

Anne Bardol

Craig Dressler

Ed Palattella

Kaycee Reib

**Ohio, Province V**

Bridget Coffey

George Baum

Vincent Black

Debra Bennett

Dianne Audrick Smith

Evangeline Warren

William Powel\*

Virginia Bing

**Oklahoma, Province VII**

Janie Koch  
 Everett Lees\*  
 Tim Baer  
 Dion Crider

Julia Ayala Harris  
 Kate Bond  
 Andy Richardson  
 Olivia Dennard

**Olympia, Province VIII**

Rachel Taber-Hamilton  
 Malcolm McLaurin  
 Sabeth Fitzgibbons  
 Jedediah Fox

Judith Andrews  
 Sharalyne King  
 Tieran Sweeny-Bender\*  
 Michael Seewer

**Oregon, Province VIII**

Wes Sedlacek  
 Gavin Shumate  
 Beth Mallon  
 Diane Higgins- Shaffer

Alan Murray\*  
 Toni Phipps  
 Sydney Eddy Fitzpatrick  
 Susie Silva-Strommer

**Pennsylvania, Province III**

Benjamin Wallis  
 Andrea Gardner  
 Kristen Ostendorf  
 Emily Zimbrick-Rogers

Jill Mathis  
 Liz Wendt  
 Christopher Hart\*  
 Isaac Quelly

**Pittsburgh, Province III**

Eric McIntosh  
 Jeffrey Murph  
 Brandon Cooper  
 Noah Evans

Jon Delano  
 Florence Atwood  
 Stephen Stagnitta  
 Jamie McMahan\*

**Puerto Rico, Province II**

Bryan Vélez-García\*  
 Francisco Morales  
 Angel Rivera  
 Ivette Linares

Lymari Padró  
 José Santiago  
 Kenianne Rivera  
 Adrián Linares-Palacios

**Rhode Island, Province I**

Patrick Greene\*  
 Dante Tavolaro  
 Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew  
 Jan Grinnell

Scott Avedisian  
 Olive Swinski  
 Laura Clarke  
 Adejuwon Aikulola

**Rio Grande, Province VII**

Kristin Kopren*	Catherine Bailey
Kristina Maulden	Mark Childers
Daniel Cave	Cathryn Varney
Raymond Raney	Sydney Cline

**Rochester, Province II**

Keisha Stokes*	Ann Galvin
Virginia Tyler Smith	Carolyn Mok
Keith Patterson	Erin Glanton
Mary Ann Brody	Julie Syracuse

**San Diego, Province VIII**

Hannah Wilder*	Rachel Ambasing
Mary Lynn Coulson	Pauline Getz
Jeff Martinhauk	Jennifer Jow
Roberto Maldonado-Mercado	Hanh Tran

**San Joaquin, Province VIII**

Anna Carmichael	Skylar Carlson
Nelson Serrano Poveda	Jan Dunlap
Carolyn Woodall	Cindy Smith*
Suzy Ward	Nancy Fitzgerald

**South Carolina, Province IV**

Adam Shoemaker	Andrea McKellar*
Wilmot Merchant	Deb Harris
Ramelle McCall	Sarah Tipton
William Coyne	Joshua Bullock

**South Dakota, Province VI**

Kim Fonder*	Warren Hawk
Kurt Huber	Deanna Stands
Christina O'Hara	Robin Bowen
Lauren Stanley	Mitchell Honan

**Southeast Florida, Province IV**

Debra Maconaughey*	Duncan Hurd
Anthony Holder	Michelle Lane
Roberta Knowles	Jean Milien
Sanford Groff	Ingrid Cheesborough

**Southern Ohio, Province V**

Gia Hayes-Martin  
Scott Gunn\*  
Melanie Slane  
Lynn Carter-Edmands

Miriam McKenney  
Deborah Stokes-Wayne  
Elizabeth Wagner-Weber  
Harold Patrick

**Southern Virginia, Province III**

Charles Bauer\*  
Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly  
Jan M Brown  
Ashley Urquidi

Helen Sharpe-Williams  
Pam Pringle  
Madeline Hanlon  
Diana Moreland

**Southwest Florida, Province IV**

Ryan Whitley  
Adrienne Hymes  
Roy Tuff  
Bryan O'Carroll

Navita James  
Joan Kline  
Jackie Smith\*  
Melissa Rau

**Southwestern Virginia, Province III**

Nina Vest Salmon\*  
Mark Furlow  
Susan Bentley  
Boyd Evans

Mark Loftis  
Laura Beth Weaver  
Charlie Schindler  
Jack Barrow

**Spokane, Province VIII**

David Sibley  
Heather VanDeventer  
David Gortner  
Linda Young

Andrea Farley  
Pia Longinotti\*  
Katherine Karr-Cornejo  
Robin Hill

**Springfield, Province V**

Sheryl Black  
Mark Evans  
Tim Leighton  
David Knox

Kevin Babb\*  
Cindy Lynk  
Joyce Wright  
Donald Monty

**Taiwan, Province VIII**

Joseph Ming-Lung Wu  
Mark Chen-Chang Cheng  
Jui-En Ho  
Ching-Yi Tsai

Gung Chern  
Isaac Chen Wei-Chieh  
Joseph I-Chao Lee\*

**Tennessee, Province IV**

Kristine Blaess\*

Joseph Howard

Timothy Kimbrough

Robert Osborne

Susan Huggins

W. A. (Pete) Stringer

Christy Beesley

Scott Kammerer

**Texas, Province VII**

Christine Faulstich\*

Hannah Atkins-Romero

Charles Graves

Luz Montes

Abel Campos

Scott Madison

Linda Patterson

Katie Sherrod

**the Virgin Islands, Province II**

Sandra Walters Malone\*

John C. George

Esther Georges

Elton Sprauve

Cheryl Jeremiah Ambrose

Andrea Barreiro

Riise Richards

**Upper South Carolina, Province IV**

Mia C. McDowell\*

Jack Hardaway

Dorian Del Priore

Kellie Wilson

Melissa Langford

Angela Daniel

Norah Grimball

Rebecca Maitland

**Utah, Province VIII**

Daniela Lee

Christopher Szarke

Kurt Wiesner

Gabriel Atem

Sandra Lee Corp\*

Stephen Hutchinson

Kristin Madden

Branden Burningham

**Venezuela, Province IX**

Ana Anthony

Pierre Jean Cene Joseph

Coromoto Jiménez\*

Marisol Rondón

**Vermont, Province I**

Stannard Baker

Greta Getlein

Lisa Ransom

Lee Crawford

Thomas Little\*

Jennifer Knowles

Anne Brown

Lisa Leopold

**Virginia, Province III**

Daniel Vélez-Rivera  
Amanda Kotval  
Hilary Smith  
Sven vanBaars

Lillian Hardaway\*  
Margaret Jones  
Russell Randle  
Cindi Bartol

**Washington, Province III**

Yoimel Gonzalez Hernandez  
Glenna Huber\*  
Gregory Syler  
Susan Fritz

Anton Vanterpool  
Matthew Taylor  
Mary Nezek  
Nathan Brown

**West Missouri, Province VII**

Chas Marks  
Anne Meredith Kyle  
Steven King  
Isaac Petty

Amanda Perschall\*  
Curtis Hamilton  
Alexandra Connors  
Christine Morrison

**West Tennessee, Province IV**

Noah Campbell  
Gerri Endicott  
Gary Meade  
Jay Biedenharn

Tercille Basa-Ong\*  
Lavonnie Perry Claybon  
Zach Ferguson  
Scott Haight

**West Texas, Province VII**

Scott Brown\*  
Carrie Guerra  
Benjamin Nelson  
Jay George

Curt Mowen  
Jennifer Wickham  
Mary Hayden Manning  
Wheless Baker

**West Virginia, Province III**

Joshua Saxe  
Jordan Trumble  
Kim Webster  
Greg Pennington

Karen Klein\*  
Linda Comins  
Vivian Kost  
Beth Marquart

**Western Kansas, Province VII**

Shay Craig  
Todd Ray  
Cameron Randle

Toni Cottrell\*  
Susie Ray  
Harvetta Von Fange  
Jennifer Higgins

**Western Louisiana, Province VII**

John Bedingfield\*  
Michael Bordelon  
Annie Etheredge  
Thomas Nsubuga

Willard Harp  
Karen Hayward  
Nancy Barnes Shaw  
Ashley Thom

**Western Massachusetts, Province I**

Richard Simpson  
Tanya Wallace\*  
Meredyth Ward  
Jason Burns

Meg Galbreath  
Zena Link  
John Cheek  
Amanda Watroba

**Western Michigan, Province V**

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Nurya Parish  
Derek Quinn  
Kay Houck

William Fleener, Province Jr  
Sheridan Leinbach  
Laurie Atwater  
Mary Simpson

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Luke Fodor  
Isaac Ihiasota\*  
Claudia Scheda

Cheri Maytum-Krull  
Faith Laudenslauger  
James Isaac  
Rose H. Sconiers

**Western North Carolina, Province IV**

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Gaelyn Evangreene  
R. Scott White  
Susan Buchanan

Gordon Hamilton  
Jada Bryson  
Betsy Biega  
Jane Schronce

**Wyoming, Province VI**

Bobbe Fitzhugh\*  
Melinda Bobo  
Randy Belton  
Linda Anderson

Brian Knox  
Nichole St. Clair  
Shealee Donahue  
April French

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Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention



**Pre-Convention**

**Saturday June 22, 2024**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Call to Order**

The Secretary called the Joint Session to Order at 2:01 p.m.

**Prayers**

The Secretary led the Joint Session in prayer.

**Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies Presentation to General Convention**

The Secretary welcomed the Joint Session to the Diocese of Kentucky for the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention and thanked the staff of the General Convention Office and volunteers for their work. The Secretary then announced his planned retirement after the General Convention and was thanked for his years of service with applause.

The Secretary then welcomed the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, and the President of the House of Deputies, Julia Ayala Harris, to make remarks.

The President thanked the Diocese of Kentucky for its hospitality. The President noted that there have been challenges in the time since the last General Convention, globally, for her personally, and for The Episcopal Church. The President commended the Presiding Bishop for the grace and courage he showed throughout his own challenges and the church for the leadership, resilience, and care they have shown during this time. The President noted The Episcopal Church is at a crossroads with an uncertain future, but by living into the priorities of accessibility, inclusivity, and safety we can be a church where all are welcome. The President encouraged the Joint Session to engage the business of General Convention, being led by the Holy Spirit, and with respect, trust, and mutual care. The President noted that, by doing so, The Episcopal Church can offer a counter-cultural witness and encouraged the Joint Session by reminding us that the Lord has brought us this far and will bring the church where we need to be.

The Presiding Bishop then greeted the Joint Session and gave a word of thanks to the President for her ministry and for her leadership during his health challenges. The Presiding Bishop also gave thanks to the Secretary, Executive Council, and the staffs of The Episcopal Church and the General Convention Office for their leadership and work. The Presiding Bishop noted that his time in the office will be coming to an end this year and that it has been an honor serving the church in this capacity. The Joint Session responded with applause in thanksgiving for his service. The Presiding Bishop then reflected on the Last Discourse in the book of John, reminding the Joint Session of Jesus' message to the disciples of what they needed to know to face an uncertain future. The Presiding Bishop encouraged the Joint Session to offer radical, selfless service to the world and to transform this world by the power

of love, as instructed by the words of Jesus in the book of John. The Presiding Bishop noted that he felt a sweet spirit in at this General Convention and that he believed the Spirit continues to work within The Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop noted many examples of the Spirit at work in The Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop stated that he learned about Jesus and the love of Jesus in this church and, because of that, he is not concerned about the future of The Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop reminded the Joint Session that, though the road will not be easy, The Episcopal Church is strong and durable and has a future that God has decreed. The Presiding Bishop encouraged the members of the Joint Session to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

The Secretary read the announcements.

The Presiding Bishop gave a blessing to the Joint Session.

**Recess**

The Joint Session was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

**Day 1****Sunday June 23, 2024****MORNING SESSION**

This being the time and place designated, pursuant to Canon I.1.1.a, for the meeting of the 81st General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, Julia Ayala Harris of Oklahoma, called the House to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky, in the Diocese of Kentucky.

The President announced that the Bible had been placed in the House and was open to Numbers chapter 27, verses 1-8. The President remarked on the scripture.

**Appointment of the Chaplain**

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

**Introduction**

The President introduced the Vice President of the House, Deputy Rachel Taber-Hamilton of Olympia, and noted that the Vice President will preside should the President be unable to do so.

**Appointments**

The President announced the appointment of Deputy Crystal Plummer of Chicago as the deputy who will preside should the President and Vice President be unable to do so; Bryan W. Krislock, Esq. of Olympia as Parliamentarian; Thomas A. Little, Esq. of Vermont as the Vice-Parliamentarian; Michael O. Glass, Esq. of San Joaquin as the Chancellor to the President; the Rev. Wilmot Merchant of South Carolina as the Sergeant-at-Arms; and Rick Stanitis of Northern Michigan as the deputy Sergeant-at-Arms.

**Certification of Deputies**

The President called on the Secretary for Report #1 for the morning session of the First Legislative Day from the House of Deputies Committee on Credentials. For the Morning Session of the First Legislative Day, there were 408 Clerical Deputies and 405 Lay Deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 813 representing 108 Dioceses which were duly recorded and represent prima facie evidence of the Deputies' right to seats in this House. No objections or contest were filed.

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried  
Report accepted**

**Quorum**

The President requested the Secretary to certify that a quorum was present.

The Secretary so certified:

I hereby certify that, pursuant to Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution, the clerical order being represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of dioceses entitled to representation in this Convention, and the lay order likewise represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of dioceses entitled to representation, there is a quorum of the House present for the transaction of business.

*The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe*

### **Election of the Secretary of the House of Deputies**

The President called for nominations for Secretary of the House of Deputies. Deputy Anderson of Minnesota placed in nomination the name of the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe of California as Secretary of the House of Deputies.

The President moved to close the nominations.

**Motion carried**  
**Nominations closed**

The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote. An electronic vote was conducted.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	750	98.94
No	8	1.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>758</b>	

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

**Secretary of the House of Deputies elected**

### **House of Deputies Organized**

The President declared that the House of Deputies was now organized. The President appointed Deputy Ambasing of San Diego, Deputy Madison of Texas, Deputy Angulo of Literal Ecuador, Deputy Brown of Navajoland, Deputy Dinwiddie of Michigan, Deputy Matthews of North Carolina, Deputy Collins of Montana, Deputy Daniel of Upper South Carolina, Deputy Conley of Arizona, Deputy Harrigan of Central Pennsylvania, Deputy Kimbrough of Tennessee, Deputy Candler of Atlanta, Deputy Stokes-Wayne of Southern Ohio, Deputy Pollard of New York, and Deputy Bradford of Nebraska to inform the House of Bishops of the same. The President appointed Deputy Ambasing and Deputy Bradford to serve as the co-chairs of the Committee and to speak on their behalf. Permission was given for them to leave the House to inform the House of Bishops.

### **Appointment of Assistant Secretaries**

The Secretary announced pursuant to Canon I.1.1.d, subject to the approval of the House, the appointment of the following Assistant Secretaries: the Rev. Dr. Molly F. James of Connecticut as

Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Betsey Bell of Ohio as Assistant Secretary for Legislation, and the Rev. Dr. Nina Ranadive Pooley of Western Massachusetts and the Rev. Alex Dyer of Atlanta as Assistant Secretaries for Voting.

The President moved that the House approve the appointment of the Assistant Secretaries.

**Motion carried**  
**Assistant Secretaries appointed**

### **Election of Secretary of the General Convention**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #2 on Resolution X002 (Election of Secretary of the General Convention) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(X002)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, having been duly elected Secretary of the House of Deputies, be made Secretary of the General Convention.

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

<b>Choice:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Yes	702	99.29
2	No	5	0.71
	<b>Total</b>	707	

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #1)

### **Communication from the House of Bishops**

A delegation from the House of Bishops, consisting of the Bishop of Missouri and the Bishop of Western Oregon, was introduced to the House to bring greetings and communicate that the House of Bishops was organized.

### **Introductions**

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

The President welcomed Mr. Kent Anker, the Chief Legal Officer, and announced that, pursuant to Canon I.4.2.h, he will function as general counsel.

The President welcomed Ms. Jane Cislucyis, the acting Chief Operating Officer of The Episcopal Church, who is also present in the House.

**Delegations with Seat and Voice**

The President welcomed and recognized the Rev. Canon A-Too Williams, the Rev. Wozayan Bazzie, Mrs. Elizabeth Sele Mulbah, and Mrs. Decontee King Sackie from the Episcopal Church in Liberia who, pursuant to House of Deputies Rule - IV.B.1, have seat and voice in the House.

The House greeted the delegation with applause.

**Official Youth Presence**

The President then welcomed and recognized the Official Youth Presence who, pursuant to House of Deputies Rule IV.B.2, have seat and voice in the House.

## Province I:

Gabriella Entrican of Massachusetts

Catherine Manser of Maine

## Province II:

Meredith McKeever of Newark

Gonzalo Lopez Hernandez of Puerto Rico

## Province III:

Abigayle Cheney of Southern Virginia

Zachary Wagner-Pizza of Central Pennsylvania

## Province IV:

Carsten Kennedy of Central Gulf Coast

Evan Van Brunt of Florida

## Province V:

Anna Skidmore of Western Michigan

Agol Anei of Western Michigan

## Province VI:

Maimie Thomas of South Dakota

Olivia Morin-Swanson of Minnesota

## Province VII:

Kyle Skinner of Dallas

Eli Crowley y Contreras of Rio Grande

Province VIII:

Solomon Galan of Los Angeles

Nicholas Livingston of Hawaii

The House recognized the Official Youth Presence with applause.

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #2 on Resolution A001 (Daily Agenda for General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A001)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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

11:00 am – 2:00 pm Legislative Committees Officers Training

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

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  
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  
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  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Diocese of Kentucky Night

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification  
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  
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  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

Thursday, June 27, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification  
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  
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

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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7:00 am – 8:00 am Deputy Certification

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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

~~7:00 pm – 9:00 pm~~ 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

The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote. An electronic vote was conducted.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	742	99.46
No	4	0.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>	

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
 (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #2)

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on Resolution X001 (House of Deputies Special Orders for the 81st General Convention) and moved adoption.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote. An electronic vote was conducted.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	760	99.35
No	5	0.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>765</b>	

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
 (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #3 )

### Final Text of Resolution

(X001)

*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 Co09 (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 Co25 (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.

### **Introductions by the Secretary**

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

#### Agenda Supervisors

Canon Denise Obando of California

The Rev. Steve Domienik of Michigan

#### Messages and Text Editing

The Rev. Dale Grandfield of Bethlehem

Ms. Mary Ann Mansfield of Arkansas

Ms. Rebecca Miller of Ohio

Ms. Marjorie McDougale of Ohio

#### Dispatch of Business

The Rev. Emily Mellott of New Jersey

Mr. Evan Doyle of Northern Indiana

**Platform and AV Operators**

The Rev. David Michaud of Easton  
The Rev. Ward Simpson of South Dakota  
Brother Scott-Michael Pomerenk of Colorado

**Timekeepers**

The Rev. Hayden Paul of Texas  
The Rev. Noah Stansbury of Texas

**Voting Secretaries and Assistants**

The Rev. Dr. Nina Ranadive Pooley of Western Massachusetts  
The Rev. Alex Dyer of Atlanta

**Appointments to the Board of Archives**

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

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on Resolution X003 (Appointments to the Archives Advisory Committee) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(X003)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 (Colorado)  
Ms. Margaret Porter (New Hampshire)  
The Rev. Keith McCoy (New Jersey)  
Mr. Franklin Robinson (Washington)  
The Rev. Joseph Thompson (Virginia)

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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)

A vote was taken on the amendment.

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

### **Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry**

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

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #4 on Resolution X004 (Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(X004)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of:

The Rev. Anita Braden (Arizona)

The Rev. Arienne Davison (Olympia)

Ms. Jennifer Phelps (Indianapolis)

Ms. Catherine Massey (North Carolina)

A vote was taken on Resolution X004.

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

### **Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

### **Recess**

Following prayer from the Chaplain, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 2:00 p.m.



**AFTERNOON SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 2:02 p.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #2 for the afternoon session of the First Legislative Day. There were 412 clerical deputies and 411 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 823. If every deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 412. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 549.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 108 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority.

There were 12 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
Indianapolis	Greg Baker	Hilary Cooke
Nevada	A.J. Flint	Patricia Holbrook-Seay
New Hampshire	Gail Avery	Kate Harmon Siberine
New York	Nick Gordon	Tivaun Cooper
Northern California	Daniel London	Robin Denney
Southwestern Virginia	Benjamin Cowgill	Boyd Evans
Northwestern Pennsylvania	Matthew Scott	Adam Trambley
Pennsylvania	John Wallace	Jill Mathis
San Joaquin	Melissa Crider	Skylar Carlson
Southern Virginia	Grant Stokes	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly
Spokane	Missy Newcom	Robin Hill
New Hampshire	Gail Avery	Kate Harmon Siberine

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

**Announcements**

The President read the announcements. The President noted that the Diocese of Cuba was present with seat, voice, and vote for the first time.

### Presentation

The President awarded the President’s Service Award for Outstanding and Distinguished Service to the House of Deputies to Deputy the Rev. Lillian Davis-Wilson of Western New York.

### Messages from the House of Bishops

The Secretary announced that there were no messages from the House of Bishops.

### Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that Resolution A094 (Communion Across Difference), Resolution A031 (Translate Reconciliation Resources into Spanish), Resolution A145 (Urging Pastoral Compassion and Discretion for Clergy and Laity Who Disclose Diverse Family and Household Structures), Resolution D031 (Addressing the Ongoing Harm of Coercive and Abusive Christian Ministries), Resolution A140 (Amend Canon IV.6.8), Resolution A057 (Amend Canon IV.17.6 Regarding Suspension of a Bishop), Resolution A079 (Mental Health Sunday), Resolution A002 (Site for the 83<sup>rd</sup> General Convention), and Resolution A107 (Amend Canon IV.19.12) were withdrawn from the Consent Calendar and placed on the Legislative Calendar.

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. An electronic vote was conducted.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	719	95.74
No	32	4.26
<b>Total</b>	751	

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

### Agencies and Boards

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #9 on Resolution A006 (Feasibility Study of a Fund to Pay Congregations’ Future Benefit Obligations) and moved adoption with amendment.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A006)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the General Convention Office shall conduct a feasibility study, using an outside consultant to the extent practical, 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 historically non-white and small congregations, particularly to congregations whose economic viability has likely been impaired by historic discrimination; and be it further

*Resolved*, That for the purposes of this resolution, the term “small congregation” shall mean congregations whose annual pledge and plate income is in the lowest 20% of congregations in their diocese, and which are without other significant sources of income; 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 less affluent or historically 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, 2023 and published that month; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the ~~General Convention Office Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS)~~ shall conduct a feasibility study, ~~using an outside consultant to the extent practical~~, 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 ~~historically predominantly non-white and small~~ congregations, particularly to congregations whose economic viability has likely been impaired by historic discrimination; and be it further

~~*Resolved*, That for the purposes of this resolution, the term “small congregation” shall mean congregations whose annual pledge and plate income is in the lowest 20% of congregations in their diocese, and which are without other significant sources of income; and be it further~~

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~~*Resolved*, That study results be provided to Executive Council by September 1, ~~2023~~ 2025 and published that month. ; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #35)

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #4 on Resolution A007 (Invitation to CPF to Forecast Effects of Reduced Pension Assessment Obligations on Clergy Deployment and on Benefit Levels) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #18)

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #5 on Resolution A008 (Study of Benefit Obligation Effects on Clergy and Lay Professional Deployment) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #19)

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #10 on Resolution A016 (Reaffirm and Commit to the Goal of a Permanent Location of an Archives for the Episcopal Church) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A016)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention commend the work of the Episcopal Archives staff for transferring more than 60 years of physical holdings from the Seminary of the Southwest to an interim location in Austin during the pandemic, at the same time maintaining the digital archive and providing research assistance to all who requested it; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention recognize the current relocation is an interim solution only and the need for a permanent historical records depository and research center remains a priority for the Church, recognizing that the Executive Council first identified this need in a resolve of February 2001 and General Convention reaffirmed the work to find a permanent center in both 2006-A143 and 2012-A162; that General Convention recognize property bought in Austin Texas for a possible Archives site was sold by the church in 2020, recognizing a net gain of over \$20 million for the church, to be administered by Executive Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the need for a permanent location of the Archives and authorize the Board of the Archives, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and with the aid of prudently selected individuals and advisory bodies, to investigate, evaluate, and adopt a plan for the location of The Archives of the Episcopal Church to 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 study to be completed by 2027; Funding for the recommendation of a site and for the move to a permanent location be utilized by funds realized by the 2020 sale of land acquired by Executive Council for this purpose in Austin.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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.*

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #37)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A018 (Task Force on Pacifism and Just War) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A018)

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*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 81st 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 81st General Convention; 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #28)

### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #7 on Resolution A024 (Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A024)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention recognizes the use and presence of Non-Disclosure Agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties as legal and binding resolutions to civil matters and disciplinary within the general Church; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That this convention acknowledge such legal agreements are useful apparatuses for resolutions of misconduct actions and other actions involving bishops, clergy, and laity, including but not limited to actions initiated through the procedures in Title IV, especially when the Complainant and/or Injured Person is a minor or desires the binding confidentiality and terms a Non-Disclosure Agreement may provide; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That this convention recognizes Non-Disclosure Agreements have also been historically used to protect and hide evidence of patterns of predatory behavior, misconduct, and other serious offenses from being known by applicable church individuals and bodies, from ensuring that Complainants and/or Injured Persons have appropriate opportunities for healing, and that unduly burden those harmed by misconduct; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That past Conventions have directed the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to study the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties used to resolve civil matters, other disciplinary issues, and matters begun through Title IV proceedings; to discover the frequency of use of these documents to resolve civil and Title IV matters of misconduct in the Church; the general nature of these documents and provisions; the impact of these documents on Complainants, Injured Persons, and victims of misconduct, as well as the impact on Respondents, especially when the impact of these agreements has been to impede or obstruct the process of restoration, healing, and reconciliation, to which we are called as the Body of Christ; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That this convention reiterates the ongoing use and misuse of nondisclosure agreements within the church and directs the appropriate commission or body to study the use of these agreements and similar documents and report back to Executive Council with the statistical information and impact of the use of these and similar documents with recommendations for use of said Non-Disclosure Agreements and similar documents for use in the church; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That these findings shall be utilized by the Executive Council to make appropriate recommendations to amendments to Title IV presented to the subsequent General Convention and to develop guidelines for dioceses and chancellors for use of Non-Disclosure Agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties documents to be distributed no later than December 1, 2026.

*Resolved*, That until a policy regarding their use is implemented by the appropriate ecclesiastical bodies, Non-Disclosure Agreements shall be used sparingly in the resolution of actions, and that they are not to be used to protect the individual or organization from the notoriety or information of misconduct, transgression, or wrongdoing, but instead should be used at the request of the Complainant and/or Injured Person as a part of restoration, healing, and reconciliation.

#### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

~~That the 81st General Convention recognizes the use and presence of Non-Disclosure Agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties as legal and binding resolutions to civil matters and disciplinary within the general Church; and be it further,~~

~~Resolved, That this convention acknowledge such legal agreements are useful apparatuses for resolutions of misconduct actions and other actions involving bishops, clergy, and laity, including but not limited to actions initiated through the procedures in Title IV, especially when the Complainant and/or Injured Person is a minor or desires the binding confidentiality and terms a Non-Disclosure Agreement may provide; and be it further,~~

~~Resolved, That this convention recognizes Non-Disclosure Agreements have also been historically used to protect and hide evidence of patterns of predatory behavior, misconduct, and other serious offenses from being known by applicable church individuals and bodies, from ensuring that Complainants and/or Injured Persons have appropriate opportunities for healing, and that unduly burden those harmed by misconduct; and be it further,~~

~~Resolved, That past Conventions have directed the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to study the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties used to resolve civil matters, other disciplinary issues, and matters begun through Title IV proceedings; to discover the frequency of use of these documents to resolve civil and Title IV matters of misconduct in the Church; the general nature of these documents and provisions; the impact of these documents on Complainants, Injured Persons, and victims of misconduct, as well as the impact on Respondents, especially when the impact of these agreements has been to impede or obstruct the process of restoration, healing, and reconciliation, to which we are called as the Body of Christ; and be it further,~~

~~Resolved, That this convention reiterates the ongoing use and misuse of nondisclosure agreements within the church and directs the appropriate commission or body to study the use of these agreements and similar documents and report back to Executive Council with the statistical information and impact of the use of these and similar documents with recommendations for use of said Non-Disclosure Agreements and similar documents for use in the church; and be it further,~~

~~Resolved, That these findings shall be utilized by the Executive Council to make appropriate recommendations to amendments to Title IV presented to the subsequent General Convention and to develop guidelines for dioceses and chancellors for use of Non-Disclosure Agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties documents to be distributed no later than December 1, 2026.~~

~~Resolved, That until a policy regarding their use is implemented by the appropriate ecclesiastical bodies, Non-Disclosure Agreements shall be used sparingly in the resolution of actions, and that they are not to be used to protect the individual or organization from the notoriety or information of misconduct, transgression, or wrongdoing, but instead should be used at the request of the Complainant and/or Injured Person as a part of restoration, healing, and reconciliation.~~

~~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.

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<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.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #9)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #5 on Resolution A027 (Increase recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in church positions) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A027)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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

*Resolved*, That, the 81st General Convention urges TEC staff in the Office of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, in partnership with the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation and 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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

*Resolved*, That, the 81st General Convention ~~urges~~ *urges direct* TEC staff in the Office of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, in partnership with ~~the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation~~ ~~and~~ 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #3 on Resolution A032 (Hire a Chief Equity Officer) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #42)

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #1 on Resolution A033 (Renew ECCAR) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #33)

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #2 on Resolution 034 (Promoting Equitable Formation for Future Church Leaders through Dismantling Racism and Achieving Racial Justice and Healing Education in Seminaries and Schools of Theological Education) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A034)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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; and be it further *Resolved*, That TEC institute a requirement for certification of seminaries and schools of theological education that the institution provide education on dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing set forth by the Church in resolution 2018-A044 Set Essential Components of Anti-Racism and Racial Reconciliation Training and described in the Framework for Anti-Racism and Reconciliation Training.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 Anti-Racism 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.; and be it further

~~*Resolved*, That TEC institute a requirement for certification of seminaries and schools of theological education that the institution provide education on dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing set forth by the Church in resolution 2018 A044 Set Essential Components of Anti-Racism and Racial Reconciliation Training and described in the Framework for Anti-Racism and Reconciliation Training.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

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

### **Governance & Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #2 on Resolution A041 (Create a Task Force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion Relationships) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A041)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 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.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~be it further~~ (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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #46)

### **Evangelism and the Future**

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and the Future presented its Report #1 on Resolution A045 (Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Worshiping Communities) and moves adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A045)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention and the Episcopal Church continues churchwide support for the planting of new worshiping 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 continues to prioritize establishing New Episcopal Worshiping 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 will 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 urges 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 will 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 shall 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 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 Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$1,692,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention and the Episcopal Church ~~continues~~ 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 ~~continues~~ 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 ~~will~~ 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 ~~urges~~ 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 ~~will~~ 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 ~~shall~~ 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 ~~Joint~~ Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$1,692,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #8)

### **Accessibility & Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility & Inclusion presented its Report #1 on Resolution A050 (Publishing and Sharing Resources for Disability Access and Inclusion) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A050)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #27)

**Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A053)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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; or (c) any person that holds an office, is employed by, or maintains a compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending in which such employment, office, or other compensation relationship includes responsibility for the deployment of Clergy or pastoral care of members of the Clergy.

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**<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; or (c) any person that holds an office, is employed by, or maintains a compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending in which such employment, office, or other compensation relationship includes responsibility for the deployment of Clergy or pastoral care of members of the Clergy.* 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.

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**<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:

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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.

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**<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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #10)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its report #12 on Resolution A054 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11, IV.12, and IV.13 regarding the Church Attorney) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A054)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That Canon IV.2 shall be amended as follows:

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**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.

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**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:

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**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.

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**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, 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:

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#### **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.

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And be it further.

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.1 shall be amended as follows:

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#### **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.

i. 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.

ii. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant's Advisor.

iii. 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.

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<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.*

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**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 i.** 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 ii.** A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant’s Advisor.

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### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That Canon IV.2 shall be amended as follows:

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And be it further.

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**Canon 11: Of Investigations**

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And be it further.

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

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**Canon 12: Of Conference Panels**

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

**€ iii.** *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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #11)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #2 on Resolution A055 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11.1, and IV.17.2.e regarding Investigators) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A055)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.  
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**<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.

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**<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.

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**<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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #12)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #3 on Resolution A056 (Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A056)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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**<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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #13)

The House Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #5 on Resolution A058 (Amend Canons IV.6.8, IV.6.10, and IV.11.3 on Pastoral Response Without Disciplinary Action) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A058)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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**<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.

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**<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~~ provide 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.



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**<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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #14)

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #3 on Resolution A060 (Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A060)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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**<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 it shall*, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

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

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance & Structure presented its Report #4 on Resolution A062 (Amend Canon I.4.2.j Mutual Ministry Review) and moved adoption.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A062)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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**<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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #45)

### Joint Rules of Order

The House of Deputies Committee on Joint Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on Resolution A068 (Amend Joint Rules of Order V.1) and moved adoption.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A068)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

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  - 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.~~ d. General Board of Examining Chaplains.
  - ~~f. e.~~ e. Disciplinary Board for Bishops.
  - ~~g. f.~~ f. Court of Review.
  - ~~h. g.~~ g. The Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the Presiding Bishop.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #6)

The House of Deputies Committee on Joint Rules of Order presented its Report #2 on Resolution 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) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**  
**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message#7)

The House Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #2 on Resolution A078 (Promote Equity and to Reduce Differences in Mental Health Outcomes) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A078)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #40)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #4 on Resolution A097 (Developing a Common Framework for Anti-Racism Training) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried  
The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #43)

**Agencies and Boards**

The House Committee on Agencies & Boards presented its Report #1 on Resolution A102 (Churchwide Education Efforts to Control Healthcare Costs) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A102)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #38)

**Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #8 on Resolution A105 (Amend Canon IV.5.4.g) and moved to adopt with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A105)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That Canon IV.15.4.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.

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**<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.~~

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That Canon ~~IV.15.4.g~~ 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.

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**<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.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #15)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its report #9 on Resolution A106 (Amend Canon IV.15.5.a) and moved to adopt with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A106)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 in issuing such

Order, which substantially prejudiced the Respondent. The Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

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<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, *which substantially prejudiced the Respondent*. The Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

#### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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<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 which~~ *substantially prejudiced the Respondent*. The Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #16)

#### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #4 on Resolution A133 (Establishing a Taskforce for the Study of Fair Hiring Policies within The Episcopal Church) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A133)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #23)

### **Agencies and Boards**

The House Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #13 on Resolution A135 (Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A135)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention requires that 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, be paid a minimum of \$25 per month and assessment be paid on their account to the Church Pension Fund (CPF) beginning January 1, 2025; and be it further

*Resolved*, That compensation may be designated as housing allowance with agreement of the clergy and vestry of the congregation served; and be it further



*Resolved*, That two or more congregations or entities served by the same clergy person must agree in a timely manner upon the fair allocation among them of the costs of the clergy's compensation and the related assessment to the CPF. Those congregations must also in a timely manner decide on a process for paying those amounts, which may require one congregation to be responsible for communicating with and paying the CPF; and be it further

*Resolved*, That compensation paid under this resolution does 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.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #22)

The House Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #2 on Resolution A138 (Task Force on Parity and Equity of Lay Compensation and Benefits) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A138)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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.

**Motion defeated**  
**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #21)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #13 on Resolution A146 (Study of Lay Discipline for Elected and Appointed Offices) and moved adoption.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A146)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #17)

#### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #6 on Resolution B004 (Commending Safe Gun Storage) and moved adoption.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B004)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #29)

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion submitted its Report #3 on Resolution C010 (Access to Prison Ministries) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C010)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 urge any prison ministry program in which members of The Episcopal Church volunteer hold policies consistent with our spiritual teachings and stated policies, asking such programs to change their policies if they conflict with our nondiscrimination canons; and be it further

*Resolved*, That if such ministries refuse to change such policies, 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #24)

### **Agencies and Boards**

The House Committee on Agencies and Boards submitted its Report #3 on Resolution C014 (A Resolution to Enhance Access to the Denominational Health Plan) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C014)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #39)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #7 on Resolution C026 (Religious Liberty) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C026)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, 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.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church, ~~meeting in Louisville, Kentucky~~, 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #30)

**Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #4 on Resolution C030 (A Resolution to Create Safe Spaces) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(C030)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #41)

**Agencies and Boards**

The House of Deputies committee on Agencies and Boards presented its report #11 on Resolution D010, (The Creation of a Clergy Compensation Contribution Fund) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D010)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 be made from the Fund to pay the matching contributions of a priest’s compensation 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #36)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its report #7, on Resolution D016 (Continued Funding of the Beloved Community and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D016)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention request that the Joint Budget Committee allocate \$1.0 million for the 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.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention request that the ~~Joint Budget Committee~~ *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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #26)

**Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy reported its Report #2 on Resolution D017 (Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D017)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.



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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #31)

**Agencies and Boards**

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #8 on Resolution D018 (Task Force on Lay Pension Parity) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**  
**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #20)

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies on Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #14 on Resolution D020 (A Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D020)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize and create a Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church, composed of 15 members as follows: 3 Bishops, 6 Priests or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons, including members 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, especially with regard to plagiarism and preserving the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the Church's liturgies;
- The use of generative AI in hiring, particularly in writing job descriptions and preparing Office for Transition Ministry (OTM) profiles;
- The use of generative AI in writing theological and academic works, e.g. The Church's Teaching Series, and official statements of The Episcopal Church, including drafting resolutions to the General Convention;
- The use and potential misuse of The Episcopal Church's copyrighted materials, such as *Enriching our Worship* and the Hymnal, in training generative AI; 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 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 General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

*That the 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.*

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #47)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #3 on Resolution D021 (Support of Child Labor Protections) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D021)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #32)

### **End of Consent Calendar**

#### **Point of Order**

Deputy Getz of San Diego inquired where to find the text of the resolutions that were removed from the Consent Calendar. The President called on the Chair of Dispatch of Business who explained that

the resolutions had already been removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the Legislative Calendar for Day 1.

### **Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced that the time to consider Resolutions A149, A150, A151, A154, A153, and A155, as mandated by Resolution X001, had arrived.

### **Rules of Order**

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order made a presentation on the proposed resolutions.

Deputies asked questions of the committee during the time allotted by the special order.

The House Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #2 on Resolution A149 (Amending daily session schedule for House of Deputies) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A149)

*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.>

Regular schedule. 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. Late Resolution Motions
- x. Committee Reports and Legislation

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### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies amends Rule VI.C.1 of its Rules of Order as follows:

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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:

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- viii. Consent Calendar
- ix. Post-Deadline Resolution Motions
- x. Committee Reports and Legislation

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Rule VI.A.

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- 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. *Late Post-Deadline Resolution Motions*
- x. *Committee Reports and Legislation*

Debate ensued.

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Delete proposed Rule VI.A.ix and renumber subsequent subsection.

**Motion defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote on Resolution A149. An electronic vote was conducted.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	594	76.15
No	186	23.85
<b>Total</b>	780	

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #90)**

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A149)

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule VI.C.1 of its Rules of Order as follows:

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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.

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**<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:

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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

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**<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*

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on Resolution A150 (Amending the motion to suspend the HOD rules of order) and moved adoption.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote. An electronic vote was conducted.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	749	95.05
No	39	4.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>788</b>	

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #91)

#### Final Text of Resolution

(A150)

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XIII.B.1.v 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.

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**<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.



The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #4 on Resolution A151 (Removal from the Consent Calendar in the House of Deputies) and moved adoption with amendment.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A151)

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 twenty 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.~~ i. 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;~~
  - e 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.~~ ii. any twenty three Deputies by petition presented to the Secretary before the legislative session begins;
  - ~~v. iii.~~ 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.~~

### Committee Amendment

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. i. 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.~~

Debate ensued.

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved an amendment. The motion was seconded.

**Proposed Amendment:**

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. the Rules of Order, the Joint Rules of Order, the Canons, or the Constitution require a different procedure for considering the item;
  - iv. the item has been set by a Special Order of Business; or
  - v. the item is one of the following:
    - a. an election; or
    - b. ~~a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;~~
    - c. 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. the Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business;
  - iii. ~~the proposer of the Resolution or Memorial;~~
  - iv. ~~any three Deputies;~~
  - v. ~~ii.~~ the President of the House.
- iii. *a vote of the House on motion.*
5. Procedure to remove items from the Consent Calendar. An item may be removed by:
- i. providing notice to the Secretary; or
  - ii. announcement on the floor of the House; or
  - iii. *a motion to remove an item from the Consent Calendar is not debatable and requires a vote of one-third plus one.*

Debate ensued on the amendment.

Deputy Sibley of Spokane moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**  
**Amendment Defeated**

Debate continued on Resolution A151.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote on Resolution A151. An electronic vote was conducted.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	371	46.96
No	419	53.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>790</b>	

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #92)

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 3:44 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 4:14 p.m.

**Rules of Order**

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #6 on A154 (Presubmission of Amendments in the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A154)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies amends Rule XIII.B.3.iii of its Rules of Order as follows:

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.

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;
3. debate is allowed;
4. only Secondary Amendments are allowed;
5. a majority vote is required.

**<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 XIII.B.3

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.
- 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;*
  - 3. debate is allowed;
  - 4. only Secondary Amendments are allowed;
  - 5. a majority vote is required.

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

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.

A vote was taken on the Ambos amendment. Following an inconclusive voice vote, the President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate an electronic vote.

Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes	472	59.97
2	No	315	40.03
	<b>Total</b>	787	

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted**

Debate continued on Resolution A154 as amended.

Deputy Fox of Olympia moved to end debate.

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution A154 as amended. Following an inconclusive voice vote, the President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate an electronic vote. A 2/3 majority was required.

Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes	484	60.80
2	No	312	39.20
	<b>Total</b>	796	

**Motion defeated  
Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #93)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #3 on Resolution A153 (Change to House of Deputies Debate Rules) and moved adoption with amendment.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A153)

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XII.D. 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.

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<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*
  - ii. iii. speak twice.

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XII.D.1-3 of its Rules of Order as follows:

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Rule XII



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#### 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.

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<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
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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*
  - ii. iii. speak twice.

Debate ensued.

A vote was taken on Resolution A153.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
 (Communicated to the House of Bishops in #94)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A153)

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XII.D.1-3 of its Rules of Order as follows:

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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.

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**<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*
  - ~~ii.~~ iii. speak twice.

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #5 on Resolution A155 (Update the House of Deputies Rules Upon a Different Convention Schedule) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken on Resolution A155.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
 (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #95)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A155)

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.

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**<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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #10 on Resolution 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) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A004)

*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 Office of 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.

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<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 adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations. The Secretary will publish all nominations by the end of the third legislative day.

*Each nomination must be submitted to the Secretary, in a form determined by the Office of 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.*

### **Committee Amendment**

*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.

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<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 adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations. The Secretary will publish all nominations by the end of the third legislative day.

*Each nomination must be submitted to the Secretary, in a form determined by the Office of 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.*

A vote was taken on Resolution A004 as amended.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #96)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A155)

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.

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**<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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #10 on Resolution A005 (Amend the House of Deputies Rules of Order by Adding a New Rule VII.F Referral to the Constitutions and Canons Legislative Committee) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A005)

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 which involves an amendment to the Constitution or Canons shall be referred to the appropriate Legislative or Special Committee for action and simultaneously to the Committee on Constitution & Canons and such Committee shall make certain that the Resolution is in proper constitutional or canonical form, achieves consistency and clarity in the Constitution or Canons, and includes all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change, and shall promptly communicate its recommendations to the Legislative or Special Committee. In such case the Committee shall neither concern itself with, nor report on, the substance of the matter referred to it, but whenever requested to do so by the Presiding Officer of the House, the Committee shall in its report to the House make recommendations as to substance.

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### **Committee Amendment**

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.>

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

a. 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.

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

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A vote was taken on Resolution A005 as substituted.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #97)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A005)

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:

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4. The President may request that the Review Committee report on the substance of the resolution to the House.



**Point of Order**

Deputy Sibley of Spokane asked that the House recognize and thank the Parliamentarian and the Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order for their guidance and hard work throughout this legislative session. The House applauded.

**Rules of Order**

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #12 on Resolution A013 (Amending HoD Rule of Order XIV [Recording Vote Totals in the Journal]) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A013)

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

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F. Reporting. 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, opposed, or abstaining. Votes by Orders shall be reported by the total number of deputations voting for, against, or divided.

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

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**Committee Amendment**

*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.

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A vote was taken on Resolution A013 as substituted.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD #98)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A013)

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:

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### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #1 on Resolution D008 (Protection of Water “Ola i Ka Wai - Water is Life”) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D008)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

A vote was taken on Resolution D008.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #99)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #5 on Resolution D014 (Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D014)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 and to enact legislation and promote policies that protect the rights of all Americans to live in safe environments free from gun violence and allocating 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 and homicide; 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.*

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

~~*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*~~

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~~*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.*~~

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer prior to the vote.

A vote was taken on Resolution D014.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #100)

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order to immediately consider the reports from the House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy on Resolutions A170, A171, A172, A174, and A173.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy submitted its Report #1 on Resolution A170 (Greetings to Bonnie Anderson) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken on Resolution A170.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HOD Message #101)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A170)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy submitted its Report #3 on Resolution A171 (Greetings to the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings) moved adoption.

A vote was taken on Resolution A171.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HOD Message #102)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A171)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy submitted its Report #5 on Resolution A172 (Express Appreciation for the Official Youth Presence) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken on Resolution A172.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HOD Message #103)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A172)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy submitted its Report #2 on Resolution A174 (Commemorate Diocesan Anniversaries) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken on Resolution A174.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HOD Message #105)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A174)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy submitted its Report #4 on Resolution A173 (Express Gratitude for The Rev. Edward W. Rodman) and moved adoption.

The President asked the House to stand for a moment of silence in honor of the Rev. Edward W. Rodman.

A vote was taken on Resolution A173.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HOD Message #104)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A173)

*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.

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 5:42 p.m. to reconvene on June 24, at 10:30 a.m.

**Day 2****Monday June 24, 2024****JOINT SESSION****Call to Order**

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

**Prayers**

The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

**Joint Session for the Presentation by the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council**

The Presiding Bishop called on the Chair of the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council, Deputy Downing of Delaware, who presented the Committee's report. Deputy Downing noted that there was a new budgeting process and reminded the Joint Session that the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council will meet in the fall to look at all recommendations that come out of this General Convention and will propose an amended budget to Executive Council.

Deputy Downing called on Bishop Fisher, Suffragan Bishop of Texas, and Deputy Timothy Gee of El Camino Real to present the proposed budget for the upcoming triennium.

Deputy Downing outlined the process for reconciling the budget with the actions of General Convention.

Following the time set aside for questions, the Presiding Bishop thanked the members of the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council.

**Recess**

The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 11:59 a.m.



**AFTERNOON SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 2:03 p.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Minutes**

The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #1 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the First Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

**Motion carried  
Minutes accepted**

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #3 for the afternoon session of the second Legislative Day. There were 415 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 415. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 553.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 109 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 71 in the lay order and 73 in the clergy order.

There were 85 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
Long Island	Kathy Page	Sharon Brown-Veillard
Western Louisiana	Suzanne Wolfenbarger	John Bedingfield
Alabama	Patti Whitaker	Brian Denton
Central Pennsylvania	David Wirick	Anthony Alexander
Maryland	Nathan Erdman	Jessica Sexton
Maryland	Brandt Montgomery	Randy Callender
Southwest Florida	Matthew Grunfeld	Ryan Whitley
Milwaukee	Peter Larson	John Washbush
Mississippi	Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones	Annie Kay Cumberland Elliott
Southwest Florida	Duane Hollier	Joan Kline
New Hampshire	Kelly Sundberg Seaman	Jane W Van Zandt

Southern Virginia	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	Grant Stokes
Idaho	Tammy Jones	Megan Dembi
Vermont	Earl Kooperkamp	Lisa Ransom
Vermont	Lucas Krueger	Lisa Leopold
West Texas	Nancy Springer	Carrie Guerra
Dallas	Adele Ichilian	Lee Spence
California	Joseph Dashiell	Sarah Lawton
Colorado	Debbie Shew	Melissa Adzima
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Scott Moore	Walter Baer
Delaware	Marta Illueca	Stacey Carpenter
San Diego	Louis Glosson	Jennifer Jow
San Joaquin	Skylar Carlson	Melissa Crider
Pennsylvania	Jill Mathis	John Wallace
Spokane	Jane Schmoetzer	Heather VanDeventer
Tennessee	Vicki Burgess	Robert Osborne
Northern Michigan	Sarah Diener-Schlitt	Lydia Kelsey Bucklin
Southwestern Virginia	Boyd Evans	Benjamin Cowgill
Southwestern Virginia	Tim Bucholtz	Laura Beth Weaver
Tennessee	Jim Weatherly	Scott Kammerer
East Carolina	Joan Geiszler-Ludlum	Barbara Crumbacker
Easton	Eddie Vance	Susan Brown-Moore
San Joaquin	Melissa Crider	Jan Dunlap
West Texas	Carrie Guerra	Nancy Springer
West Virginia	Colleen McConnell	Beth Marquart
New Jersey	Marcus Gales	Annette Buchanan
Northern California	Robin Denney	Daniel London
San Joaquin	Toni Alvarez	Anna Carmichael
Albany	Kelly Dalton-Trotter	Christopher Cassidy
Arkansas	James Crews	Melissa Simpson
Central Pennsylvania	Anjel Scarborough	Shayna Watson
Chicago	Andrea Mysen	Jess Elfring-Roberts
Indianapolis	Andrea Arsene	Greg Baker
Kentucky	Clinton Wilson	Steve Pankey
Navajoland Area Mission	John Chase	Cathlena Plummer
Spokane	Robin Hill	Missy Newcom
Southeast Florida	Joan Smith	Jean Milien
New Jersey	James Yarsiah	Angelo Wildgoose
Maryland	Katherine Schnorrenberg	Mary DeKuyper
Los Angeles	Cameron Johnson	Alan Herendich
California	Sarah Lawton	Joseph Dashiell
Central New York	Kathryn (Kate) Bell	Karen Anderson

Bethlehem	Bruce Gowe	Susan Treanor
Mississippi	Katy Pacelli	Margaret McLarty
Utah	Antoniette Miner	Gabriel Atem
Nebraska	Lee Busselman	Charles Plantz
Northwest Texas	Shelly Neighbors	Carla Holeva
Nevada	Jeff Paul	Veronica Galas
Maryland	Jessica Sexton	Nathan Erdman
Los Angeles	Guy Leemhuis	Dominique Piper
East Tennessee	Derrick Hill	RJ Powell
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Megan Meyer	Denis LeMoullac
Spokane	Heather VanDeventer	Jane Schmoetzer
Central Florida	Kay Mueller	Scott Holcombe
California	Mauricio Wilson	Ruth Meyers
Western North Carolina	Will Bryant	Susan Buchanan
Virginia	Will Dickinson	Sven vanBaars
Texas	Samantha Smith	Luz Montes
Olympia	April Thomson	Tieran Sweeny-Bender
Pennsylvania	Ben Capps	Emily Zimbrick-Rogers
Hawaii	Evette Tamos	Mary Carpenter
Northern California	Annie Mertz	Pamela Dolan
Northwest Texas	David Romanik	Paige McKay
Mississippi	Elisabeth Malphurs	J. Brian Ponder
Milwaukee	John Washbush	Janet Finn
New Hampshire	Kate Harmon Siberine	Gail Avery
Michigan	Daniel Lawson	Judith Schellhammer
Northern Michigan	Lydia Kelsey Bucklin	Sarah Diener-Schlitt
Central Florida	Deke Miller	José Rodríguez-Sanjuro
Lexington	Sherilyn Pearce	Peter Doddema
Vermont	Lisa Ransom	Earl Kooperkamp
Utah	Robert Jaramillo	Kristin Madden
West Texas	Stuart Saunders	Wheless Baker
Oregon	Greg Rainey	Diane Higgins- Shaffer
Rhode Island	Veronica Tierney	Jan Grinnell

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried  
Report accepted**

### **Announcements**

The President read the announcements.

**Presentation**

The President awarded the President’s Service Award for Outstanding and Distinguished Service to the House of Deputies to Deputy the Rev. Jennifer Adams of Western Michigan and Deputy the Rev. Angela Goodhouse of North Dakota.

**Messages from the House of Bishops**

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

<i>HB Message #01:</i>	A092 (Access to ordination and deployment) Adopt
<i>HB Message #02:</i>	A091 (Definition of doctrine) Adopt
<i>HB Message #03:</i>	C017 (Amend Canon III.7 to Provide for the Transfer of Deacons to Churches in Communion) Adopt
<i>HB Message #04:</i>	A010 (Recognition of Apartheid in Israel/Palestine) Reject
<i>HB Message #05:</i>	D009 (Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza) Adopt Substitute
<i>HB Message #06:</i>	D004 (Express Solidarity with Palestinians as an Indigenous People) Reject
<i>HB Message #07:</i>	D005 (Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement) Reject
<i>HB Message #08:</i>	D006 (Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism) Reject
<i>HB Message #09:</i>	D007 (Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine) Adopt Substitute
<i>HB Message #10:</i>	C031 (Migration with Dignity) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #13:</i>	D013 (Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State) Adopt Substitute – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #11:</i>	A030 (No Investment in Certain Weapons) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HB Message #12:</i>	A042 (Commend PCUSA-TEC Dialogue) Adopt
<i>HB Message #14:</i>	A021 (Create a Care of Creation Loan Program for Episcopal Dioceses) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HB Message #15:</i>	D030 (Create a Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry) Adopt Substitute – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #18:</i>	B002 (Build Eco-Region Creation Networks for Crucial Impact) Adopt Substitute – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #16:</i>	D032 (Raising the Clergy Mandatory Retirement Age to 75) Adopt Substitute – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #17:</i>	D023 (Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes

**Consent Calendar**

The Secretary announced that Resolution D048 (Adoption of the Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), D069 (Advocating for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), D015 (Examine the disparity in treatment in the adjudication of Clergy under Title IV Disciplinary Process by Race, Gender, and

Sexual Orientation), and A052 (Amend Canon IV.2, Canon IV.4.1.d, and Canon IV.10.3 to add Restorative Covenant as a possible outcome of Conciliation) were withdrawn from the Consent Calendar and placed on the Legislative Calendar.

Deputy Boyce of Massachusetts withdrew his request to remove Resolution A057 (Amend Canon IV.17.6 Regarding Suspension of a Bishop) from the Consent Calendar. The Secretary noted that this resolution would be added to the Day 3 Consent Calendar.

Deputy Kotval of Virginia withdrew her request to remove Resolution A145 (Urging Pastoral Compassion and Discretion for Clergy and Laity who Disclose Diverse Family and Household Structures) from the Consent Calendar. The Chair of Dispatch of Business announced it would be removed from the Day 2 Legislative Calendar and appear on the Day 4 Morning Session Consent Calendar.

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. An electronic vote was conducted.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	484	60.80
No	312	39.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>796</b>	

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

### **Formation and Discipleship**

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #2 on Resolution A017 (Creation of a Staff Position for Director of LGBTQI and Women’s Ministries) and moved to take no further action

**Motion carried**  
**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #107)

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #8 on Resolution A019 (Create a Task Force on Senior Wellness and Positive Aging) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A019)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 81st 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 Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 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 ~~81st~~ 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 ~~Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance~~ Executive Council Joint Subcommittee on Finance consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #108)

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #21 on Resolution A020 (Establish a Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A020)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #114)

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #9 on Resolution A023 (Authorize and Support the use of the Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A023)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention adopt the [Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy](#) available 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 of 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 \$75,000 be budgeted for this work over the next triennium.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~of~~ 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 \$75,000 be budgeted for this work over the next triennium.~~ *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.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #109)

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #23 on Resolution A073 (A Standing Commission for Human Health and Wellness) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A073)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #126)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy submitted its Report #12 on Resolution A081 (Combat Rising Religious Nationalism) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A081)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention acknowledge the urgent issue of rising religious nationalism as a deeply rooted issue, both domestically and globally, as it rises to the forefront as a continued and troubling phenomenon; and be it further,

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church as a Body of Christ lament the negative impact of rising religious nationalism in the promotion of violence against marginalized groups, adversely affecting social, cultural, and historical contexts; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention encourage individuals, congregations, dioceses and other communities within the Church to educate themselves more thoroughly about this critical issue and its negative impact on marginalized groups; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge The Episcopal Church and its mission-related entities to combat rising religious nationalism in partnership with inter-religious, ecumenical, and Anglican Communion partners.

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention acknowledge the urgent, *troubling, and* ~~issue of rising religious nationalism as a~~ deeply rooted issue *of religious nationalism, the intersection of religious extremism and nationalist ideologies*, both domestically and globally, ~~as it rises to the forefront as a continued and troubling phenomenon~~; and be it further,

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

Resolved, That General Convention encourage individuals, congregations, dioceses and other communities within the Church to educate themselves ~~more thoroughly~~ 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 in partnership with inter-religious, ecumenical, and Anglican Communion partners by reporting associated incidents of violence and intimidation to the public and to the appropriate authorities.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #111)

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health submitted its Report #10 on Resolution A082 (Support the Episcopal Veterans Network) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A082)

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*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 Veteran’s Network and its resources in order to better serve the veterans in their communities; and be it further*

*Resolved, That General Convention request a budget allocation of \$90,000 for a part-time coordinator to oversee EVN and for support of other costs associated with the growth of EVN.*

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*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 Veteran’s 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 General Convention request a budget allocation of \$90,000 for a part time coordinator to oversee EVN and for support of other costs associated with the growth of EVN.~~

*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.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #112)

### **Formation and Discipleship**

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #1 on Resolution A137 (Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission) moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #130)

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #7 on Resolution A144 (Review the Application of Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #110)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #8 on Resolution A166 (Registration of Firearms; Licensing of Firearm Sellers, Buyers, and Users; Use of Taggants) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A166)

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #117)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #14 on Resolution A167 (Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A167)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #121)

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #24 on Resolution C005 (Conversations Concerning the Relationships Between Dioceses and their Province) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried  
The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #115)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #22 on Resolution C006 (Conversations Concerning the Relationship Between The Episcopal Church and Provinces) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried  
The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #123)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report # 19 on Resolution C007 (Support for the Provinces as Part of The Episcopal Church Structure) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried  
The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #124)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #20 on Resolution C034 (Support for the Provinces as Part of TEC Structure) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried  
The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #125)

**Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #9 on Resolution C035 (End the Practice of Labor Trafficking of Migrant Youth) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(C035)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #113)

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #6 on Resolution C037 (Working for Equity, Support, and Protection of All LGBTQIA+ Anglicans) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**  
**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #128)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy submitted its Report #13 on Resolution D027 (Addressing Traffic Fatalities and moved adoption).

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D027)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #118)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy submitted its Report #16 on Resolution Do28 (Close Guantánamo Bay Prison) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Do28)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew our call from March 2007 (in Executive Council Resolution EXCo32007.31) 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 the sixteen men who have already been cleared for transfer, and for justice to be served for the five 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew our call from March 2007 (in Executive Council Resolution EXCo32007.31) 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 ~~the sixteen~~ men who have already been cleared for transfer, and for justice to be served for those ~~the five~~ 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #122)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy submitted its Report #10 on Resolution D057 (Advocate for Housing Solutions) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D057)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the Episcopal Church reaffirm our call for Housing as a Human Right (2018-Co41) 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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #119)

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #17 on Resolution D063 (On Mandatory Diocesan Assessment) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D063)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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*

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #119)

**Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #8 on Resolution Do66 (Creating a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(Do66)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #129)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #11 on Resolution D067 (Support Temporary Protected Status) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D067)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #120)

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health Report**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health submitted its Report #11 on Resolution Do68 (Addressing the Increase in Gambling) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Do68)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the Episcopal Church acknowledge the increase and prevalence of gambling 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 gambling disorders may have on a person, such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse, poverty, 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 regulate and restrict gambling, including sports wagering, online gambling and casinos; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church call upon gambling operators to integrate a better approach to gambling in all their communications and designs by creating communications which would alert gamblers to concerns in their habits, not market to children and teens and show the suffering gambling addiction brings on individuals and families; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to become familiar with resources for gambling disorders, and advocate for better safeguards for gambling.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~gambling disorders~~ 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 ~~regulate and restrict gambling, including sports wagering, online gambling and casinos~~ educate and increase awareness regarding problem gambling; and be it further*

*Resolved, That The Episcopal Church ~~call upon gambling operators to integrate a better approach to gambling in all their communications and designs by creating communications which would alert gamblers to concerns in their habits, not market to children and teens and show the suffering gambling addiction brings on individuals and families;~~ and be it further*

*Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to ~~become familiar with resources for gambling disorders, and advocate for better safeguards for gambling.~~ use opportunities such as Mental Health Sunday to heighten awareness of research and resources for problem gambling and gambling disorder.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #116)

### **End of Consent Calendar**

#### **Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced that the time to consider Resolution A101, as mandated by Resolution X001, had arrived.

#### **Agencies and Boards**

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #12 on Resolution A101 (Revise DHP Pricing Structures for Equitable Access) and moved adoption of a substitute.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A101)

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*That the 81st General Convention reaffirms 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 the Church Pension Group 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).

#### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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).*

Following the time allotted for questions, debate ensued.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A101.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #131)

#### **Governance and Structure**



The House Committee on Governance and Structure submitted its Report #13 on Resolution Coo8 (Review Diocesan Assessments) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Coo8)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church ask the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to set a plan to reduce diocesan assessments to 10% by 2033.*

Debate ensued.

The President announced that the clerical or lay deputations from Oregon, Newark, Rochester, Atlanta, Olympia, Navajoland, California, and Massachusetts had requested that the vote on Resolution Coo8 be a Vote by Orders.

### **Ballot#1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution Coo8.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### **Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution Coo8**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	106	54	15	79	12	91	No
Clergy:	109	55	21	75	10	85	No

**Motion defeated**

**Substitute resolution rejected**

**Original resolution referred back to committee**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #132)

### **Recess**

The President recessed the House at 3:48 p.m.

### **Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 4:20 p.m.

### **Introduction**

The President introduced Mr. Robert Radtke, president of Episcopal Relief and Development. Mr. Radtke delivered remarks and showed a video about the ongoing work of Episcopal Relief and Development.

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #1 on Resolution A002 (Site for the 83rd General Convention) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A002)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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).

Debate ensued.

Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan moved to suspend the Rules to consider pre-filed floor amendments. The Parliamentarian informed the House that the time for debate had ended and the motion was not needed.

Deputy Quelly of Pennsylvania moved to amend the resolution (FA010).

### **Proposed Amendment:**

Add: ***That the 81st General Convention urges the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements and the Office of General Convention to prayerfully consider the safety and wellbeing of all LGBTQ+ deputies, staff, and visitors when selecting the host location on of the meeting of the 83rd General Convention.***

***Including, but not limed to the following topics:***

- Histories of violence against LGBTQ+ people, especially people of Transgender experience.
- Access to and the legality of life-saving gender-affirming healthcare.
- Access to and the legality of the legal name and gender marker change processes.

Deputy Leinbach of Western Michigan moved to amend the amendment.

### **Proposed Amendment:**

Add a fourth bullet point: ***“Women and pregnant people”***

Debate ensued on the amendment to the amendment.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Moir of Colorado requested that the Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure be asked to explain what criteria are considered when looking at potential sites. The President called on the Chair to explain the criteria.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment.

**Motion Failed  
Amendment Defeated**

Debate continued on the amendment.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Failed  
Amendment Defeated**

Debate continued on the resolution.

Deputy Van Brunt of Florida moved to end debate.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Ostendorf of Pennsylvania reminded the President that there was a remaining pre-filed amendment. The President ruled that the House would consider the amendment.

Deputy Tavolaro of Rhode Island moved to amend the resolution (FA018).

**Proposed Amendment:**

Add:

*And be it further*

*Resolved, that the 81st General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Planning Arrangements and the Office of the General Convention to take into consideration the legal protections and safe guards for vulnerable members of our community attending General Convention. These legal protections should include, but are not limited to, the legality of life-saving medical care for persons who are pregnant, legal protections for People of Color, and legal protections for LGBTQ+ individuals. And be it further*

*Resolved, that the aforementioned bodies prayerfully and seriously consider current rates of violence against the LGBTQ+ Community and Communities of Color when selecting potential host sites for General Convention.*

A voice vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted**

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A002 as amended.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #139)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #6 on Resolution A031 (Translate Reconciliation Resources into Spanish) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A031)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That this 81th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) hereby strongly encourages Language Coordinator Services work with the Office of Ethnic Ministries, the Office of Racial Reconciliation, and the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation to translate key racial reconciliation resources into 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 set aside for carrying out this work which is figured on a per word basis.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That this 81th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) hereby strongly ~~encourages~~ *encourage* Language Coordinator Services work with the Office of Ethnic Ministries, ~~and the Office of Racial Reconciliation, and the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation~~ to translate key racial reconciliation resources into 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 ~~set aside~~ *allocated by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Finance* for carrying out this work which is figured on a per word basis.

Deputy Gonzalez Hernandez of Washington moved to amend the resolution (FA012).

### **Proposed Amendment:**

That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) hereby strongly ~~encourages~~ *encourage* Language Coordinator Services work with the Office of Ethnic Ministries, ~~and the Office of Racial Reconciliation, and the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation~~ *the Office of Ethnic Ministries, the Office of Racial Reconciliation, the Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development to* ~~translate key~~ *create* racial reconciliation resources ~~into in~~ *into 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 ~~set aside~~ *allocated by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Finance* for carrying out this work ~~which is figured on a per word basis.~~

Debate ensued on the amendment.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Kim of Minnesota inquired whether the amendment was germane to the resolution. The Parliamentarian advised that the amendment was germane.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted**

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A031 as amended.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #134)

**Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #3 on Resolution A079 (Mental Health Sunday) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A079)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Fox of Olympia requested to divide the resolution, with paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 in one portion and paragraphs 4 and 6 in the other portion. The President ruled that motion was in order.

Debate ensued on Resolution A079 Part A (paragraphs 2, 3, and 5).

Deputy Tampos of Hawaii moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A079 Part A.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolved clauses adopted**

Debate ensued on Resolution A079 Part B (paragraphs 4 and 6).

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A079 Part B.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolved clauses adopted**  
**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #138)

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order in order to consider Resolution A189.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #22 on Resolution A189 (Honoring 85 Years of the Ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development) and moved adoption.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A189.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #136)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A189)

*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.

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 6:09 p.m. to reconvene on June 25, at 10:30 a.m.

**Day 3****Tuesday June 25, 2024****JOINT SESSION****Call to Order**

The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to Order at 10:34 a.m.

**Prayers**

The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

**Joint Session for the Election of the Presiding Bishop**

The Presiding Bishop called on the Co-Chairs of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Mark Lattime of Alaska and Canon Steven Nishibayashi of Los Angeles, for the report of the committee. The Co-Chairs introduced the members of the committee and reported on the committee's process.

The committee placed in nomination the following names: the Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska; the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania; the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Bishop Provisional of Western New York; the Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta; and the Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York.

The Co-Chairs then called on the committee's chaplain, the Rev. Deborah Jackson, to lead the Joint Session in prayer.

The House applauded the committee for their work.

The Presiding Bishop called on the Chaplain of the House of Deputies to lead the Joint Session in song.

**Recess**

The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 10:59 a.m.



Tuesday June 25, 2024

**AFTERNOON SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Minutes**

The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #2 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Second Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

**Motion carried  
Minutes accepted**

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #4 for the afternoon session of the third Legislative Day. There were 415 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 415. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 553.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 109 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 71 in the lay order and 73 in the clergy order.

There were 117 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
Southwest Florida	Joan Kline	Duane Hollier
Southern Virginia	Russell Bishop	Diana Moreland
Pennsylvania	Emily Zimbrick-Rogers	Ben Capps
Delaware	Stacey Carpenter	Marta Illueca
El Camino Real	Mary Ann Gee	Diana Trapani
South Carolina	Roy Tripp	Adam Shoemaker
Southern Ohio	William Sangrey	Melanie Slane
West Texas	Reagan Gonzalez	Carrie Guerra
Virginia	Kathleen Murray	Amanda Kotval
West Virginia	David Johnston	Joshua Saxe
West Virginia	Beth Marquart	Colleen McConnell

West Texas	Wheless Baker	Stuart Saunders
Oklahoma	Bruce Niemi	Olivia Dennard
Oregon	Diane Higgins- Shaffer	Greg Rainey
Southwest Florida	Ryan Whitley	Roy Tuff
Nevada	Veronica Galas	Jeff Paul
Northwestern Pennsylvania	Adam Trambley	Matthew Scott
Maryland	Randy Callender	Brandt Montgomery
New Hampshire	Gail Avery	Kate Harmon Siberine
East Tennessee	Parker Chadwell	Troy Eichenberger
East Tennessee	RJ Powell	Derrick Hill
Arkansas	Melissa Simpson	James Crews
San Diego	Jennifer Jow	Rachel Ambasing
San Joaquin	Jan Dunlap	Melissa Crider
California	Ruth Meyers	Mauricio Wilson
Northwest Texas	Paige McKay	David Romanik
New Jersey	Annette Buchanan	Marcus Gales
New York	Tivaun Cooper	Nick Gordon
Minnesota	Christy Stang	Richard Swenson
Mississippi	J. Brian Ponder	Elisabeth Malphurs
Utah	Kristin Madden	Robert Jaramillo
Utah	Gabriel Atem	Antoniette Miner
Vermont	Earl Kooperkamp	Lisa Ransom
Western North Carolina	Susan Buchanan	R. Scott White
Southwestern Virginia	Laura Beth Weaver	Tim Bucholtz
Lexington	Peter Doddema	Sherilyn Pearce
Long Island	Steve Foster	Denise Galloway
California	Karma Quick-Panwala	Laura Curlin
Louisiana	Morgan MacIntire	Liz Emblar-Beazley
Long Island	Sharon Brown-Veillard	Christine Scott
Central Florida	Scott Holcombe	Kay Mueller
Michigan	Judith Schellhammer	Daniel Lawson
New Jersey	Karen Bemis	Barbie Okamoto Bach
Central New York	Karen Anderson	Adam Hamilton-Ferguson
Delaware	Nana Soto	John Michael Sophos
Albany	Christopher Cassidy	Kelly Dalton-Trotter
Bethlehem	Susan Treanor	Bruce Gowe
Lexington	Allison Ramsey	Anthony Haigh
Southwest Florida	Duane Hollier	Melissa Rau
South Carolina	Adam Shoemaker	Roy Tripp
Kentucky	Christine Thorowgood	Shelley Carter

Western North Carolina	R. Scott White	Will Bryant
Western North Carolina	Susan Kleinwechter	Jane Schronce
Tennessee	Scott Kammerer	Susan Huggins
Mississippi	Margaret McLarty	Katy Pacelli
Los Angeles	Alan Herendich	Cameron Johnson
Alaska	Dawn Allen-Herron	Marilyn Duggar
Bethlehem	Charles Dickerson	Judith Dickerson
Central New York	Taylor Daynes	Shelly Banner
Southeast Florida	Hal Hurley	Sanford Groff
Ohio	Bernard Owens	Vincent Black
Southeast Florida	Jean Milien	Joan Smith
San Joaquin	Anna Carmichael	Toni Alvarez
Albany	N. Bradley Jones	Meaghan Keegan
Central Pennsylvania	Shayna Watson	Anjel Scarborough
Los Angeles	Dominique Piper	Guy Leemhuis
West Missouri	Robin James	Anne Meredith Kyle
West Texas	Carrie Guerra	Reagan Gonzalez
Southern Virginia	Diana Moreland	Madeline Hanlon
Oregon	Amy Linder	Susie Silva-Strommer
San Joaquin	Melissa Crider	Nancy Fitzgerald
Rhode Island	Jan Grinnell	Veronica Tierney
Mississippi	Robbie Doak Fisher	Kathryn McCormick
Northern California	Miriam Casey	Peter Juvé
Northern California	Pamela Dolan	Matthew Woodward
Florida	Garry Bragg	James Salter
Kansas	Doreen Rice	Laurie Lewis
Florida	Robert Davis	Mark Anderson
West Texas	Brian Fox	Jay George
Utah	Antoniette Miner	Christopher Szarke
Western Louisiana	Roy Rosenthal	Nancy Barnes Shaw
Spokane	Missy Newcom	Pia Longinotti
Southern Ohio	Melanie Slane	William Sangrey
Oklahoma	Kay Boman- Harvey	Tim Baer
New York	Nicole Hanley	Katharine Flexer
Northern California	Julie Wakelee	Robin Denney
Nebraska	Charles Plantz	Lee Busselman
New York	Rigoberto Avila-Nativi	Kirstin Swanson
Navajoland Area Mission	Cathlena Plummer	John Chase
Hawaii	Brian Grieves	John Tomoso
Northwest Texas	Carla Holeva	Shelly Neighbors

Milwaukee	Esther Kramer	Miranda Hassett
East Tennessee	Derrick Hill	Leigh Preston
Hawaii	Mary Carpenter	Evette Tampos
Central Florida	Laura Cook	Sara Oxley
Central Florida	José Rodríguez-Sanjuro	Deke Miller
Arkansas	James Crews	Marvin McLennon
Central New York	Adam Hamilton-Ferguson	Kathryn (Kate) Bell
Pennsylvania	Ben Capps	Kristen Ostendorf
Vermont	Lisa Ransom	Earl Kooperkamp
Northwest Texas	David Romanik	Miriam Scott
Maryland	Brandt Montgomery	Jessica Sexton
New Jersey	Angelo Wildgoose	James Yarsiah
El Camino Real	Diana Trapani	Mary Ann Gee
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Walter Baer	Robert Vukovic
Indianapolis	Greg Baker	Julia Whitworth
California	Laura Curlin	Karma Quick-Panwala
Atlanta	Monica Mainwaring	Lauren Holder
Olympia	Tieran Sweeny-Bender	April Thomson
Central Pennsylvania	Anthony Alexander	Sarah Reid
Virginia	Sven vanBaars	Will Dickinson
Washington	Andrea Pringle	Mary Neznek
Texas	Luz Montes	Samantha Smith
Texas	Samantha Smith	Christine Faulstich
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Denis LeMoullac	Megan Meyer
South Carolina	Brent Watts	Sarah Tipton
Virginia	Amanda Kotval	Kathleen Murray

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### **Announcements**

The President read the announcements.

### **Welcome**

The President welcomed ecumenical and inter-religious visitors to the House of Deputies. The House welcomed them with applause.

### **Introduction**

The President introduced and recognized the interpreters in the House of Deputies. The House acknowledged the interpreters with applause.

### **ASL Interpreters**

Diane Lynch  
Linda Stauffer  
Erika Bravo  
Persis Bristol

### **Spanish Interpreters**

Gabriela De Castro  
Cecy Alomia  
Jennifer Collins  
Rosanna Andreoli

### **Haitian Creole Interpreters**

Nathalie Coupet  
Claudine Sada

### **Mandarin Interpreters**

Sarah Chiang  
Ida Shaw

### **Captioners**

Patti White  
Mary Askin

### **Technicians**

Alejandro Serrano-Fonseca  
Michael Glass

### **Messages from the House of Bishops**

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

<i>HB Message #19</i>	A059 (Create an Official List of Recognized Religious Orders and Christian Communities) Adopt
<i>HB Message #20</i>	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) Adopt
<i>HB Message #21</i>	A065 (Amend Canon III.1.3) Adopt
<i>HB Message #22</i>	A028 (Support for Freedom to Consider Ethical Issues in Investing) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HB Message #23</i>	A029 (Divest from Fossil Fuels) Adopt
<i>HB Message #24</i>	A022 (Support the Anglican Communion Forest Initiative) Take No Further Action

HB Message #25	C029 (Supporting a Clean Energy Future) Refer to an Interim Body
HB Message #26	A038 (Practical Guidance for Interreligious Relations) Adopt
HB Message #27	A039 (Practical Guidance for Episcopal-Jewish Relations) Adopt
HB Message #28	A040 (Practical Guidance for Christian-Muslim Relations) Adopt
HB Message #29	A009 (Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria) Reject
HB Message #30	A037 (Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria) Adopt
HB Message #31	A084 (Join The Communion Forest Initiative) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #32	Bo05 (Bold Churchwide Action toward Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030) Take No Further Action
HB Message #33	A011 (Confronting Apartheid) Take No Further Action
HB Message #34	A012 (On Opposing Israel's Apartheid) Take No Further Action
HB Message #35	Do03 (A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians) Take No Further Action
HB Message #36	A110 (Clarify Distinction Between Biblical and Modern Israel) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #37	Co02 (On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #38	A036 (Amend Canons to Use Approved Common Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work) Adopt
HB Message #39	A093 (Add provisions of 2018-Bo12 to canons) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #40	A103 (Amend Canon III.11.8) Adopt
HB Message #41	A070 (Research needs for the General Board of Examining Chaplains) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #42	Do37 (Encourage All Ministries of The Episcopal Church to Assess Intersections with Migration) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #43	Co13 (Migration with Dignity) Take No Further Action
HB Message #44	Co15 (Migration with Dignity) Take No Further Action
HB Message #45	Co22 (Migration with Dignity) Take No Further Action
HB Message #46	Do12 (Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #47	Co27 (Conditioning U.S. Military Aid to Israel) Take No Further Action
HB Message #48	Do29 (Commit to the 30x30 Initiative for Biodiversity) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #49	Do19 (Justice and Peace in Ukraine) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #50	A083 (Affirm Anglican Connections) Adopt
HB Message #51	A087 (Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #52	A088 (Consult with the Office of Global Partnerships) Adopt
HB Message #53	Do26 (Enable Episcopal Migration Ministries to More Fully Live Out its Mission) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #54	Do43 (Support and Advocacy for Iraqi Christians) Adopt

HB Message #55	A014 (Addition of Laurence Whipp to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Take No Further Action
HB Message #56	A077 (Additional Guidance for Inclusive and Metaphorical Language) Take No Further Action
HB Message #57	A112 (Authorize use of the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings") Adopt
HB Message #58	D002 (Review canonical requirement for Holy Communion) Take No Further Action
HB Message #59	A117 (Withdraw Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar -- Second Reading) Adopt
HB Message #60	A125 (Add Optional Fast Days to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Refer to an Interim Body
HB Message #61	A128 (Concerning minor edits to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Take No Further Action
HB Message #62	A129 (Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Adopt
HB Message #63	A163 (Affirming the Ongoing Work across the Episcopal Church in Consideration of Ethical Issues in Investing) Adopt
HB Message #64	A067 (Rebranding the Parochial Report) Take No Further Action
HB Message #65	D024 (Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers) Adopt
HB Message #66	A158 (Addressing Church Decline and Fostering Church Revitalization) Take No Further Action
HB Message #67	D044 (Task Force on Church Property Development) Take No Further Action
HB Message #68	D058 (Ceasefire in Israel– Hamas War) Take No Further Action
HB Message #69	A162 (Continuing the Task Force on the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora) Take No Further Action
HB Message #70	A072 (Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church [Of the Book of Common Prayer -- Second Reading]) Adopt
HB Message #71	D006 (Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism) Reconsider action previously taken
HB Message #72	D006 (Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism) Adopt Substitute – Floor changes
HB Message #73	A049 (Affirming the Goal of Full Communion between The Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #74	C016 (Amend Canon III.12 to Provide for the Transfer of Bishops to Churches in Communion) Adopt
HB Message #75	A071 (Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses [Of Admission of New Diocese -- Second Reading]) Adopt
HB Message #76	D045 (Task Force for Reviewing Intellectual Property of the Church) Adopt
HB Message #77	A062 (Amend Canon I.4.2.j Mutual Ministry Review) Not Concur

<i>HB Message #78</i>	D075 (The Immediate Release of Ms. Layan Nasir, 24 from Administrative Detention in Israel) Adopt
<i>HB Message #79</i>	A085 (Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #80</i>	B004 (Commending Safe Gun Storage) Concur
<i>HB Message #81</i>	D062 (Support and Solidarity with Armenia) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #82</i>	A113 (Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies) Adopt Substitute
<i>HB Message #83</i>	A109 (Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #84</i>	C032 (A Prayer to Remember the Innocents) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HB Message #85</i>	A131 (Creation of a Supplement to The Hymnal 1982) Reject
<i>HB Message #86</i>	A111 (Develop resources and models for online/in person hybrid worship) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #87</i>	A115 (Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy) Adopt Substitute
<i>HB Message #88</i>	A130 (Developing alternative hymn texts) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
<i>HB Message #89</i>	A114 (Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HB Message #90</i>	C018 (Amend Title II, Canon 3 to Retain a Printed Form of the Book of Common Prayer) Take No Further Action

The President stated that resolutions requiring action by this House would be deemed referred to the appropriate Legislative Committees.

### **Announcement**

The President relinquished the chair to Deputy Plummer of Chicago.

### **Point of Order**

Deputy Helmer of California requested the House pray before the election. The Chair called on the Chaplain for prayer.

### **Election of President of the House of Deputies**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for President of the House of Deputies.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The Chair read the results of Election Ballot #1.

Julia Ayala Harris	521
Alexizendria Link	241
Rachel Taber-Hamilton	64



Julia Ayala Harris was elected President of the House of Deputies.

The Chair invited the President to address the House. The House greeted the President with a standing ovation.

The Chair relinquished the chair to the President.

#### **Consent Calendar**

The Secretary announced that the following resolutions were removed from the Consent Calendar and will be placed on the Legislative Calendar:

- Resolution Do74 (Renouncing the Theology of Slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, 11th President of the House of Deputies)
- Resolution A086 (Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission).

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried  
Consent Calendar Adopted**

#### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #10 on Resolution A015 (Owning a Commitment to Reparations) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A015)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) endorse the creation of an independent Reparations Fund Commission, with its Convener and at least 60% of its membership being persons of color; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the establishment of this Commission will be overseen by the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the charge to the Commission is the creation of a substantial fund from TEC assets, the purpose of which is a sustained, meaningful, tangible response to the historic and ongoing legacy of slavery and displacement of Indigenous peoples of what is now the United States; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the magnitude of this fund and date for accomplishing the target amount will be determined by the Commission; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Reparations Fund Commission or an entity that it approves will be responsible for defining and implementing payments of reparation.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

~~That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) establish endorse the creation of an independent Reparations Fund Commission, 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 with its Convener and at least two-thirds 60% of its membership being persons of color Persons of Color; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the establishment of this Commission Task Force will be overseen by the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice The Executive Council; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the charge to the Commission 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 creation of for a substantial fund from TEC assets, the purpose of which is a sustained, meaningful, and tangible response to the historic and ongoing legacy of slavery and displacement of Indigenous peoples of what is now the United States; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the magnitude of this fund and date for accomplishing the target amount will be determined by the Commission 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 the Reparations Fund Commission or an entity that it approves will be responsible for defining and implementing payments of reparation.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #148)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #21 on Resolution A025 (Amending Canon IV.13.4) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A025)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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**<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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #140)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #22 on Resolution A026 (Establishing a Database for Title IV Outcomes on the Office of Transitional Ministry Profiles of Clergy) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A026)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #141)

**Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #5 on Resolution A030 (No Investment in Certain Weapons) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #156)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A030)

***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.

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #11 on Resolution A035 (Establish Model Policies for Anti/Racism/Racial Reconciliation Work) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A035)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) recommit itself to the work of the Church as articulated first in the 70th General Convention in Resolution D-113 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 Group of five to seven 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 that requires 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 to keep knowledge and skills top of mind.

- b. Specialized training for those who recruit, screen, or select persons to leadership positions
- c. A mechanism to certify that clergy and lay leaders have the knowledge specified at least at the Awareness level specified by the Framework for Anti-Racism/Reconciliation Training document as approved by the Church in Resolution 2018-A044
- d. Criteria for the certification of Seminaries and schools of theological education that ensures they provide training specified at least at the Awareness level specified by the Framework for Anti-Racism/Reconciliation Training document as approved by the Church in Resolution 2018-A044
- e. 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 31, 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 Group; and be it further

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

*Resolved*, That not later than June 30, 2026, Guidelines for Racial Reconciliation and Healing be created by each diocese 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 annually confirm, in writing or by email or through a survey mechanism, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center, that the diocese's Guidelines conform to the Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) recommit itself to the work of the Church as articulated first in at the 70th General Convention in ~~Resolution D-113~~ 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 ~~Group~~ Force of ~~five to seven persons~~ *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 ~~that who requires~~ *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 ~~to keep knowledge and skills top of mind.~~
  - b. Specialized training for those who recruit, screen, or select persons to leadership positions
  - c. ~~A mechanism to certify that clergy and lay leaders have the knowledge specified at least at the Awareness level specified by the Framework for Anti-Racism/Reconciliation Training document as approved by the Church in Resolution 2018-A044~~
  - d. ~~Criteria for the certification of Seminaries and schools of theological education that ensures they provide training specified at least at the Awareness level specified by the Framework for Anti-Racism/Reconciliation Training document as approved by the Church in Resolution 2018-A044~~
  - e. 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
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- 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 ~~Group~~ Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center appoint a ~~knowledgeable person to serve as 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 not later than June 30, 2026 by the 82nd General Convention, dioceses are urged to create Guidelines for Racial Reconciliation and Healing be created by each diocese 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 or through a survey mechanism, 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #147)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #4 on Resolution A057 (Amend Canon IV.17.6 Regarding Suspension of a Bishop) and moved adoption.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A057)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 of 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.

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<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 of 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.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #142)

### **Formation and Discipleship**

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #3 on Resolution A132 (Establishing an Online Hub for Continuing Formation and Ministry Resources) and moved adoption of a substitute.



**Original Text of Resolution**

(A132)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 the General Convention acknowledges the lack of funding from previous conventions, hindering the progress of critical work identified by the Task Force on Formation and Ministry of the Baptized; 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, and ordination preparation, recognizing the diverse situational needs within The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention urges the allocation of funds to support the establishment and maintenance of the Online Hub for Continuing Formation and Ministry Resources in the upcoming triennium.

**Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 the General Convention acknowledges the lack of funding from previous conventions, hindering the progress of critical work identified by the Task Force on Formation and Ministry of the Baptized; 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, ~~and~~ 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 ~~urges the allocation of funds~~ 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.*

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #155)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #4 on Resolution A136 (Translating the Catechism) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A136)

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*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 to facilitate the professional translation of An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism to Arabic, Dutch, Georgian, German, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, and Russian; and be it further*

*Resolved, that said translations be made available digitally; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated for the completion of these translations and their distribution.*

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*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

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #154)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #15 on Resolution A139 (Amend Canon IV.6.4 -Intake Timeline) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A139)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 to read as follows:

**Sec. 4.** Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. *Within 45 days after receiving information concerning an Offense, the Intake Officer shall* must provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

#### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 to read as follows:

**Sec. 4.** Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. *Within 45 days after receiving information concerning an Offense, 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.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #143)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #20 on Resolution A141 (Amend Canon IV.6.9 - Monthly Reports) and moved to adopt a substitute.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A141)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.9 to read as follows:

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Sec. 9. 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. 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 will 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. Should the Intake Officer not report at least monthly, the Respondent or the Complainant may petition the President of the Disciplinary Board who shall provide a report not later than 15 days from the date of the petition.

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

Sec. 9. 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~~ will 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. *Should the Intake Officer not report at least monthly, the Respondent or the Complainant may petition the President of the Disciplinary Board who must provide a report not later than 15 days from the date of the petition.*

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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:*

*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.*

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #144)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #19 on Resolution A142 (Amend Canon IV.6.7 – copy of notice) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A142)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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<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 Offence.*

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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<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 ~~Offence~~.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #145)

**Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #18 on Resolution A147 (Referring Lay Disciplinary Canon Issue to Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A147)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 officers of a congregation or of the Diocese who are lay persons, or to authorize the Presiding Bishop in the case of elected officers of General Convention or Provinces who are lay persons, to act promptly to suspend or remove an elected officer from office in circumstances where:
  - a. there is credible evidence to believe that continuation of that elected lay leader in office poses a serious risk of criminal misconduct, bodily harm, or financial malfeasance, or
  - b. the elected lay officer has been involuntarily committed for treatment, including treatment for substance abuse; or
  - c. the elected lay officer, prior to their election, 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 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 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 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 officers prior to standing for election, particularly for elected lay officers with authority over financial accounts, church disciplinary proceedings, or recommendations in the approval of clergy ordinations.

**Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #146)

### **Joint Rules of Order**

The House of Deputies Joint Rules of Order presented its Report #3 on Resolution D022 (Create a Task Force on the Legislative Process) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D022)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,



That the 81st General Convention authorize a Task Force on the General Convention Legislative Process to assess the Rules of Order, and whose mandate includes but is not limited to (1) assessing the changes to the legislative process first 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) making recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements and the General Convention Office for the legislative process for the 82nd General Convention; (4) proposing amendments to the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops and / or the House of Deputies, and / or the Joint Rules for the House of Bishops and House of Deputies to further refine the legislative process in light of the findings of the Task Force; (5) develop a plan for continual review of the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops and / or the House of Deputies, and / or the Joint Rules for the House of Bishops and House of Deputies by a diverse committee; and (6) developing a plan for training deputies on the Rules of Order; and be it further *Resolved*, That the membership of this Task Force include up to four bishops, four clergy, and four lay persons, each of whom shall have served as bishop or deputy at least one prior General Convention; at least nine members shall have served at least three prior General Conventions; at least six members shall have served on a legislative committee at the 80th and/or 81st General Conventions, and at least six members shall have served on a legislative committee prior to the 80th General Convention; at least three members shall have chaired a legislative committee; and at least one member shall have served on the Dispatch of Business Committee; and be it further *Resolved*, That the Executive Officer of the General Convention appoint a member of the staff of the General Convention Office to serve as consultant to the task force; and be it further *Resolved*, That the task force begin its work no later than December 1, 2024, and submit a report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further *Resolved*, That the task force consult widely with bishops and deputies, including former deputies; and be it further *Resolved*, That the General Convention request \$40,000 be allocated for the implementation of this resolution.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~authorize a Task Force on the General Convention Legislative Process to assess the Rules of Order, and whose mandate includes but is not limited~~ *direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to*

(1) ~~assessing~~ *assess* the changes to the legislative process first 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) ~~making make~~ recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements and the General Convention Office for the legislative process for the 82nd General Convention;

~~(4) assess the pros and cons of the current number of legislative days of General Convention;~~

~~(4) (5) proposing propose~~ amendments to the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops and / or the House of Deputies, and / or the Joint Rules for the House of Bishops and House of Deputies to further refine the legislative process in light of ~~the their findings of the Task Force;~~

~~(5) (6) develop a plan for continual on-going~~ review of the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops ~~and / or~~, the House of Deputies, and ~~/ or~~ the Joint Rules for the House of Bishops and House of Deputies by a diverse ~~committee interim body;~~ and

~~(6) (7) developing~~ develop a plan for training deputies on the Rules of Order , the Joint Rules, and the General Convention Legislative process; and be it further

~~Resolved, That the membership of this Task Force include up to four bishops, four clergy, and four lay persons, each of whom shall have served as bishop or deputy at least one prior General Convention; at least nine members shall have served at least three prior General Conventions; at least six members shall have served on a legislative committee at the 80th and/or 81st General Conventions, and at least six members shall have served on a legislative committee prior to the 80th General Convention; at least three members shall have chaired a legislative committee; and at least one member shall have served on the Dispatch of Business Committee; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the Executive Officer of the General Convention appoint a member of the staff of the General Convention Office to serve as consultant to the task force; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the task force begin its work no later than December 1, 2024, and submit a report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the task force Commission hold hearing open to the Church, consult widely with bishops and deputies, Bishops, Deputies, and others with extensive General Convention experience, and publish its Minutes in a timely matter. including former deputies; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the General Convention request \$40,000 be allocated for the implementation of this resolution.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #151)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #17 on Resolution D042 (Ending Child and Forced Marriage) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D042)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 Episcopal dioceses and organizations 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.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #152)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #32 on Resolution D053 (Amend Title IV to require timely appointments to church-wide disciplinary boards) and moved adoption.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D053)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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<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.

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<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.

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<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*.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #149)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #18 on Resolution D054 (A Resolution to Address The Issues of Black Maternal Mortality Rate) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D054)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby directs and encourages 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby strongly urges ~~directs and encourages~~ 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #153)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its report #31 on Resolution 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 and moved to refer to an Interim Body.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Do64)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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<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.

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<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* 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.

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<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.

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<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.

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<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~~ 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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #150)

### **End of Consent Calendar**

### **Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced that the time to consider Resolution A164 had arrived.

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #5 on Resolution A164 (2025-2027 Budget for The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A164)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 80th 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~80th~~ 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.

Following the time allotted for questions, debate ensued.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A164.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #157)

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #5 on Resolution D031 (Addressing the Ongoing Harm of Coercive and Abusive Christian Ministries) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D031)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Canady of East Carolina moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

#### **Point of Order**

Deputy Meyers of California requested the Chaplain lead the House in prayer before voting. The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution D031.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #158)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #10 on Resolution A140 (Amend Canon IV.6.8 - Reference Panel) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A140)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 with 30 days after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The 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.

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

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel ~~shall meet as soon as possible~~ *must meet within 30 days* after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The 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.

### Committee Amendment

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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

**Sec. 8.** The Reference Panel ~~shall meet as soon as possible~~ *must meet within 30 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.

Deputy Wendell of Massachusetts moved an amendment (FA001).

### Proposed Amendment:

Amend the first sentence to change “30 days” to “45 days”.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

Following an inconclusive voice vote, an electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	458	55.92
No	361	44.08
<b>Total</b>	819	

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted**

Debate continued on the resolution as amended.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A140 as amended.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #159)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #6 on Resolution A107 (Amend Canon IV.19.12) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A107)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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<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.

Debate ensued.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A107.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #160)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #11 on Resolution A052 (Amend Canon IV.2, Canon IV.4.1.d, and Canon IV.10.3 to add Restorative Covenant as a possible outcome of Conciliation) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A052)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 shall mean an agreement between one or more Complainants and a Respondent that results from a Conciliation under Canon IV.10.3, that resolves some or all of the issues in a matter pending under this Title, and to which the Reference Panel has consented.

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

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

*Restorative Covenant shall mean an agreement between one or more Complainants and a Respondent that results from a Conciliation under Canon IV.10.3, that resolves some or all of the issues in a matter pending under this Title, and to which the Reference Panel has consented.*

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.10.3;

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

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.10.3*;

And be it further.

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.>

Canon IV.10.3 be amended as follows:

Sec. 3. A conciliation may result in an Accord as provided in Canon IV.14 or a Restorative Covenant as defined in Canon II.2. Within a reasonable time after commencement of a conciliation, the Conciliator shall report the results of the conciliation to the Reference Panel, which shall refer the matter under Canon IV.6.8 as appropriate. If the conciliation results in a Restorative Covenant that, in the Reference Panel's judgment, resolves all of the issues in a pending matter, the Reference Panel shall dismiss the matter.

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

Canon IV.10.3 be amended as follows:

~~If the A conciliation may result in 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 or a Restorative Covenant as defined in Canon II.2. If conciliation cannot be achieved within~~ Within a reasonable time after commencement of a conciliation, the Conciliator shall report the results of the conciliation to the Reference Panel, which shall refer the matter under Canon IV.6.8 as appropriate. ~~the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel.~~ If the conciliation results in a Restorative Covenant that, in the Reference Panel's judgment, resolves all of the issues in a pending matter, the Reference Panel shall dismiss the matter.

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

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

*Restorative Covenant shall mean 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 some or all of 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.*

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;

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

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.10.3; Canon IV.8.6.;~~

And be it further:

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.>

Canon IV.10.3 be amended as follows:

Sec. 3. A conciliation may result in an Accord as provided in Canon IV.14 or a Restorative Covenant as defined in Canon IV.2. Within a reasonable time after commencement of a conciliation, the Conciliator

~~shall report the results of the conciliation to the Reference Panel, which shall refer the matter under Canon IV.6.8 as appropriate. If the conciliation results in a Restorative Covenant that, in the Reference Panel's judgment, resolves all of the issues in a pending matter, the Reference Panel shall dismiss the matter.~~

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

~~Canon IV.10.3 be amended as follows:~~

~~If the A conciliation may result in 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 or a Restorative Covenant as defined in Canon II IV.2. If conciliation cannot be achieved within Within a reasonable time after commencement of a conciliation, the Conciliator shall report the results of the conciliation to the Reference Panel, which shall refer the matter under Canon IV.6.8 as appropriate. , the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel. If the conciliation results in a Restorative Covenant that, in the Reference Panel's judgment, resolves all of the issues in a pending matter, the Reference Panel shall dismiss the matter.~~

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.>

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.

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

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.

Debate ensued.

A vote was taken on Resolution A052 as amended.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #161)

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 3:45 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 4:06 p.m.

**Special Order of Business**

The President welcomed Ms. Karen Patterson of the Episcopal Church Women to make a presentation to the House. The President noted the Episcopal Church Women are celebrating the 150th anniversary of their Triennial. The House greeted Ms. Patterson with applause. Ms. Patterson shared remarks. The President expressed gratitude for the Episcopal Church Women for its role in encouraging women's leadership in the church.

**Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #14 on Resolution D015 (Examine the disparity in treatment in the adjudication of Clergy under Title IV Disciplinary Process by Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D015)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81th 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.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Wood of Delaware moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A voice vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #162)

### **Point of Order**

Deputy Quelly of Pennsylvania requested that the House show appreciation for the Official Youth Presence. The House expressed its appreciation.

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #18 on Resolution B006 (Include the Episcopal Church in Micronesia in the Diocese of Hawaii) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B006)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

### **Point of Order**

Deputy Hamilton-Ferguson of Central New York requested the House vote by acclamation.

A vote by acclamation was taken.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #163)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #15 on Resolution D039 (Condemning Censorship) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D039)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention calls upon dioceses, congregations, and the Office of Government Relations to condemn the recent surge in actions to restrict access to or censor information in public schools and libraries by advocating for the elimination of the banning of books and information in any form that are not only damaging to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, and more (LGBTQIA+) individuals as well as individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) but the Beloved Community as a whole; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church take action to safeguard people's rights to access diverse books and information resources in schools, libraries, textbook selection and review committees, bookstores, online, and other relevant platforms and that this Resolution be communicated to all Dioceses for action.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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.

~~That the 81st General Convention calls upon dioceses, congregations, and the Office of Government Relations to condemn the recent surge in actions to restrict access to or censor information in public~~

~~schools and libraries by advocating for the elimination of the banning of books and information in any form that are not only damaging to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, and more (LGBTQIA+) individuals as well as individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) but the Beloved Community as a whole; and be it further Resolved, That The Episcopal Church take action to safeguard people's rights to access diverse books and information resources in schools, libraries, textbook selection and review committees, bookstores, online, and other relevant platforms and that this Resolution be communicated to all Dioceses for action.~~

A voice vote was taken on Resolution D039.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #164)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #26 on Resolution D011 (The Prohibition of Assault Weapons) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D011)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church hereby again urge that the United States Congress adopt a new ban on the purchase and ownership of all assault weapons, automatic weapons, semi-automatic weapons, or weapons that operate similarly thereto; 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm Resolution 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 of the Episcopal Church hereby again urge that~~ the United States Congress to *ban, except for military and law enforcement agencies, the possession of all military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; adopt a new ban on the purchase and ownership of all assault weapons, automatic weapons, semi-automatic weapons, or weapons that operate similarly thereto; and be it further*

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention direct, consistent with established policies and procedures, ~~that the~~ Executive Council to 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.

Debate ensued.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Litzenberger of Massachusetts requested the Chaplain lead the House in prayer before voting. The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Sisson of Mississippi brought to the President’s attention that he had pre-filed a floor amendment.

Deputy Sisson of Mississippi moved an amendment (FA048).

**Proposed amendment:**

Insert “, bump stocks” in the second resolved following “military-style assault weapons”.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution D011 as amended.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #165)

**Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced that the time to consider Resolution Co09 had arrived.

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #7 on Resolution Co09 (Petition of the Episcopal Church In Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(Co09)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention grant the Petition of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Hamilton-Ferguson of Central New York requested the House vote by acclamation.

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

The President invited the House to recognize the deputation of Navajoland. The House recognized the deputation with a standing ovation.

A vote by acclamation was taken.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #166)

The President welcomed the deputation of Navajoland, including alternates, to the platform. Deputy Gordy shared remarks and Deputy Eaton led the House in song.

The President invited Deputy Norton of Alaska and the other members of the deputation of Alaska to present the deputation of Navajoland with a gift of a framed cross by Alaskan artist Lilly Henry. The President invited the House to applaud as the deputation from Navajoland returned to their seats.

The President invited the Chaplain to lead the House in song.

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order to consider resolutions from the House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy.

**Motion carried  
Rules suspended**

### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #18 on Resolution A185 (Gratitude for Language Services at General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #167)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A185)

*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.



The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #28 on Resolution A193 (Express Gratitude to the Nomination Committee for Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #168)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A193)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #15 on Resolution A182 (Express Gratitude to Candidates in Presiding Bishop's Election) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #169)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A182)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #20 on Resolution A187 (Express gratitude for the ministries of the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #170)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A187)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #9 on Resolution A175 (Express Appreciation for the ECW) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #171)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A175)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on Resolution A178 (Express Gratitude for the United Thank Offering) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #172)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A178)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on Resolution D001 (Commend the Episcopal Communicators Organization and Celebrate their 50th Anniversary) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D001)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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; and be it further

*Resolved*, That church, diocesan, and organizational leadership support communications staff with necessary resources and training required for professional communications and recognizes the value and community Episcopal Communicators can provide; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all communication professionals in dioceses, congregations, and Episcopal Church-related organizations are encouraged to become members of Episcopal Communicators.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.; ~~and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, That church, diocesan, and organizational leadership support communications staff with necessary resources and training required for professional communications and recognizes the value and community Episcopal Communicators can provide; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, That all communication professionals in dioceses, congregations, and Episcopal Church-related organizations are encouraged to become members of Episcopal Communicators.~~

A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #173)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #23 on Resolution A179 (Express Gratitude for Krisita Jackson) and moved adoption.

The President called for a moment of silence prior to the vote.

A voice vote was taken.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #175)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A179)

*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.

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 6:00 p.m. to reconvene on June 26, at 11:00 a.m.

**Day 4****Wednesday June 26, 2024****MORNING SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 11:01 a.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for the morning session, Deputy Wilson of California, for prayer.

**Certification of Minutes**

The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #3 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Third Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

**Motion carried  
Minutes accepted**

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #5 for the morning session of the fourth Legislative Day. There were 415 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 415. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 553.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 109 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 71 in the lay order and 73 in the clergy order.

There were 50 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Deputy Seated</b>	<b>Replacing</b>
Kentucky	Shelley Carter	Christine Thorowgood
Southeast Florida	Sanford Groff	Hal Hurley
Oregon	Susie Silva-Strommer	Amy Linder
Southwest Florida	Melissa Rau	Jackie Smith
Southwest Florida	Roy Tuff	Matthew Grunfeld
Pennsylvania	Beth Hollingshead	Emily Zimbrick-Rogers
Southern Virginia	Madeline Hanlon	Russell Bishop
Pennsylvania	Kristen Ostendorf	Ben Capps
San Joaquin	Nancy Fitzgerald	Melissa Crider

Ohio	Vincent Black	Bernard Owens
New Jersey	Barbie Okamoto Bach	Karen Bemis
Northwest Texas	Miriam Scott	David Romanik
Mississippi	Kathryn McCormick	Robbie Doak Fisher
New York	Katharine Flexer	Nicole Hanley
San Diego	Brenda Sol	Hannah Wilder
North Carolina	Sara Ardrey-Graves	Kathy Walker
Milwaukee	Miranda Hassett	Esther Kramer
Maryland	Jessica Sexton	Randy Callender
Oklahoma	Tim Baer	Kay Boman- Harvey
West Texas	Jay George	Brian Fox
Central New York	Shelly Banner	Megan L. Castellan
New York	Kirstin Swanson	Rigoberto Avila-Nativi
Newark	Elaine Ellis Thomas	Anne E. Kitch
Central Pennsylvania	Anjel Scarborough	Shayna Watson
Arkansas	Kevin Gore	Mark Nabors
Atlanta	Lauren Holder	Monica Mainwaring
Delaware	Marta Illueca	Stacey Carpenter
Alaska	Marilyn Duggar	Mary Norton
Alabama	Miriam Marty Clark	Patti Whitaker
Arkansas	Marvin McLennon	James Crews
East Tennessee	Leigh Preston	Derrick Hill
Florida	Mark Anderson	Robert Davis
Hawaii	John Tomoso	Brian Grieves
Easton	Susan Brown-Moore	Sandra Bjork
Easton	Noelle Fillion-Powell	Thomas Shuster
El Camino Real	Mary Ann Gee	Diana Trapani
Lexington	Anthony Haigh	Allison Ramsey
Louisiana	Liz Emblar-Beazley	Morgan MacIntire
Long Island	Christine Scott	Kathy Page
Minnesota	Richard Swenson	Christy Stang
Northern California	Matthew Woodward	Julie Wakelee
Western North Carolina	Jane Schronce	Susan Kleinwechter
Western Louisiana	Nancy Barnes Shaw	Roy Rosenthal
Tennessee	Susan Huggins	Scott Kammerer
Western Massachusetts	Micah Walter	Zena Link
Texas	Christine Faulstich	Luz Montes
Virginia	Will Dickinson	Amanda Kotval
West Missouri	Anne Meredith Kyle	Robin James
Western Massachusetts	Charlotte LaForest	Meredyth Ward

West Virginia	Joshua Saxe	David Johnston
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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### Announcements

The President read the announcements.

### Messages from the House of Bishops

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

HB Message #91	A159 (Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues and Membership in Ecumenical/Interfaith Organizations) Adopt
HB Message #92	D060 (Support For a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #93	D046 (The Commemoration of Sister Sophi and her companions, the Deaconesses of The Order of St. Katherine, of the Appleton Church Home) Refer to an Interim Body
HB Message #94	A066 (Amend Canon V.1 to create a Custodian for the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church) Adopt
HB Message #95	A018 (Task Force on Pacifism and Just War) Concur
HB Message #96	C026 (Religious Liberty) Concur
HB Message #97	D072 (Amend Canon I.6.5 to Provide for Mission-Driven Data Strategies Regarding the Vitality of the Church) Reject
HB Message #98	A060 (Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) Concur
HB Message #99	D073 (Procedure for Reconciliation: Amend Canon 1.17.6) Reject
HB Message #100	D008 (Protection of Water “Ola i Ka Wai - Water is Life”) Concur
HB Message #101	D014 (Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis) Concur
HB Message #102	A101 (Revise DHP Pricing Structures for Equitable Access) Concur
HB Message #103	D056 (Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
HB Message #104	A054 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11, IV.12, and IV.13 regarding the Church Attorney) Concur
HB Message #105	A055 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11.1, and IV.17.2.e regarding Investigators) Concur
HB Message #106	A056 (Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review) Concur
HB Message #107	A058 (Amend Canons IV.6.8, IV.6.10, and IV.11.3 on Pastoral Response Without Disciplinary Action) Concur
HB Message #108	A105 (Amend Canon IV.5.4.g) Concur
HB Message #109	A106 (Amend Canon IV.15.5.a) Concur
HB Message #110	A146 (Study of Lay Discipline for Elected and Appointed Offices) Concur
HB Message #111	A024 (Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements) Concur



HB Message #112	D049 (Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese.) Adopt
HB Message #113	Boo8 (Amend Canon II.3.6.a and II.4 to clarify authorization of liturgies) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #114	A043 (Amend Constitution Article VIII regarding Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
HB Message #115	A108 (Proposal of Changes to Title I, Canon 17) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #116	Boo7 (Standing Committees and Ecclesiastical Authority) Adopt
HB Message #117	D047 (Response to the crisis in Sudan and support for the Episcopal Church of Sudan) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #118	A161 (The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #119	A080 (Create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
HB Message #120	A160 (Revise Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #121	A044 (Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries) Adopt Substitute – Floor changes
HB Message #122	A116 (Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First Reading)) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #123	A099 (Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries) Recommit to Committee
HB Message #124	A098 (Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #125	D050 (Resolution to Complete the Journey to Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030) Adopt Substitute – Floor changes

**The President stated that resolutions requiring action by this House would be deemed referred to the appropriate Legislative Committees.**

#### **Election of the Treasurer of General Convention**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Treasurer of General Convention.

**Ballot #1 taken**

<b>Choice:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Yes	763	93.62
2	No	52	6.38
	<b>Total</b>	815	

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

N. Kurt Barnes was elected Treasurer of General Convention.

The President invited the House to recognize Treasurer Barnes with applause.

**Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>810</b>				
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>406</b>				
<b>Elect 12</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>			
Michael Barlowe	596	73.58%	Kevin S Brown	267	32.96%
Austin Rios	500	61.73%	Luis Lopez	262	32.35%
Sam Candler	487	60.12%	Landon Moore	255	31.48%
Susan Brown Snook	475	58.64%	Samuel Bonsey	254	31.36%
Alexizendra Link	474	58.52%	David Heywood	240	29.63%
Diana D. Akiyama	455	56.17%	Geoffrey Smith	237	29.26%
Yvonne O’Neal	450	55.56%	Michael Molina	216	26.67%
Linda Watt	400	49.38%	Samuel Reckford	206	25.43%
Leon Sampson	360	44.44%	Esslie Hughes	205	25.31%
Molly Weiss	335	41.36%	Denise Stahura	201	24.81%
Sharon Brown-Veillard	330	40.74%	Dwight Babcock	189	23.33%
Billy Boyce	325	40.12%	Matthew Mead	181	22.35%
Tracy Johnson Russell	293	36.17%			

Michael Barlowe, Austin Rios, Sam Candler, Susan Brown Snook, Alexizendra Link, Diana Akiyama, and Yvonne O’Neal were elected as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

**Ballot #2 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>812</b>				
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>407</b>				
<b>Round 2 - Elect 5</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>			
Linda Watt	390	48.03%	Landon Moore	201	24.75%
Leon Sampson	351	43.23%	Geoffrey Smith	154	18.97%
Sharon Brown-Veillard	325	40.02%	Dwight Babcock	153	18.84%
Billy Boyce	305	37.56%	David Heywood	147	18.10%
Molly Weiss	282	34.73%	Michael Molina	135	16.63%
Tracy Johnson Russell	234	28.82%	Samuel Reckford	124	15.27%

Kevin S Brown	216	26.60%	Esslie Hughes	120	14.78%
Luis Lopez	215	26.48%	Matthew Mead	120	14.78%
Samuel Bonsey	210	25.86%	Denise Stahura	103	12.68%

There was no election.

Election Ballot #3 was taken for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

**Ballot #3 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #3.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>799</b>				
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>400</b>				
		<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>		
Linda Watt	448		<b>56.07%</b>	Luis Lopez	181 22.65%
Sharon Brown-Veillard	415		<b>51.94%</b>	Dwight Babcock	141 17.65%
Leon Sampson	392		49.06%	David Heywood	123 15.39%
Billy Boyce	373		46.68%	Geoffrey Smith	122 15.27%
Molly Weiss	309		38.67%	Michael Molina	94 11.76%
Tracy Johnson Russell	221		27.66%	Samuel Reckford	88 11.01%
Kevin S Brown	210		26.28%	Esslie Hughes	74 9.26%
Samuel Bonsey	209		26.16%	Matthew Mead	74 9.26%
Landon Moore	191		23.90%	Denise Stahura	64 8.01%

Linda Watt and Sharon Brown-Veillard were elected as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

In accordance with Rule XV.C.2.i , the total number of nominees was reduced to 7 with the lowest number of votes being eliminated.

Election Ballot #4 was taken for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

**Ballot #4 taken**

**Point of Order**

Deputy Hamilton of West Missouri requested future ballots be listed alphabetically by last name in future elections.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #4.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>800</b>		
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>401</b>		
<b>Round 4 - Elect 3</b>		<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Leon Sampson	564		<b>70.50%</b>

Billy Boyce	501	<b>62.63%</b>
Molly Weiss	470	<b>58.75%</b>
Tracy Johnson	234	29.25%
Russell		
Landon Moore	178	22.25%
Kevin S Brown	170	21.25%
Samuel Bonsey	156	19.50%

Leon Sampson, Billy Boyce, and Molly Weiss were elected as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

### **Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop**

The President announced that the members of the delegation from the House of Bishops had arrived with a communication from the House of Bishops.

The President asked the Chaplain to offer prayers for the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The Chair excused the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop and called on the Sergeant-At-Arms to lead them from the House.

### **Announcements**

The President called on the Secretary for announcements.

### **Recess**

The President called the House to recess at 12:14 p.m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

### Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 2:04 p.m.

### Prayers

The President called on Chaplain Wilson for prayers.

### Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #6 for the afternoon session of the fourth Legislative Day. There were 414 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 828. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 415. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 552.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 109 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 71 in the lay order and 73 in the clergy order.

There were 56 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

Diocese	Deputy Seated	Replacing
Connecticut	Geoffrey Hahneman	Rebekah Hatch
Alaska	Mary Norton	Dawn Allen-Herron
Lexington	Allison Ramsey	Mark Medley
Easton	Nathaniel Pierce	Mary Friel
Bethlehem	Judith Dickerson	Charles Dickerson
Georgia	David Rose	Kelly Steele
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Robert Vukovic	Scott Moore
Indianapolis	Sally Hardgrove	Connie Betts
Rio Grande	April Adams	Sydney Cline
Spokane	Pia Longinotti	Andrea Farley
Ohio	Richard Pryor	Virginia Bing
Southwest Florida	Matthew Grunfeld	Adrienne Hymes
Tennessee	Christopher Bowhay	Kristine Blaess
West Texas	Rosine Carter	Jennifer Wickham
Louisiana	John Pitzer	Tommy Dillon II
Louisiana	Thomas Jacks	John Sykes
Florida	Robert Davis	Tanya Scheff

Georgia	Jody Grant	Molly
Northwest Texas	Shelly Neighbors	Dann Wigner
Western Massachusetts	Meredyth Ward	Charlotte LaForest
Texas	Luz Montes	Hannah Atkins-Romero
Southern Ohio	William Sangrey	Lynn Carter-Edmands
Oregon	Thomas Sramek, Jr.	Beth Mallon
Oregon	Amy Linder	Sydney Eddy Fitzpatrick
San Diego	Rachel Ambasing	Hanh Tran
Southeast Florida	Vincent Adderly	Ingrid Cheesborough
Olympia	Elise B. Johnstone	Malcolm McLaurin
Rio Grande	Jeremiah Griffin	Daniel Cave
Spokane	Jane Schmoetzer	David Sibley
Mississippi	Stephen Kidd	Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones
Arizona	Cody Bro	Clyde Kunz
New Hampshire	Kate Harmon Siberine	Gail Avery
Northern California	Peter Juvé	Miriam Casey
Northwest Texas	David Romanik	Ricardo Lopez
Northern Michigan	Dick Graybill	Suzanne Ray
Northern California	Robin Denney	Annie Mertz
Missouri	Leslie Scoopmire	Tamsen Whistler
Massachusetts	Deborah Phillips	Chris Wendell
Central Gulf Coast	Linda Suzanne Borgen	John Talbert
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Megan Meyer	Anita Urassa
Central New York	Megan L. Castellan	Taylor Daynes
Central Florida	Kay Mueller	José Rodríguez-Sanjuro
Central Florida	Sara Oxley	Scott Holcombe
Albany	Kelly Dalton-Trotter	Christopher Cassidy
Albany	Meaghan Keegan	N. Bradley Jones
California	Karma Quick-Panwala	Warren Wong
Western Louisiana	Roy Rosenthal	Willard Harp
Washington	Mary Neznok	Andrea Pringle
Texas	Alexander Colby	Abel Campos
Washington	Emily Lloyd	Gregory Syler
South Carolina	Sarah Tipton	Brent Watts
Kansas	Laurie Lewis	Doreen Rice
Indianapolis	Julia Whitworth	Greg Baker
Iowa	Brenda Freeman	William Smith
Oklahoma	Olivia Dennard	Bruce Niemi
North Carolina	Kathy Walker	Sara Ardrey-Graves

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order to consider the report from the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

### **Confirmation of Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop**

The House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop presented its report on the Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop and announced that on the first ballot, the Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York had received the required votes for election.

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop read the results of each ballot.

<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Ballot #1</b>
Barker	24
Duncan-Probe	9
Gutierrez	17
Rowe	89
Wright	19

### **Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop**

The House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop presented its Report #1 on Resolution A 165 and moved adoption.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote.

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A165.

<b>Choice:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Yes	778	94.76
2	No	43	5.24
	<b>Total</b>	821	

**Motion carried**  
**Election of Presiding Bishop Confirmed**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #176)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A165)

**Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of the Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe as Presiding Bishop.**

The House celebrated the confirmation of the election of the Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe as the Presiding Bishop-elect with applause.

The President appointed Deputy Judge of East Carolina, Deputy Hickman of Long Island, and Deputy Plummer of Navajoland to report the results of the confirmation of the election to the House of Bishops. The President invited the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the delegation to the House of Bishops.

**Election of the Court of Review - Lay**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of the Court of Review.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>818</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>410</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 7	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Laura Russell	713	<b>87.16%</b>
Grecia Christian	690	<b>84.35%</b>
Reynoso		
Sharon M Henes	668	<b>81.66%</b>
Matthew Taylor	658	<b>80.44%</b>
Russell Randle	650	<b>79.46%</b>
Delbert C. Glover	635	<b>77.63%</b>
D.C. "Woody" Bradford	573	<b>70.05%</b>
Andrea Rabalais Petrosch	571	69.80%

Laura Russell, Grecia Christian Reynoso, Sharon M. Henes, Matthew Taylor, Russell Randle, Delbert C. Glover, were elected as lay members of the Court of Review. D.C. "Woody" Bradford was elected as alternate.

**Election of the Court of Review - Deacons**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for deacon members of the Court of Review.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid votes:</b>	<b>813</b>	
<b>Marjority:</b>	<b>407</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 2	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>



Margaret Thor	799	<b>98.28%</b>
Terry Howell	758	<b>93.23%</b>

Margaret Thor and Terry Howell were elected as deacon members of the Court of Review.

### Election of the Court of Review - Priests

Election Ballot #1 was taken for priest members of the Court of Review.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>810</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>406</b>	
	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Round 1 - Elect 4		
Gregory Jacobs	604	<b>74.57%</b>
Mariclaire Partee Carlsen	557	<b>68.77%</b>
Karen Coleman	545	<b>67.28%</b>
Marisa Tabizon Thompson	482	<b>59.51%</b>
Giovan King	434	53.58%
Tambria Lee	429	52.96%

Gregory Jacobs, Mariclaire Partee Carlsen, Karen Coleman, and Marisa Tabizon Thompson were elected as priest members of the Court of Review. Giovan King was elected as alternate.

### Election of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops - Lay

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of the Disciplinary Board of Bishops.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>801</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>401</b>	
	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Round 1 - Elect 2		
Alan Murray	424	<b>52.93%</b>
Nathan Brown	410	<b>51.19%</b>
Joan Case	274	34.21%
Joseph Thompson	167	20.85%
Michael Truncale	153	19.10%
Lucas Krueger	137	17.10%

Alan Murray and Nathan Brown were elected as lay members of the Disciplinary Board of Bishops.

### Election of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops - Clergy

Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy members of the Disciplinary Board of Bishops.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>812</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>407</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 2	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Fatima Yakubu-Madus	450	<b>55.42%</b>
Molly Weiss	431	<b>53.08%</b>
Channing Smith	420	51.72%
Christy Stang	280	34.48%

Fatima Yakubu-Madus and Molly Weiss were elected as clergy members of the Disciplinary Board of Bishops.

**Election of the Executive Council - Lay**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of the Executive Council.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>805</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>403</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 6	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Heidi Kim	651	<b>80.87%</b>
Gerlene Gordy	619	<b>76.89%</b>
Warren Hawk	573	<b>71.18%</b>
Laura Russell	522	<b>64.84%</b>
Katie Sherrod	484	<b>60.12%</b>
Grecia Christian Reynso	473	<b>58.76%</b>
Wendy Cañas	467	58.01%
Victor Feliberty-Ruberte	437	54.29%
Linda Aristondo	245	30.43%

Heidi Kim, Gerlene Gordy, Warren Hawk, Laura Russell, Katie Sherrod, and Grecia Christian Reynso were elected as lay members of the Executive Council.

**Election of the Executive Council - Clergy**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy members of the Executive Council.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>805</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>403</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 2	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>

Lester Mackenzie	423	<b>52.55%</b>
Stannard Baker	264	32.80%
Eric Metoyer	240	29.81%
Rhonda Rogers	240	29.81%
Randy Callender	226	28.07%
Rowan Larson	198	24.60%

Lester Mackenzie was elected as a clergy member of the Executive Council.

**Ballot #2 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>815</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>408</b>	
Round 2 - Elect 1	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Stannard Baker	288	35.34%
Eric Metoyer	173	21.23%
Randy Callender	127	15.58%
Rhonda Rogers	125	15.34%
Rowan Larson	102	12.52%

There was no election.

**Ballot #3 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #3.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>804</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>403</b>	
Round 3 - Elect 1	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Stannard Baker	412	<b>51.24%</b>
Eric Metoyer	177	22.01%
Randy Callender	102	12.69%
Rhonda Rogers	67	8.33%
Rowan Larson	46	5.72%

Stannard Baker was elected as a clergy member of the Executive Council.

### **Special Order of Business**

The President moved that the rules be suspended to allow Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe to address the House.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

The President invited the deputations from Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York to the podium.

Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe, his family, and the deputations of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York were escorted to the podium by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. The House greeted the Presiding Bishop-elect with applause. The Presiding Bishop introduced Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe to the House.

Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe addressed the House and expressed his gratitude for all involved in the nomination and election process, especially for his fellow nominees for the Presiding Bishop role for their guidance and solidarity. He expressed that the changing realities of the world pose an existential crisis for The Episcopal Church and emphasized the need to work through resistance to change in order to be strong and effective witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to live into the future where God is calling The Episcopal Church.

The Presiding Bishop-elect noted it is time to rearrange the budget and staff of The Episcopal Church to support, strengthen, and scale the ministry of dioceses. He acknowledged the important work of dioceses entering into juncture, partnership, and reunion this year at General Convention and advocated for continued and improved investment in creation care, evangelism, and racial reconciliation. He urged the House to hold the structures of the church lightly. He advocated for the release of anger and hurt between leaders in the church and invited the House to consider this time between now and when he takes office as a relationship jubilee, so that The Episcopal Church can start fresh for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Presiding Bishop-elect shared a quote from Thomas Merton's writings in *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*:

“In a time of drastic change one can be too preoccupied with what is ending or too obsessed with what seems to be beginning. In either case one loses touch with the present and with its obscure but dynamic possibilities. What really matters is openness, readiness, attention, courage to face risk. You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope. In such an event, courage is the authentic form taken by love.”

The Presiding Bishop-elect urged the House to look forward with a courageous view of the shared future of The Episcopal Church.

As Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe left the House, the House showed its appreciation for his address with applause.

### **Recess**

The President recessed the House at 3:24 p.m.

### **Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 3:54 p.m.

**Special Order of Business**

The President suspended the rules and invited the Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts from Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers to address the House. The Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts acknowledged Bronwyn Skov with the Hero of Camping Ministry award.

The President requested the Sergeant-at-Arms escort Bronwyn Skov to the stage for recognition.

**Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop - Lay**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>809</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>405</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 5	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Andrea McKellar	657	<b>81.21%</b>
Ora Houston	561	<b>69.34%</b>
Brandon Beck	523	<b>64.65%</b>
Tivaun Cooper	421	<b>52.04%</b>
Eddie Vance	402	49.69%
Hugh Halsey	400	49.44%
Joanmarie Famularo	386	47.71%
Robert Halleck	320	39.56%

Andrea McKellar, Ora Houston, Brandon Beck, and Tivaun Cooper were elected as lay members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

**Ballot #2 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>813</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>407</b>	
Round 2 - Elect 1	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Eddie Vance	348	42.80%
Joanmarie Famularo	203	24.97%
Hugh Halsey	185	22.76%
Robert Halleck	77	9.47%

There was no election.

**Ballot #3 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #3.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>810</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>406</b>	

Round 3 - Elect 1	Votes	Votes %
Eddie Vance	534	<b>65.93%</b>
Joanmarie Famularo	169	20.86%
Hugh Halsey	82	10.12%
Robert Halleck	25	3.09%

Eddie Vance was elected as a lay member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

#### **Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop – Deacons**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for deacon members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>810</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>406</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 1	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Carolyn Foster	506	<b>62.47%</b>
Carole Maddux	304	37.53%

Carolyn Foster was elected to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

#### **Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop – Clergy**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>804</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>403</b>	
Round 1 - Elect 4	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Carole Maddux (Deacon)	476	<b>59.20%</b>
David Jackson	469	<b>58.33%</b>
Luis Lopez	443	<b>55.10%</b>
Adrienne Hymes	379	47.14%
Deborah White	373	46.39%
Fatima Yakubu-Madus	362	45.02%
Linda Grenz	336	41.79%
Alyssa Stebbing	263	32.71%

Carole Maddux, David Jackson, and Luis Lopez were elected to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

**Ballot #2 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>809</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>405</b>	
Round 2 - Elect 1	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Adrienne Hymes	321	39.68%
Deborah White	151	18.67%
Linda Grenz	142	17.55%
Fatima Yakubu-Madus	133	16.44%
Alyssa Stebbing	62	7.66%

There was no election.

### Ballot #3 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #3.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>813</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>407</b>	
Round 3 - Elect 1	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Adrienne Hymes	570	<b>70.11%</b>
Deborah White	95	11.69%
Linda Grenz	70	8.61%
Fatima Yakubu-Madus	60	7.38%
Alyssa Stebbing	18	2.21%

Adrienne Hymes was elected to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

### Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that the following resolutions were removed from the Consent Calendar and will be placed on the Legislative Calendar:

- Resolution A091 (Definition of doctrine)
- Resolution A092 (Access to ordination and deployment).

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

### Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #8 on Resolution A028 (Support for Freedom to Consider Ethical Issues in Investing) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #184)

### Final Text

(A028)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #7 on Resolution A029 (Divest from Fossil Fuels) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #185)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A029)

**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.**

#### **Evangelism and The Future Church**

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and The Future Church presented its Report #2 on Resolution A046 (Support Starting New Bi-Cultural and Multi-Cultural Ministries) and moved adoption with amendment.



**Original Text of Resolution**

(A046)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention and the Episcopal Church celebrates and actively supports 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 continues 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 to 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 Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies establish an Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization 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 the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment***Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention and the Episcopal Church ~~celebrates~~ *celebrate* and actively ~~supports~~ *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 ~~continues~~ *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 to 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 Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies establish an Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization 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 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 Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #177)

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #7 on Resolution A089 (Address Violence Against Women and Girls) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A089)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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, 16 Days of Activism sponsored by United Nations Convention on the Status of Women and Episcopal Relief and Development's 16 Days of Activism Toolkit.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 Convention ~~on the Status of 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #182)

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented Report #2 on Resolution A145 (Urging Pastoral Compassion and Discretion for Clergy and Laity Who Disclose Diverse Family and Household Structures) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #180)

### **Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented Report #6 on Resolution A163 (Affirming the Ongoing Work across the Episcopal Church in Consideration of Ethical Issues in Investing) and moves concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #186)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A163)

*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.

**Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented Report #29 on Resolution C003 (On Affordable Housing) and moved to adopt with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(C003)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force on Affordable Housing and Homelessness. The Presiding Bishop shall appoint the Episcopal members and the President of

the House of Deputies shall appoint the Priests and Deacons and the Lay Persons to the Task Force, to 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) investigate 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 (c) study and formulate a recommendation regarding the need for a Standing Committee on Housing and Homelessness, or other most effective means, to elevate and empower Episcopal engagement in addressing this long-term and complex racial and economic justice issue; said work to be completed by November 30, 2026; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Task Force on Affordable Housing and Homelessness ends with the submission of their report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request a budget allocation of \$95,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force on Affordable Housing and Homelessness *the Unhoused*. ~~The Presiding Bishop shall appoint the Episcopal members and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint the Priests and Deacons and the Lay Persons to~~ The Task Force, ~~to~~ 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) ~~investigate~~ 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 (c) study and formulate a recommendation regarding the need for a Standing Committee on Housing and Homelessness, or other most effective means, to elevate and empower Episcopal engagement in addressing this long term and complex racial and economic justice issue; said work to be completed by November 30, 2026;~~

and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Task Force on Affordable Housing and ~~Homelessness~~ *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 allocation of \$95,000~~ *\$70,000 budget allocation* for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #181)

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #29 on Resolution C017 (Amend Canon III.7 to Provide for the Transfer of Deacons to Churches in Communion) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #183)

### Final Text of Resolution

(C017)

**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.

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

### Canon III.7

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**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.

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #34 on Resolution D025 (Amend Canon IV.6 regarding Intake Officers) and moved to adopt with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D025)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amends Canon IV.6 as follows:

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 Sections 5 and 7 of this Canon, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. The Intake Officer shall provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

**Sec. 12.** At least one church-wide Intake Officer shall be available for the receipt of any complaints either by a Complainant or by a matter being forwarded by a Bishop of the Church. Such an officer shall be entitled to fulfill, for any diocese, the duties as an Intake Officer in this Title.

#### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amends Canon IV.6 as follows:

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 ~~Sections 5 and 7 of this Canon~~ Canon 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.



~~Sec. 12. At least one church-wide Intake Officer shall be available for the receipt of any complaints either by a Complainant or by a matter being forwarded by a Bishop of the Church. Such an officer shall be entitled to fulfill, for any diocese, the duties as an Intake Officer in this Title.~~

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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #178)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report 33 on Resolution D040 (Amend Canon IV.13.13 to Provide for Notice of Dismissal) and move adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D040)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.13.13 (Of Hearing Panels/Order of Dismissal) to read as follows:

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 Section 3 of this canon.*

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.13.13 (Of Hearing Panels/Order of Dismissal) to read as follows:

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 ~~Section 3 Canon IV.13.3 of this canon.~~

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #179)

### **End of Consent Calendar**

#### **Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced that the time had come to consider Resolutions D007, D013, and D056.

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

#### **Social Justice and International Policy**

Following a report from the House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy, there was a time for questions on Resolutions D007, D013, and D056.

#### **Point of Order**

Deputy Richards of Fond du Lac requested an electronic vote be taken on Resolution D007. The President said that an electronic vote would be taken.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #31 on Resolution D007 (Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine) and moved concurrence.

#### **Point of Order**

Deputy Evans of Southwestern Virginia asked to clarify the process for the resolutions in the Special Order to move forward.

A vote was taken.

*Ed note: Although an electronic vote was requested, the Chair instead called for a voice vote and an electronic vote was no longer needed.*

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 188)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D007)

**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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #38 on Resolution D013 (Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Committee Amendment**

(D013)

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

**<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.>**

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm: 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 the current government in Israel, in effectively ruling out a Palestinian state, continues to pursue an apartheid policy against the Palestinian people; and that for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, there must be a Palestinian state, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm 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.

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**<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact change being made:>**

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm: 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; ~~and that Hamas has shown reckless disregard for the civilian population by sheltering its armed combatants underneath and within hospitals, schools and other places to which refugees have fled;~~ that the current government in Israel, in effectively ruling out a Palestinian state, continues to pursue an apartheid policy against the Palestinian people; and that for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, there must be a Palestinian state, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further

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Debate ensued.

Deputy Pryor of Ohio moved an amendment (FA066).

**Proposed Amendment:**

Amend the first Resolved as follows:

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm: 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; and that Hamas has shown reckless disregard for the civilian population by sheltering its armed combatants underneath and within hospitals, schools and other places to which refugees have fled; and that Hamas has shown reckless disregard for the civilian population by sheltering its armed combatants underneath and within hospitals, schools and other places to which refugees have fled; that the current government in Israel, in effectively ruling out a Palestinian state, continues to pursue an apartheid policy against the Palestinian people; and that for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, there must be a Palestinian state, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further*

Debate ensued on the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

Debate continued on the resolution.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Rachel Erdman of Maryland requested an electronic vote.

Deputy Wood of Delaware moved to end debate and vote immediately.

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution as amended.

Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes	573	70.57
2	No	239	29.43
	<b>Total</b>	812	

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message 189)

The President moved that, without objection, pursuant to House Rule IX.C, a conference committee for Resolution D013 will be formed including the Chair and Vice Chair of the House of Deputies

Committee on Social Justice and International Policy, Deputy Audrick Smith of Ohio, Deputy Castellano of Central New York, and Deputy Little of Vermont.

**Motion carried  
Conference Committee Created**

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 5:49 p.m.

**EVENING SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 7:02 p.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #7 for the evening session of the fourth Legislative Day. There were 415 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 415. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 553.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 109 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 71 in the lay order and 73 in the clergy order.

There were 65 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
West Texas	Grace Buchanan	Curt Mowen
West Texas	Nancy Springer	Carrie Guerra
West Texas	Reagan Gonzalez	Scott Brown
Western North Carolina	Susan Kleinwechter	Betsy Biega
Western North Carolina	Will Bryant	R. Scott White
Massachusetts	Chris Wendell	Deborah Phillips
Massachusetts	Deborah Phillips	Karen Coleman
Newark	Anne E. Kitch	Elaine Ellis Thomas
Virginia	Kathleen Murray	Daniel Vélez-Rivera
Texas	Abel Campos	Alexander Colby
South Carolina	Brent Watts	Deb Harris
Spokane	David Sibley	Heather VanDeventer
Southern Virginia	Grant Stokes	Jan M Brown
Pennsylvania	John Wallace	Isaac Quelly
Pennsylvania	Roberta Torrian	Liz Wendt
Northern Michigan	Suzanne Ray	Dick Graybill
Northern Michigan	Dick Graybill	Bradley Pickens
Lexington	Mark Medley	Allison Ramsey
Hawaii	Brian Grieves	Katlin McCallister

Lexington	Allison Ramsey	Mary T Yeiser
East Carolina	Richard Elliott	Tambria Lee
Washington	David C Wacaster	Glenna Huber
Virginia	Karen Franklin	Russell Randle
West Missouri	Robin James	Chas Marks
Oregon	Sydney Eddy Fitzpatrick	Toni Phipps
Maryland	Nathan Erdman	Jessica Sexton
New York	Lisa Mason	Susan Fortunato
New York	Kyoko Toyama	Diane Pollard
New Jersey	Wendy Blackman	Annette Buchanan
Florida	Tanya Scheff	Mark Anderson
Indianapolis	Greg Baker	Julia Whitworth
El Camino Real	Maly Hughes	Barbara Miller
East Tennessee	Derrick Hill	April Berends
Pennsylvania	Ben Capps	Benjamin Wallis
Ohio	Leah Romanelli DeJesus	Debra Bennett
New Hampshire	Gail Avery	Kate Harmon Siberine
Mississippi	Annie Kay Cumberland Elliott	J. Brian Ponder
Rio Grande	Sydney Cline	April Adams
Ohio	Virginia Bing	Richard Pryor
Rio Grande	Daniel Cave	Raymond Raney
Olympia	Malcolm McLaurin	Elise B. Johnstone
Oregon	Greg Rainey	Diane Higgins- Shaffer
Arizona	Robin Hollis	Hunter Ruffin
Arkansas	Mark Nabors	Kate Alexander
Arkansas	Kate Alexander	Kevin Gore
Arkansas	Kevin Gore	Kate Alexander
Maryland	Mary DeKuyper	Rachel Erdman
Maryland	Randy Callender	Ruth Elder
Alabama	Brian Denton	Richard Norris
Louisiana	John Sykes	Thomas Jacks
New York	Nick Gordon	Wendy Cañas
Northwest Texas	Dann Wigner	Shelly Neighbors
Missouri	Tamsen Whistler	Leslie Scoopmire
Mississippi	Katy Pacelli	Ed Sisson
Northern California	Annie Mertz	Matthew Woodward
Northern California	Bradford Pierce	Amy Nykamp
Albany	Thomas Pettigrew	Laurie Garramone
California	Cameron Partridge	Deborah White
Bethlehem	Bruce Gowe	Jay O'Rear



Arizona	Clyde Kunz	Daniel Packard
Florida	James Salter	Garry Bragg
Northern California	Daniel London	Robin Denney
San Diego	Hannah Wilder	Roberto Maldonado-Mercado
San Joaquin	Toni Alvarez	Suzy Ward
Indianapolis	Connie Betts	Sally Hardgrove

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules of Order in order to consider the Day 4 Auxiliary Calendar as Consent Calendar Number II for the evening session.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

### **Consent Calendar**

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #32 on Resolution A036 (Amend Canons to Use Approved Common Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #200)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A036)

**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.

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**<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;

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**<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.

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<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;

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<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.

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<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;

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<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;

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented is Report #11 on Resolution A037 (Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 195)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A037)

**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).

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<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).*

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #12 on Resolution A038 (Practical Guidance for Interreligious Relations) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #195)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A038)

*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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #13 on Resolution A039 (Practical Guidance for Episcopal-Jewish Relations) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #196)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A039)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #14 on Resolution A040 (Practical Guidance for Christian-Muslim Relations) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #197)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A040)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #15 on Resolution A042 (Commend PCUSA-TEC Dialogue) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #198)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A042)

**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.).**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #16 on Resolution A049 (Affirming the Goal of Full Communion between The Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #194)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A049)

**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.**

### **Title III Ministry**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report #9 on Resolution A059 (Create an Official List of Recognized Religious Orders and Christian Communities) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #207)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A059)

*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.

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**<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.

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**<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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report 10 on Resolution 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) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried****The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #193)



**Final Text of Resolution**

(A061)

**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.

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

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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.

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

III.6.6.c

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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.

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**<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.

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**<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.

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<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:

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<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.~~

The House of Deputies Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report #8 on Resolution A065 (Amend Canon III.1.3) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #208)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A065)

**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.

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**<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.

*The House of Deputies Committee on Title III Ministry presented Report #7 on Resolution A070 (Research needs for the General Board of Examining Chaplains) and moved concurrence.*

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #209)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A070)

**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.**

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #35 on Resolution A093 (Add provisions of 2018-B012 to canons) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #201)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A093)

**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.

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

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.*

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.

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**<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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #36 on Resolution (A103) Amend Canon III.11.8 and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #202)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A103)

**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.

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<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.

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #46 on Resolution A109 (Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #212)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A109)

**Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to make available at [episcopalcommonprayer.org](http://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](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org).**

**Social Justice and International Policy**

The Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #30 on Resolution A110 (Clarify Distinction Between Biblical and Modern Israel) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #214)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A110)

**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.**

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #45 on Resolution A111 (Develop resources and models for online/in person hybrid worship) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #213)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A111)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #43 on Resolution A130 (Developing alternative hymn texts) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #205)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A130)

**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.**

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #17 on Resolution A143 (Amend IV.17.3.b and IV.17.5 - Disciplinary Board for Bishops) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A143)



*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 six Bishops elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention, 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.

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

b. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops consists of ~~ten~~ six 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, two other clergy and two lay persons. The Hearing Panel shall consist of two Bishops, two Priests or Deacons and two lay persons, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon IV.14.1.h.2 pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.

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

The Conference Panel shall consist of ~~three~~ two Bishops, ~~one Priest or Deacon~~ two other clergy and ~~one lay person~~ two lay persons. The Hearing Panel shall consist of ~~three~~ two Bishops, ~~one Priest or Deacon~~ two Priests or Deacons and ~~one lay person~~ two lay persons, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon IV.14.1.h.2 pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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

b. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops consists of ~~ten six ten~~ Bishops elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention, and ~~four ten six Priests or Deacons~~ other Clergy (including at least one Deacon) and ~~four six ten 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.

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

The Conference Panel shall consist of ~~three two~~ Bishops, ~~one Priest or Deacon two one Priest or Deacon~~, and ~~one lay person two one lay person~~. The Hearing Panel shall consist of ~~three two~~ Bishops, ~~one Priest or Deacon two one Priest or Deacon~~, and ~~one lay person two 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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #190)

**Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #28 on Resolution C002 (On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message 215)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(C002)

**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.**

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #37 on Resolution C016 (Amend Canon III.12 to Provide for the Transfer of Bishops to Churches in Communion) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #203)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(C016)

**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.

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<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.*

### **Social Justice and International Policy**

The Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #27 on Resolution C031 (Migration with Dignity) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #216)

### Final Text of Resolution

(C031)

*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.**

*The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented Report #29 on Resolution D006 (Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism) and moved concurrence.*

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #217)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D006)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presents its Report #34 on Resolution D009 (Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #218)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D009)

**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.**



The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #32 on Resolution D012 (Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #219)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D012)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #32 on Resolution D019 (Justice and Peace on Ukraine) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #220)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D019)

**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-Boo8 — "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.**

### **Title III Ministry**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report #12 on Resolution D023 (Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Text as amended by the House of Bishops**

(D023)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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;* ~~for engaging the diakonia of all believers for over 50 years by encouraging, growing, and providing resources and guidelines for the continuing development of the diaconate, an order of ministry in The Episcopal Church;~~ and be it further

~~Resolved, That the Convention acknowledge that AED is the only Episcopal organization building ecumenical diaconal partnerships, and it serves as the church's resource portal for the diaconate, without financial support from the Church; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the Convention consider that Episcopal deacons, the primary supporters of AED, often personally fund their formation, ministries, and on-going professional 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 the Convention requests that the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Finance, make a capacity-building \$450,000 budget allocation ~~be budgeted~~ during the next triennium to support the infrastructure necessary for the sustainability and growth of AED, *subject to appropriate financial oversight.*

**Committee Amendment**

(D023)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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* ~~diaconate~~ *diaconate, an order of ministry in The Episcopal Church, and provide resources and guidelines* ~~guidelines~~ *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.

**Motion carried****Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #211)

**Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives**

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives presented its Report #7 on Resolution D024 (Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers) and recommended concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #226)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D024)

**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.**

**Title III Ministry**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report #7 on Resolution D032 (Raising the Clergy Mandatory Retirement Age to 75) and recommended concurrence.

**The Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #210)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D032)

**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.

**Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presents its report #35 on Resolution D037 (Encourage All Ministries of The Episcopal Church to Assess Intersections with Migration) and recommends concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #195)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D037)

**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.**

#### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #38 on Resolution D045 (Task Force for Reviewing Intellectual Property of the Church) and recommended concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #204)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D045)

**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.**

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its report #36 on Resolution D052 (Amend Canon IV.10.3) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D052)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.10.3 to read as follows:

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 may meet with the Conciliator 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) investigation 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.*

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.10.3 to read as follows:

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 may meet with the Conciliator and shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) take no action other than appropriate pastoral responses pursuant to Canon IV.8; (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.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #191)

### **Formation and Discipleship**

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Discipleship presents its Report #6 on Resolution D061 (Creating Space for Difference) and recommended take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #224)

### **Social Justice & International Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presents its Report #36 on Resolution D062 (Support and Solidarity with Armenia) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #222)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D062)

**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.**

**Governance & Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance & Structure presents its Report #33 on Resolution D071 (Governance support for the Diocese of Haiti and leadership for Dioceses in Crisis) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text**

(D071)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention recognize the interim Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop provide support to the interim Standing Committee in appointing a Provisional Bishop to provide oversight and healing, and to conduct an election for a Diocesan Bishop

**Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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.*

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #192)

**Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presents its Report 37 on Resolution D075 (The Immediate Release of Ms. Layan Nasir, 24 from Administrative Detention in Israel) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #223)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D075)



**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.**

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presents its Report #13 on Resolution D077 (Celebrating and Continuing the Work and Witness of the Church of the Advocate, Site of the Ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D077)

**Resolved**, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention celebrate with joy the fiftieth anniversary of the Ordination of The Philadelphia Eleven, which occurred in July of 1974 in the Church of the Advocate in the City of Philadelphia; and be it further,

**Resolved**, That the 81st General Convention, lamenting the sins of racial and social bigotry, 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 be it further,

**Resolved**, That the 81st General Convention, recognizing the continued significance of the Church of the Advocate in The Episcopal Church’s efforts to overcome the sins of racial bigotry and gender discrimination, hereby adopt the Church of the Advocate as a Center for Reconciliation and Justice within the Episcopal Church, 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 through all channels; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention direct The Episcopal Church Office of Development to liaise with the leadership of the Church of the Advocate and the Diocese of Pennsylvania to develop a long term plan towards the restoration of the Advocate’s physical facilities, and be it further,

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church Office of Development make a progress report on the status of the Church of the Advocate building to the 82nd General Convention, and be it further,

*Resolved*, The General Convention request the Executive Council to allocate \$25,000 for the Church of the Advocate to enable it to access up to \$200,000 in matching grants from Partners for Sacred Spaces.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

~~That the 81st General Convention celebrate with joy the fiftieth anniversary of the Ordination of The Philadelphia Eleven, which occurred in July of 1974 in the Church of the Advocate in the City of Philadelphia; and be it further,~~

~~*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention, lamenting the sins of racial and social 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, recognizing recognize the continued significance of the Church of the Advocate in The Episcopal Church’s efforts to overcome reckon with the sins of racial bigotry and gender discrimination; hereby adopt the Church of the Advocate as a Center for Reconciliation and Justice within the Episcopal Church, 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. through all channels; and be it further,~~

~~*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention direct The Episcopal Church Office of Development to liaise with the leadership of the Church of the Advocate and the Diocese of Pennsylvania to develop a long term plan towards the restoration of the Advocate’s physical facilities, and be it further,~~

~~*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church Office of Development make a progress report on the status of the Church of the Advocate building to the 82nd General Convention, and be it further,~~

~~*Resolved*, The General Convention request the Executive Council to allocate \$25,000 for the Church of the Advocate to enable it to access up to \$200,000 in matching grants from Partners for Sacred Spaces.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #206)

### **Joint Rules of Order**

The House of Deputies Committee on Joint Rules of Order presents its Report #4 on Resolution D079 (Nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption with amendment).

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D079)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons to develop a structure for nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies, with a process that includes determination of qualifications and recruitment of qualified deputies for nomination to each office; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons prepare and propose to the 82nd General Convention changes to the Canons and/ or Rules of Order to implement this structure for nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 develop:*

- 1) a structure for nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies ; ;
- 2) ~~with~~ a process that includes determination of qualifications ; ;
- 3) a process for ~~and~~ recruitment of qualified deputies for nomination to each office; and ~~be it further~~
- 4) changes to the Canons and/or Rules of Order *of the House of Deputies that would be needed to implement any recommendations*

~~*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons prepare and propose to the 82nd General Convention changes to the Canons and/ or Rules of Order to implement this structure for nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #225)

### **End of Consent Calendar**

### **Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced it was time to resume the Special Order of Business and consider Resolution D056.

### **Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #40 on Resolution D056 (Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Resolution text as adopted by House of Bishops**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~decries~~ *decry* the ongoing genocide *by the Israeli government* against the Palestinian people in Gaza, and the attacks of October 7th by Hamas against Israeli civilians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we ~~the~~ *the 81st General Convention* also lament the ongoing complicity of the United States, of which many of us are citizens, in the continuing devastation in Gaza, and ~~we~~ accept the call of Christ to be makers of peace in the midst of a culture that encourages violence and war; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the presiding officers set aside a specific day in the upcoming year as a day of fasting, prayer, and mourning for the lives lost in Israel/Palestine in this genocide; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all members of this church ~~are~~ *be* urged to contact their elected representatives in Congress to ask for a comprehensive 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 ask their elected representatives to call for a moratorium on offensive arms sales or transfers to Israel until such time as Israel comes into compliance with settled international law regarding territorial expansion by force; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the members of this church ~~are~~ *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.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~decries~~ *decry* the ~~terrorist~~ attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the ongoing terrorist activity of Hamas, ~~as well as and disproportionate loss of Palestinian lives that continues in Israel's war against Hamas~~ *the ongoing genocide by the Israeli government against the Palestinian people in Gaza*; 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 of 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~~ *genocide end*; 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.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Castellan of Central New York moved an amendment (FA065).

**Proposed Amendment:**

Amend the first paragraph to read:

“That the 81st General Convention decry the ~~terrorist~~ terrorist attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, ~~and~~ and the ongoing terrorist activity of Hamas, ~~as well as and disproportionate loss of Palestinian lives that continues in Israel's war against Hamas as well as the disproportionate loss of Palestinian lives that continues in Israel's war with Hamas~~ the ongoing genocide by the Israeli government against the Palestinian people in Gaza; and be it further”

And amend the second Resolved to read:

“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~~ conflict not end in genocide; genocide end; and be it further”

Debate ensued on the amendment.

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted**

Debate continued on the resolution.

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution D056.

Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes	732	91.16
2	No	71	8.84
	<b>Total</b>	803	

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #227)

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #34 on Resolution A072 (Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church [Of the Book of Common Prayer -- Second Reading]) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey requested that the resolution be divided between the resolving clauses. The President ruled that the resolution was not divisible.

### Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A072.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A072

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Results
Lay	101	54	93	8	Yes
Clergy	100	55	91	9	Yes

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #228)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A072)

**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.**

### **Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

### **Recess**

The President recessed the House at 8:45 p.m. to reconvene on Thursday, June 27, at 9:00 a.m.

**Day 5****Thursday June 27, 2024****MORNING SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer. During Morning Prayer, Deputy Delano of Pittsburgh gave a reflection on the life of former President of the House of the Deputies, the late George Werner, and the Necrology was read.

**Certification of Minutes**

The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #4 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Fourth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

**Motion carried  
Minutes accepted**

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #8 for the morning session of the fifth Legislative Day. There were 415 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 415. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 553.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 109 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 71 in the lay order and 73 in the clergy order.

There were 75 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
Indianapolis	Andrea Arsene	Julia Whitworth
Southeast Florida	Hal Hurley	Roberta Knowles
Southeast Florida	Joan Smith	Michelle Lane
San Diego	Hanh Tran	Louis Glosson
Nebraska	Lee Busselman	Noelle Ptomey
New York	Susan Fortunato	Lisa Mason
Navajoland Area Mission	John Chase	Leon Sampson
Wyoming	David McElwain	Melinda Bobo



Wyoming	Laura Greathouse	April French
West Texas	Jennifer Wickham	Rosine Carter
Central Florida	Scott Holcombe	Laura Cook
Atlanta	LaFawn Gilliam	Beth King
Georgia	Kelly Steele	Thomas Purdy
East Tennessee	Troy Eichenberger	Parker Chadwell
Florida	Mark Anderson	Elisabeth Pessah
Los Angeles	Guy Leemhuis	Rachel Nyback
Georgia	Mary (Molly) B. Stevenson	Jody Grant
Northern California	Amy Nykamp	Bradford Pierce
Northern Michigan	Sarah Diener-Schlitt	Lydia Kelsey Bucklin
New York	Diane Pollard	Kyoko Toyama
New York	Rigoberto Avila-Nativi	Theodora Brooks
East Tennessee	April Berends	Derrick Hill
El Camino Real	Barbara Miller	Maly Hughes
Upper South Carolina	Marie Cope	Kellie Wilson
Western North Carolina	R. Scott White	Will Bryant
West Texas	Curt Mowen	Wheless Baker
Albany	Christopher Cassidy	Sarah Garno
Albany	N. Bradley Jones	Scott Garno
West Texas	Carrie Guerra	Jay George
West Texas	Scott Brown	Reagan Gonzalez
Western Louisiana	Willard Harp	Roy Rosenthal
Texas	Hannah Atkins-Romero	Samantha Smith
Virginia	Daniel Vélez-Rivera	Hilary Smith
Texas	Alexander Colby	Linda Patterson
Tennessee	Scott Kammerer	Jim Weatherly
Connecticut	June Aziz	Suzy Burke
Bethlehem	Jay O'Rear	Bruce Gowe
Virginia	Russell Randle	Karen Franklin
Mississippi	Leigh Grady	Tom Fortner
Northern California	Robin Denney	James Richardson
Northern Michigan	Bradley Pickens	Dick Graybill
New Jersey	James Yarsiah	Daniel Scott Russell
Massachusetts	Alec Vaughn	Billy Boyce
Massachusetts	Karen Coleman	Deborah Phillips
Alabama	Patti Whitaker	Miriam Marty Clark
Louisiana	Tommy Dillon II	John Pitzer
Easton	Patrick Collins	Mark Delcuze
Florida	Garry Bragg	Paul Van Brunt

Hawaii	Katlin McCallister	Brian Grieves
Connecticut	Rebekah Hatch	Geoffrey Hahneman
Atlanta	Monica Mainwaring	Lauren Holder
Central Gulf Coast	John Talbert	Linda Suzanne Borgen
California	Warren Wong	Karma Quick-Panwala
Atlanta	Mary Caroline Cravens	Lindsey Hardegree
Milwaukee	Janet Finn	Deanna Christman
New York	Wendy Cañas	Nick Gordon
Maryland	Rachel Erdman	Katherine Schnorrenberg
New Jersey	Joseph Walker	Barbie Okamoto Bach
Northwest Texas	Shelly Neighbors	Mary Emeny
Southern Virginia	Jan M Brown	Ashley Urquidi
Pittsburgh	Joan Gundersen	Stephen Stagnitta
Ohio	Debra Bennett	Leah Romanelli DeJesus
Oregon	Beth Mallon	Thomas Sramek, Jr.
Rio Grande	April Adams	Cathryn Varney
Spokane	Heather VanDeventer	David Gortner
Pennsylvania	Isaac Quelly	John Wallace
Southwestern Virginia	Tim Bucholtz	Laura Beth Weaver
Pennsylvania	Emily Zimbrick-Rogers	Beth Hollingshead
Southern Ohio	Melissa Shirley	Deborah Stokes-Wayne
Southwestern Virginia	Benjamin Cowgill	Mark Furlow
Lexington	Mary T Yeiser	Allison Ramsey
San Joaquin	Suzy Ward	Toni Alvarez
San Joaquin	Toni Alvarez	Nelson Serrano Poveda
Southwest Florida	Jackie Smith	Duane Hollier
Colorado	Melissa Adzima	Brian Winter

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### Announcements

The President read the announcements.

### Messages from the House of Bishops

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

<i>HB Message #126:</i>	D038 (Amend Canon II.3 to Remove Copyright Restrictions from Non-English Books of Common Prayer) Refer to an Interim Body
<i>HB Message #127:</i>	A041 (Create a Task Force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion Relationships) Concur

HB Message #128:	Do20 (A Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church) Concur
HB Message #129:	Do63 (On Mandatory Diocesan Assessment) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
HB Message #130:	A031 (Translate Reconciliation Resources into Spanish) Concur
HB Message #131:	A003 (Amend Canon III.11.1 regarding Screening of Nominees for Episcopal Elections) Reject
HB Message #132:	A048 (Adoption of the Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #133:	A126 (Transfer dates of commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #134:	Do65 (Study Canons on Canonical Residence) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #135:	B001 (Experimental Creation Care Language for the Baptismal Covenant) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #136:	C023 (Commemorating The Philadelphia Eleven in the Church Calendar) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #137:	Do59 (Addressing Antisemitism in the Church and the World) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #138:	A063 (Amend Canons I.2.2 : Term of Office of the Presiding Bishop) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #139:	A051 (Amend Canons I.2.4.a Data Collection for the Church) Adopt
HB Message #140:	Do21 (Support for Child Labor Protections) Concur
HB Message #141:	A047 (Amend Title I regarding Local Ecumenical Partnerships) Refer to an Interim Body
HB Message #143:	C011 (Add Howard W. Thurman to The Episcopal Church Calendar) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #144:	B003 (The Tree of Life: an Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day) Adopt Substitute
HB Message #145:	Do41 (Support the Adoption of an Ecumenical Feast Day of Creation in our Liturgical Calendar) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #146:	A222 (The Prime Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church and the IFI) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #147:	A195 (The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Welby) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #148:	A208 (The Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #149:	A207 (The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Episcopal-Roman Catholic Dialogue) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #150:	A196 (The Diocese of Kentucky) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #151:	A205 (The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #152:	A204 (The Leadership of the Moravian Church USA, Northern and Southern Provinces) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #153:	A198 (The City and People of Louisville) Adopt - HB Only

HB Message #154:	A199 (The Right Reverend Anthony Poggo and the ACO) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #155:	A200 (The Most Reverend Ian Earnest and the Anglican Centre in Rome) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #156:	A201 (The Archbishop of Utrecht and the Old Catholic Church) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #157:	A202 (The Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church and the MTC) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #158:	A212 (The 26th Presiding Bishop and Dr. Richard Schori) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #159:	A203 (The Right Reverend Dr Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #160:	A209 (Archbishop Elpidophoros and the 47th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress June 30-July 4, 2024) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #161:	A206 (The General Secretary of the National Council of Churches) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #162:	A216 (The Patriarchs and Heads of Local Churches of the Holy Land) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #163:	A215 (The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem and Mrs. Rafa Nauom) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #164:	A210 (The Delegates of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches in America) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #165:	A214 (Mrs. Patti Browning) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #166:	A213 (The Right Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold III, 25th Presiding Bishop) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #167:	A211 (The Armenian Apostolic Church Eastern Diocese) Adopt - HB Only
HB Message #168:	D017 (Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence) Concur
HB Message #169:	D027 (Addressing Traffic Fatalities) Concur
HB Message #170:	A050 (Publishing and Sharing Resources for Disability Access and Inclusion) Concur
HB Message #171:	A081 (Combat Rising Religious Nationalism) Concur
HB Message #172:	A166 (Registration of Firearms; Licensing of Firearm Sellers, Buyers, and Users; Use of Taggants) Concur
HB Message #173:	A167 (Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands) Concur
HB Message #174:	C035 (End the Practice of Labor Trafficking of Migrant Youth) Concur
HB Message #175:	D028 (Close Guantánamo Bay Prison) Concur
HB Message #176:	D057 (Advocate for Housing Solutions) Concur
HB Message #177:	D067 (Support Temporary Protected Status) Concur
HB Message #178:	C036 (The Peace of the Lord Be With You) Take No Further Action
HB Message #179:	X002 (Election of Secretary of the General Convention) Concur
HB Message #180:	A224 (Repeal of Article X with clarifying amendments (post 2024-A072)) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message #181:	B006 (Include the Episcopal Church in Micronesia in the Diocese of Hawai'i) Concur

HB Message #182:	C010 (Access to Prison Ministries) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
HB Message #183:	D053 (Amend Title IV to require timely appointments to church-wide disciplinary boards) Concur
HB Message #184:	A052 (Amend Canon IV.2, Canon IV.4.1.d, and Canon IV.10.3 to add Restorative Covenant as a possible outcome of Conciliation) Concur
HB Message #185:	A057 (Amend Canon IV.17.6 Regarding Suspension of a Bishop) Concur
HB Message #186:	A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes
HB Message #187:	A142 (Amend Canon IV.6.7 – copy of notice) Concur
HB Message #188:	A139 (Amend Canon IV.6.4 -Intake Timeline) Concur
HB Message #189:	A147 (Referring Lay Disciplinary Canon Issue to Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) Concur
HB Message #190:	A140 (Amend Canon IV.6.8 - Reference Panel) Concur
HB Message #191:	A141 (Amend Canon IV.6.9 - Monthly Reports) Concur
HB Message #192:	A197 (The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville) Adopt - HB Only

The President stated that resolutions requiring action by this House would be deemed referred to the appropriate Legislative Committees.

### Special Order of Business

The President announced that the time had come for a presentation from the Official Youth Presence. The House recognized the members with a standing ovation. Olivia Morin-Swanson of Minnesota, Catherine Mansir of Maine, Eli Crowley of Rio Grande, Evan Van Brunt of Florida, and Abigayle Cheney of Southern Virginia addressed the House.

### Special Order of Business

The Secretary announced that the time had come for the election of the Vice President of the House of Deputies.

### Election of the Vice President of the House of Deputies

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the Vice President of the House of Deputies.

#### Ballot #1 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>808</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>405</b>	
Round 1: Elect 1	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Steve Pankey	345	42.70%
Ruth Meyers	254	31.44%
Charles Graves	151	18.69%
John Floberg	58	7.18%

There was no election.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for the Vice President of the House of Deputies.

**Ballot #2 taken**

### Point of Order

Deputy London of Northern California requested the House have prayer. The President called on the Chaplain for prayer prior to reading the results of the second ballot.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2.

<b>Valid Votes:</b>	<b>812</b>	
<b>Majority:</b>	<b>407</b>	
Round 2: Elect 2	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Votes %</b>
Steve Pankey	442	<b>54.43%</b>
Ruth Meyers	278	34.24%
Charles Graves	71	8.74%
John Floberg	21	2.59%

The Rev. Steve Pankey was elected as Vice President of the House of Deputies.

The President invited the Vice President-elect to the platform.

The Vice President-elect addressed the House.

The President thanked the other nominees for their vulnerability and courage in allowing their names to be placed in consideration for the office.

### Consent Calendar

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

### Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #16 on Resolution A021 (Create a Care of Creation Loan Program for Episcopal Dioceses) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #233)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A021)

**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.*

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #41 on Resolution A066 (Amend Canon V.1 to create a Custodian for the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #231)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A066)

*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.

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<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.**

#### **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #15 on Resolution A084 (Join The Communion Forest Initiative) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #234)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A084)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #14 on Resolution A098 (Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation) and moved to concur.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #235)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A098)

**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.**

### **Agencies & Boards**

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies & Boards presented its Report #12 on Resolution A100 (Adopt Cost Controls in Denominational Health Plan) and moved no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #229)

### **Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations presented its Report #18 on Resolution A159 (Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues and Membership in Ecumenical/Interfaith Organizations) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #241)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A159)

**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).**

### **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #18 on Resolution B002 (Build Eco-Region Creation Networks for Crucial Impact) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #236)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(B002)

*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 and Montana); 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*

*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 \$240,000 for this work, such that \$30,000 each year (\$90,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support the three EcoRegion Creation Networks; \$15,000 each year (\$45,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support Good News Gardens/Agrarian and Outdoor Ministry Networks; \$50,000 a year (\$150,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support Renewable Energy Networks and the church's existing partnership with the Episcopal Renewable Energy Non-profit (EREN); and \$60,000 to support two churchwide convenings of the community of networks, to ensure accountability and progress toward net carbon neutrality.

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presents its Report #43 on Resolution B007 (Standing Committees and Ecclesiastical Authority) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #232)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(B007)

**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.**

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #49 on Resolution B010 (Direct Executive Council to Create a task force to revise the disciplinary process of Title IV) and moved to refer to an Interim Body.

**Motion carried  
Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #240)

#### **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its report #17 on Resolution C029 (Supporting a Clean Energy Future) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim Body.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred  
Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #238)

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its report #13 on Resolution D029 (Commit to the 30x30 Initiative for Biodiversity) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #239)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D029)

**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,**
2. **where reasonably feasible, onsite collection of stormwater for use onsite in dry weather and to reduce peak stormwater flows offsite during wet weather,**
3. **reduction in the use of irrigation, fertilizer, pesticides, and fossil fuel-fired equipment,**
4. **restoration of degraded areas, including appropriate reforestation efforts, and**
5. **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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its report #19 on Resolution D030 (Create a Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #237)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D030)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its report #12 on Resolution D050 (Resolution to Complete the Journey to Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #230)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D050)

**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.**

**Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presents its Report #39 on Resolution Do60 (Support For a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concured**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #242)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(Do60)

**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.**

End of Consent Calendar

**Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced that the time had come to consider Resolutions A152, A156, and A157.

**Rules of Order**

Following a report from the House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order, there was a time for questions on Resolutions A152, A156, and A157.

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #8 on Resolution A152 (Resolution Submission Deadline in House of Deputies Rules of Order) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Debate ensued.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Hamilton-Ferguson of Central New York requested the vote be taken electronically.

Deputy Faulstich of Texas moved to end debate.

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A152.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	690	85.40
No	118	14.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</b>	

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted by two-thirds vote  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #243)**

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A152)

*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.

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**<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.~~

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- 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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #7 on resolution A156 (House of Deputies Rules of Order on Written Comments) and moved adoption.

A vote was taken on Resolution A156.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted by two-thirds vote**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #244)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A156)

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.

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<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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #9 on Resolution A157 (House of Deputies Rules on Legislative Committee Report Deadline) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A157)

Resolved, 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 late 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.*

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

3. *Deadline.*

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- 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 late 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.*

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, 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.>

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- c. It is a ~~late~~ 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.*

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

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- 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 ~~late~~ 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.*

Debate ensued.

Deputy Brown of Washington moved an amendment (FA005).

**Proposed Amendment:**

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~~ by the end of the Second Legislative Day unless:
- the House adopts a different deadline in its order of business;
  - Two-thirds of the Committee votes to defer the report until ~~the second legislative day~~ no later than 48 hours before the scheduled adjournment Sine Die; or
  - It is a ~~late 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.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

Following an inconclusive vote, an electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	690	85.40
No	118	14.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</b>	

**Motion Failed  
Amendment Defeated**

Deputy Olson of Alabama moved to end debate.

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A157.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	272	33.58
No	538	66.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>	

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment by two-thirds vote**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #245)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A157)

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.

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

### 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.*

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #15 on Resolution Do48 (Length of Future General Conventions) and moved to take no further action.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Denton of Alabama moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution Do48.

**Motion carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #246)

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules in order to consider Resolutions A180 and A188 from the House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on Resolution A180 (Express gratitude for the life and ministry of the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A180. The House recognized the life and ministry of the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner with applause.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD Only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #247)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A180)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #21 on Resolution A188 (Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven) and moved adoption.

**Original Resolution:**

*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 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.

Deputy Gonzalez Hernandez of Washington moved an amendment (FA026).

**Proposed Amendment:**

Add a second Resolved:

*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

And a fifth resolved:

*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 firsts to open the parish’s doors for women priests in The Episcopal Church to nurture spiritually and sacramentally our people.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution A188.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment – HOD Only  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #248)**

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A188)

*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.

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in song in celebration of those honored in Resolution A188.

The President called on Deputy Black of Newark to lead the House in prayer.

#### **Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

#### **Recess**

The President recessed the House at 12:08 p.m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

### Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 2:03 p.m.

### Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

### Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #9 for the afternoon session of the fifth Legislative Day. There were 415 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 415. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 553.

There are 106 dioceses represented in the lay order and 109 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 54 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 71 in the lay order and 73 in the clergy order.

There were 90 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

Diocese	New Deputy	Former Deputy
Arkansas	James Crews	Rick Williams
Alabama	Richard Norris	Brian Denton
Lexington	Allison Ramsey	Rob Coulston
Los Angeles	Rachel Nyback	Guy Leemhuis
Florida	Elisabeth Pessah	Robert Davis
Kentucky	Clinton Wilson	Lee Shafer
Kentucky	Becca Kello	Benjamin Hart
West Missouri	Chas Marks	Anne Meredith Kyle
Western North Carolina	Betsy Biega	Susan Kleinwechter
Spokane	Andrea Farley	Missy Newcom
Rio Grande	Cathryn Varney	April Adams
Pittsburgh	Stephen Stagnitta	Joan Gundersen
Minnesota	Sue Grove	Esther Agbaje
New Jersey	Barbie Okamoto Bach	Joseph Walker
New Hampshire	Rita Mac Auslan	Robert Ambrogi
Rio Grande	Raymond Raney	Jeremiah Griffin
Pittsburgh	Kristian Opat	Eric McIntosh

Oregon	Toni Phipps	Amy Linder
Nebraska	Noelle Ptomey	Lee Busselman
Northern California	Matthew Woodward	Pamela Dolan
Northern California	James Richardson	Robin Denney
Connecticut	Geoffrey Hahneman	Tracy Johnson Russell
Arizona	Hunter Ruffin	Robin Hollis
Colorado	Brian Winter	Debbie Shew
West Texas	Reagan Gonzalez	Scott Brown
West Texas	Jay George	Nancy Springer
West Texas	Brian Fox	Benjamin Nelson
New York	Theodora Brooks	Rigoberto Avila-Nativi
Arizona	Daniel Packard	Cody Bro
Atlanta	Lauren Holder	Carole Maddux
Indianapolis	Sean Sullivan	Lara Dreyer
Easton	Mary Friel	Laura Harbaugh
Long Island	Denise Galloway	Karen Davis-Lawson
Florida	Paul Van Brunt	James Pierce
Vermont	Walter B.A. Brownridge	Greta Getlein
Upper South Carolina	Kellie Wilson	Marie Cope
Vermont	Lisa Leopold	Jennifer Knowles
Southern Virginia	Ashley Urquidi	Grant Stokes
North Carolina	Sara Ardrey-Graves	Rebecca Yarbrough
Kansas	Doreen Rice	Andrew O'Connor
Atlanta	Lindsey Hardegree	Mary Caroline Cravens
Iowa	Kristine Leaman	Stephen Benitz
San Joaquin	Nelson Serrano Poveda	Toni Alvarez
San Joaquin	Melissa Crider	Skylar Carlson
Oregon	Diane Higgins- Shaffer	Greg Rainey
San Diego	Roberto Maldonado-Mercado	Jeff Martinhauk
Pennsylvania	Benjamin Wallis	Kristen Ostendorf
Southern Ohio	Deborah Stokes-Wayne	Miriam McKenney
Missouri	Leslie Scoopmire	Joshua Huber
Milwaukee	Deanna Christman	Janet Finn
Eastern Michigan	Heather Barta	Tom Manney
Long Island	Kathy Page	Charles Janoff
Georgia	Jody Grant	Cecilia "Cissy" Bowden
East Tennessee	Derrick Hill	Claire Brown
Washington	Gregory Syler	Emily Lloyd
Western Louisiana	Roy Rosenthal	Karen Hayward
West Texas	Wheless Baker	Grace Buchanan

Western Massachusetts	Charlotte LaForest	Richard Simpson
Texas	Samantha Smith	Charles Graves
Southeast Florida	Ingrid Cheesborough	Vincent Adderly
South Carolina	Deb Harris	Joshua Bullock
Spokane	David Gortner	Linda Young
Southwest Florida	Adrienne Hymes	Ryan Whitley
Southeast Florida	Roberta Knowles	Hal Hurley
Northwest Texas	Ricardo Lopez	David Romanik
Pennsylvania	Liz Wendt	Roberta Torrian
Virginia	Amanda Kotval	Sven vanBaars
Texas	Linda Patterson	Alexander Colby
Tennessee	Kristine Blaess	Christopher Bowhay
Ohio	Ruth Mercer	Dianne Audrick Smith
Southwestern Virginia	Laura Beth Weaver	Mark Loftis
Milwaukee	Esther Kramer	Scott Seefeldt
Southern Ohio	Lynn Carter-Edmands	William Sangrey
Chicago	Todd Burton	Judi Jordan
Atlanta	Beth King	LaFawn Gilliam
Central Gulf Coast	David Quittmeyer	Jill Showers Chow
Bethlehem	Bruce Gowe	Margaret Pendergast
Central Gulf Coast	Linda Suzanne Borgen	Amanda Doshier
Albany	Laurie Garramone	Thomas Pettigrew
Southeast Florida	Michelle Lane	Duncan Hurd
Southwest Florida	Duane Hollier	Joan Kline
Georgia	Thomas Purdy	David Rose
Long Island	Gilberto Hinds	Steve Foster
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Scott Moore	Walter Baer
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Anita Urassa	Megan Meyer
Wyoming	April French	Nichole St. Clair
Wyoming	Melinda Bobo	David McElwain
Mississippi	Susan Lee	Katy Pacelli
Oklahoma	Bruce Niemi	Andy Richardson
California	Deborah White	Eric M. M. Metoyer

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### Announcements

The President read the announcements.

### Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that the following resolutions were removed from the Consent Calendar and will be placed on the Legislative Calendar:

- Resolution A018 (Task Force on Pacifism and Just War)
- Resolution A075 (A Directive for Clergy Mental Health Ministry Training)
- Resolution A076 (Strengthening of Churchwide Training in Mental Health First Aid)

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar adopted**

### Safety, Wellness and Mental Health

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #12 on Resolution A074 (Completing Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for Clergy) and moved adoption with amendment.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A074)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the appropriate body 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 to persons and families experiencing mental health challenges in the church; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That \$20,000 be allocated for that work in this triennium; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That all curriculum modules be translated into all relevant languages in use by the Episcopal Church; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That \$14,000 be allocated for that work in this triennium.

### Committee Amendment

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the ~~appropriate body~~ 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 to ~~persons and families~~ *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 ~~be allocated~~ for the implementation of this resolution; ~~that work in this triennium~~; 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 ~~be allocated~~ for that work in this triennium.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #249)

### **World Mission**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #11 on Resolution A080 (Create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #255)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A080)

***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.**

#### **World Mission**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #12 on Resolution A083 (Affirm Anglican Connections) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #250)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A083)

**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.**

#### **World Mission**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #13 on Resolution A085 (Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #251)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A085)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presents its Report #14 on Resolution A087 (Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #256)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A087)

**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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presents its Report #15 on Resolution A088 (Consult with the Office of Global Partnerships) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #257)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A088)

*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.*

#### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presents its Report #A113 (Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #253)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A113)

*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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presents its Report #56 on Resolution A125 (Add Optional Fast Days to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and concurred with referral to an interim body.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #254)

### **World Mission**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presents its Report #16 on Resolution A161 (The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #258)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A161)

**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 worshiping 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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presents its Report #17 on Resolution D026 (Enable Episcopal Migration Ministries to More Fully Live Out its Mission) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message# 259)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D026)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presents its Report #18 on Resolution D047 (Response to the crisis in Sudan and support for the Episcopal Church of Sudan) and moves concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #260)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D047)

**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.**

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presents Report #13 on Resolution Do80 (Direct Executive Council to Create Committee on Disability and Deaf Inclusion) and moved to adopt with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Do80)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 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 \$3,000 for the creation and work of this committee each triennium

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000 for the creation and work of this committee ~~each~~ this triennium.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #252)

### End of Consent Calendar

#### Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #5 on Resolution A094 (Communion Across Difference) and moved to take no further action.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Wood of Delaware moved to end debate.

Following an inconclusive vote, an electronic vote was taken on ending debate.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	583	72.60
No	220	27.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>803</b>	

**Motion carried**

**Debate terminated**

An electronic vote was taken.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	583	72.60
No	220	27.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>803</b>	

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #261)

#### Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #5 on Resolution A086 (Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission) and moved adoption of a substitute.

#### Original Text of Resolution

(A086)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

#### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

A vote was taken on Resolution Ao86.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #262)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #7 on Resolution A096 (Task Force on Equipping a Church Grounded in Justice as Christian Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A096)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention direct the appointment of a new task force 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 task force include the following in order to

- a) consider what the church must look like if we put our vocation to love 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 hub to connect to and provide a one-stop place for church members to reach existing 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 and coordinate networks of justice work across our provinces and churchwide;

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 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 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~~ *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.~~

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A096.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment by a two-thirds vote**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #266)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #8 on Resolution D074 (Renouncing the Theology of Slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, 11th President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D074)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church renounce the theology of slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, the 11th President of the House of Deputies as described in General Convention Memorial 2024-M003; 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 procured unto us by the same; 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 he espoused as well as a link to the pamphlet he published.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~procured unto us by the same~~ 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.

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

A vote was taken on Resolution D074.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #264)

The House applauded following the passage of the resolution.

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #27 on Resolution D034 (Support and Advocacy for Restorative Justice and a Moral Commitment to Abolition of Prisons and Policing) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D034)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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-D031)
- 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.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Culbreath of Georgia moved an amendment (FA052).

**Proposed Amendment:**

Amend the first resolved to read:

“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 “

Amend the fifth resolved to read:

“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 amend the sixth resolved to read:**

“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 ultimate goal of restorative justice and abolition** 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) **except in situations of urgent humanitarian need for currently incarcerated or detained populations;”**

Debate ensued on the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

Deputy Wood of Delaware moved to end debate on the resolution.

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution D034.

**Motion carried  
Substitute Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #267)

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #5 on Resolution D069 (Advocating for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) and moved to take no further action.

Debate ensued.

Deputy McMahon of Pittsburgh moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.  
Following an inconclusive vote, an electronic vote was taken.

Choice:	Description	Responses	%
1	Yes	620	77.50
2	No	180	22.50
	<b>Total</b>	800	

**Motion carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #268)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #9 on Resolution A095 (Continue the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A095)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the work of the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy continue through the next triennium 2025-2027 and be funded for \$300,000 to continue the work.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

*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 ~~next triennium~~ 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.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Olson of Alabama moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution A095.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment by two-thirds vote**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #269)

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 3:50 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The President called the House to order at 4:12 p.m.

**Presentation**

The President welcomed former President of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, to the House and awarded her the President’s Service Award for Outstanding and Distinguished Service to the House of Deputies. The Rev. Jennings made remarks to the House.

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #24 on Resolution A092 (Access to ordination and deployment) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Wood of Delaware moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

The President informed the House that the deputations of Oregon, Newark, Chicago, and Northern California had requested a Vote by Orders.

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

**Point of Order**

Deputy McKellaston of Chicago informed the House that the deputation of Chicago did not request a Vote by Orders.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Lawton of California informed the House that the listing of the deputation of Chicago was a mistake in the submission and that the deputation of Northwest Texas should have been on the list of deputations who requested a Vote by Orders. The House allowed the change to be made.

**Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A092.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A092**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	103	54	60	32	11	43	Yes
Clergy:	106	55	66	24	16	40	Yes

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #270)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A092)

**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.

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

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**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. 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.

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitutions and Canons presented its Report #17 on Resolution A091 (Definition of doctrine) and moved concurrence.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A091)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend the definition of “Doctrine” in Canon IV.2 to read as follows: 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.*

The President informed the House that the deputations of Oregon, Newark, and Rochester had requested a Vote by Orders.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Wood of Delaware moved to end debate. Following an inconclusive vote, an electronic vote was taken.

Description	Responses	%
Yes	677	85.80
No	112	14.20
<b>Total</b>	789	

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

**Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A091.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A091**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
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Lay:	103	54	44	48	11	59	No
Clergy:	104	55	47	48	9	57	No

**Motion defeated  
Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #271)

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitutions and Canons presented its Report #33 on Resolution A071 (Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses [Of Admission of New Diocese -- Second Reading]) and moved concurrence.

**Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A071.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A071**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	105	54	105	0	0	0	Yes
Clergy:	108	55	108	0	0	0	Yes

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #272)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A071)

**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.

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<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.

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<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~~ 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 Primary~~ 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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitutions and Canons presented its Report #45 on Resolution D049 (Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese) [first reading] and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Mims of Fond du Lac moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution D049.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #273)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D049)

**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.

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<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.

### **Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives**

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives presented its Report #6 on Resolution A044 (Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution A044.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #274)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A044)

**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.

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #47 on Resolution C032 (A Prayer to Remember the Innocents) and moved concurrence.

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

### **Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution C032.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### **Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution C032**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	103	54	103	0	1	1	Yes

Clergy:	107	55	107	0	0	0	Yes
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**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #275)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(C032)

**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**

**Ohinji wičhaun̄kiksuyapi 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.**

The House applauded following the results of the vote.

The President welcomed members of the deputation from Navajoland to address the House and lead the House in praying the Prayer to Remember the Innocents.

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 6:13 p.m.



**EVENING SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 7:15 p.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #10 for the evening session of the fifth Legislative Day. There were 414 clerical deputies and 413 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 827. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 414. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 552.

There are 105 dioceses represented in the lay order and 108 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 53 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 70 in the lay order and 72 in the clergy order.

There were 67 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
Tennessee	Christopher Bowhay	Timothy Kimbrough
Vermont	Jennie Anderson	Lisa Ransom
Wyoming	Dena Knox	Randy Belton
Kansas	Andrew O'Connor	Torey Lightcap
East Tennessee	Claire Brown	Derrick Hill
Bethlehem	Charles Dickerson	Jay Miller
Delaware	Stacey Carpenter	Patty Downing
Milwaukee	Scott Seefeldt	Esther Kramer
New York	Nick Gordon	Wendy Cañas
Northern Michigan	Lydia Kelsey Bucklin	Sarah Diener-Schlitt
New Jersey	Annette Buchanan	Wendy Blackman
New Jersey	Joseph Walker	Noreen Duncan
Mississippi	Tom Fortner	Kathryn McCormick
Mississippi	Ed Sisson	Susan Lee
Minnesota	Esther Agbaje	Sue Grove
Mississippi	J. Brian Ponder	Annie Kay Cumberland Elliott
Maryland	Katherine Schnorrenberg	Rachel Erdman
New York	Kyoko Toyama	Tivaun Cooper

Wyoming	Nichole St. Clair	Laura Greathouse
Western North Carolina	Will Bryant	Gaelyn Evangreene
Easton	Mark Delcuze	Patrick Collins
Northwest Texas	Mary Emeny	Shelly Neighbors
Rhode Island	Veronica Tierney	Jan Grinnell
Kentucky	Benjamin Hart	Becca Kello
Kentucky	Becca Kello	Clinton Wilson
Pennsylvania	John Wallace	Jill Mathis
Virginia	Hilary Smith	Kathleen Murray
Central Gulf Coast	Jill Showers Chow	David Quittmeyer
Washington	Glenna Huber	David C Wacaster
New Hampshire	Robert Ambrogi	Sarah Ambrogi
Texas	Alexander Colby	Katie Sherrod
Vermont	Greta Getlein	Walter B.A. Brownridge
Massachusetts	Deborah Phillips	Karen Coleman
Southern Virginia	Russell Bishop	Madeline Hanlon
Indianapolis	Lara Dreyer	Sean Sullivan
Iowa	Stephen Benitz	Kathleen Milligan
Georgia	David Rose	Leeann Culbreath
Connecticut	Suzy Burke	June Aziz
Missouri	Joshua Huber	Leslie Scoopmire
San Joaquin	Toni Alvarez	Anna Carmichael
Virginia	Sven vanBaars	Will Dickinson
West Tennessee	Candace Walsh	Scott Haight
Southeast Florida	Duncan Hurd	Joan Smith
Newark	Elaine Ellis Thomas	Anne E. Kitch
Southern Ohio	William Sangrey	Melanie Slane
Western Louisiana	Karen Hayward	Roy Rosenthal
Southwestern Virginia	Mark Furlow	Nina Vest Salmon
Mississippi	Katy Pacelli	Margaret McLarty
New Jersey	Daniel Scott Russell	James Yarsiah
Vermont	Jennifer Knowles	Lisa Leopold
Western Massachusetts	Richard Simpson	Charlotte LaForest
Southwestern Virginia	Mark Loftis	Tim Bucholtz
Pittsburgh	Joan Gundersen	Florence Atwood
California	Eric M. M. Metoyer	Cameron Partridge
Southern Ohio	Miriam McKenney	Harold Patrick
Oregon	Amy Linder	Alan Murray
Pittsburgh	Lisa Brown	Jon Delano
South Carolina	Roy Tripp	Ramelle McCall

South Carolina	Joshua Bullock	Brent Watts
Oklahoma	Kay Boman- Harvey	Dion Crider
Lexington	Rob Coulston	Allison Ramsey
Central Gulf Coast	Amanda Doshier	Linda Suzanne Borgen
East Tennessee	Parker Chadwell	Beverly Hurley Hill
Georgia	Cecilia "Cissy" Bowden	Liz Williams
Central New York	Taylor Daynes	Dawn-Victoria Mitchell
Tennessee	Robert Osborne	Joseph Howard
North Carolina	Rebecca Yarbrough	Sara Ardrey-Graves

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order regarding the timing of publication of Consent Calendars for Legislative Day 6.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

### **Consent Calendar**

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Calendar. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #6 on Resolution Coo4 (The Episcopal Church Diocesan Assessment) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #276)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #37 on Resolution Coo8 (Review Diocesan Assessments) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #284)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #8 on Resolution C019 (Adjusting Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #277)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #9 on Resolution C024 (Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #278)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #11 on Resolution C028 (Adjusting Assessments for Mission) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #279)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #12 on Resolution C033 (Adjusting Diocesan assessments to the Wider Church) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #280)

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #46 on Resolution D038 (Amend Canon II.3 to Remove Copyright Restrictions from Non-English Books of Common Prayer) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

**Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #283)

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #57 on Resolution D046 (The Commemoration of Sister Sophi and her companions, the Deaconesses of The Order of St. Katherine, of the Appleton Church Home) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

**Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #282)

### End of Consent Calendar

#### Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #48 on Resolution A112 (Authorize use of the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings") and moved concurrence.

#### Original Text of Resolution

(A112)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize for use 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.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Meyers of California moved an amendment (FA075).

#### Proposed Amendment:

Replace "for use" with "for additional use in the Daily Offices under Article X.c of the Constitution"

Debate ensued on the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

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

Deputy Martinez of Massachusetts moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

#### Resolution as Amended

(A112)

*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.

**Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A112 as amended.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A112**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	103	53	91	5	7	12	Yes
Clergy:	104	55	81	12	11	23	Yes

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #285)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #50 on Resolution A114 (Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

**Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A114 as amended.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A114**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	105	53	98	3	4	7	Yes
Clergy:	107	55	94	7	6	13	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #286)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A114)

*Resolved*, That the 81<sup>st</sup> 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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #51 on Resolution A115 (Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### **Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A115 as amended.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### **Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A115**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	105	53	100	3	2	5	Yes
Clergy:	107	55	101	4	2	6	Yes

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #287)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A115)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #53 on Resolution A117 (Withdraw Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar -- Second Reading) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### **Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A117 as amended.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### **Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A117**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	105	53	105	0	0	0	Yes
Clergy:	107	55	106	0	1	1	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #288)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A117)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #55 on Resolution A129 (Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

**Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A129 as amended.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A129**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	105	53	102	2	1	3	Yes
Clergy:	107	55	101	3	3	6	Yes

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #289)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A129)

**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.**

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order in order to consider reports from the House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy on Resolutions A228 and A115.

**Motion carried  
Rules suspended**

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #31 on Resolution A228 (Express Gratitude to Paul Neuhauser) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A228.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD Only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #290)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A228)

*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.

The President invited Deputy Hutchinson of Utah to the platform.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #25 on Resolution A225 (Express Gratitude to Steve Hutchinson) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A225.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #291)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A225)

*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.

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Prayer**

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 8:49 p.m. to reconvene on Friday, June 28, at 11:00 a.m.

**Day 6**

Friday June 28, 2024

**MORNING SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to order at 11:02 a.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

**Certification of Minutes**

The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #5 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Fifth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

**Motion carried**  
**Minutes accepted**

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #11 for the morning session of the sixth Legislative Day. There were 414 clerical deputies and 413 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 827. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 414. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 552.

There are 105 dioceses represented in the lay order and 108 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 53 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 70 in the lay order and 72 in the clergy order.

There were 62 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
San Joaquin	Skylar Carlson	Jan Dunlap
New Hampshire	Kate Harmon Siberine	Gail Avery
Massachusetts	Karen Coleman	Deborah Phillips
New York	Tivaun Cooper	Kyoko Toyama
Iowa	Kathleen Milligan	Kristine Leaman
Easton	Laura Harbaugh	Nathaniel Pierce
Central New York	Kathryn (Kate) Bell	Karen Anderson
Los Angeles	Guy Leemhuis	Rachel Nyback
Oklahoma	Dion Crider	Tim Baer
Virginia	Karen Franklin	Lillian Hardaway

Virginia	Kathleen Murray	Daniel Vélez-Rivera
Wyoming	Randy Belton	Dena Knox
Wyoming	David McElwain	Linda Anderson
Navajoland Area Mission	Leon Sampson	John Chase
Navajoland Area Mission	John Chase	Michael Sells
Nevada	Patricia Holbrook-Seay	Terry Cain
San Diego	Jeff Martinhauk	Mary Lynn Coulson
Southeast Florida	Hal Hurley	Debra Maconaughey
Oregon	Alan Murray	Amy Linder
Rhode Island	Jan Grinnell	Dena Cleaver- Bartholomew
Minnesota	Christy Stang	Margaret Thor
Minnesota	Sue Grove	Katie Madsen
Delaware	Patty Downing	Stacey Carpenter
Chicago	Judi Jordan	Todd Burton
Hawaii	Steven Costa	Katlin McCallister
Louisiana	Thomas Jacks	Carolyn Harris
Dallas	Rebecca Tankersley	Ignacio Gama
Connecticut	Tracy Johnson Russell	Geoffrey Hahneman
Vermont	Lisa Ransom	Jennie Anderson
West Missouri	Robert Maynard	Christine Morrison
Olympia	Elise B. Johnstone	Malcolm McLaurin
Bethlehem	Jay Miller	Charles Dickerson
Central New York	Dawn-Victoria Mitchell	Taylor Daynes
Pittsburgh	Florence Atwood	Joan Gundersen
Ohio	Dianne Audrick Smith	Ruth Mercer
New Jersey	Noreen Duncan	Joseph Walker
New Hampshire	Sarah Ambroggi	Rita Mac Auslan
West Tennessee	Scott Haight	Lavonnie Perry Claybon
West Virginia	Colleen McConnell	Karen Klein
Newark	Anne E. Kitch	Elaine Ellis Thomas
West Texas	Benjamin Nelson	Brian Fox
West Texas	Scott Brown	Reagan Gonzalez
West Virginia	David Johnston	Joshua Saxe
Western Massachusetts	Zena Link	Micah Walter
Texas	Katie Sherrod	Alexander Colby
West Missouri	Anne Meredith Kyle	Robin James
Tennessee	Joseph Howard	Robert Osborne
Pittsburgh	Jon Delano	Lisa Brown
Southern Virginia	Madeline Hanlon	Pam Pringle

Rio Grande	Jeremiah Griffin	Daniel Cave
California	Emily Hopkins	Sarah Lawton
Atlanta	Carole Maddux	Monica Mainwaring
Pittsburgh	Eric McIntosh	Kristian Opat
Northern California	Pamela Dolan	Annie Mertz
Nebraska	Lee Busselman	James "Vic" Culp
Long Island	Charles Janoff	Sharon Brown-Veillard
New Jersey	Karen Bemis	Barbie Okamoto Bach
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	Walter Baer	Scott Moore
Kansas	Torey Lightcap	Doreen Rice
Long Island	Steve Foster	Hickman Alexandre
Texas	Charles Graves	Samantha Smith
Pennsylvania	Kristen Ostendorf	Ben Capps

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried  
Report accepted**

### Announcements

The President read the announcements.

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

### Presentation

The President presented the President's Service Award for Outstanding and Distinguished Service to the House of Deputies to the Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie of Los Angeles, Deputy Russell Randall of Virginia, and Deputy Scott Gunn of Southern Ohio.

### Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order so that Resolutions X005-X009 and X017-X021 could be added to the morning's Consent Calendar and so that Resolutions D013 and A233 could be added to the Day 6 Legislative Calendar.

**Motion carried  
Rules suspended**

### Messages from the House of Bishops

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

<i>HB Message # 194:</i>	A223 (Create Alternative Working Group to Review Canons and Implement Changes Related to Revised Article X of the Constitution) Adopt
<i>HB Message # 195:</i>	A002 (Site for the 83rd General Convention) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes

HB Message # 196:	D071 (Governance support for the Diocese of Haiti and leadership for Dioceses in Crisis) Concur
HB Message # 197:	A127 (Establish a Working Group to Update Biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message # 198:	A090 (Authorization of 1979 Book of Common Prayer) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 199:	A118 (Authorize the Commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman -- Second Reading) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 200:	D036 (Sacrament of healing within the context of worship services) Reject
HB Message # 201:	C012 (Add Howard W. Thurman to the Episcopal Church Calendar) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 202:	A121 (Authorize the Commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris -- Second Reading) Adopt Substitute
HB Message # 203:	A064 (Amend Canon I.1.6.d Capturing Clergy Records) Adopt
HB Message # 204:	A045 (Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Worshiping Communities) Concur
HB Message # 205:	D035 (Authorize The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage) Adopt
HB Message # 206:	D070 (Prayers for Haiti) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message # 207:	A119 (Authorize the Commemoration of Frederick Howden, Jr. -- Second Reading) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 208:	A120 (Authorize the Commemoration of Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch -- Second Reading) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 209:	A122 (Withdraw the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 210:	A123 (Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions -- First Reading) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 211:	A124 (Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Lili'uokalani of Hawai'i -- First Reading) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 212:	C020 (Add Ilia Chavchavadze of Georgia to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 213:	D033 (Add George of Lydda, martyr, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 214:	C021 (Second General Convention Reading to add Élie Naud, Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Take No Further Action
HB Message # 215:	B009 (Observing the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea 325 CE) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message # 216:	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) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message # 217:	D076 (Supporting Reparative Investment Vehicles) Adopt Substitute



HB Message # 218:	Do66 (Creating a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+) Recommit to Committee
HB Message # 219:	Do25 (Amend Canon IV.6 regarding Intake Officers) Concur
HB Message # 220:	A099 (Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries) Adopt with Amendment
HB Message # 221:	Bo11 (Commemoration of Harriet Tubman) Adopt
HB Message # 222:	A164 (Budget for The Episcopal Church) Concur
HB Message # 223:	A143 (Amend IV.17.3.b and IV.17.5 - Disciplinary Board for Bishops) Concur
HB Message # 224:	Do52 (Amend Canon IV.10.3) Concur
HB Message # 225:	Do23 (Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons) Concur
HB Message # 226:	A020 (Establish a Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
HB Message # 227:	A073 (A Standing Commission for Human Health and Wellness) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
HB Message # 228:	A136 (Translating the Catechism) Not Concur
HB Message # 229:	A135 (Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy) Concur
HB Message # 230:	A133 (Establishing a Taskforce for the Study of Fair Hiring Policies within The Episcopal Church) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
HB Message # 231:	Bo10 (Direct Executive Council to Create a task force to revise the disciplinary process of Title IV) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
HB Message # 232:	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) Reconsider action previously taken
HB Message # 233:	A035 (Establish Model Policies for Anti/Racism/Racial Reconciliation Work) Concur
HB Message # 234:	Do74 (Renouncing the Theology of Slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, 11th President of the House of Deputies) Concur
HB Message # 235:	Do77 (Celebrating and Continuing the Work and Witness of the Church of the Advocate, Site of the Ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven) Concur
HB Message # 236:	Do16 (Continued Funding of The Beloved Community) Concur
HB Message # 237:	A015 (Owning a Commitment to Reparations) Concur
HB Message # 238:	A027 (Increase recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in church positions) Concur
HB Message # 239:	A107 (Amend Canon IV.19.12) Refer to an Interim Body
HB Message #240:	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) Concur
HB Message #241:	Co03 (On Affordable Housing) Concur

HB Message #242:	D011 (The Prohibition of Assault Weapons) Concur
HB Message #243:	D034 (Support and Advocacy for Restorative Justice and a Moral Commitment to Abolition of Prisons and Policing) Not Concur
HB Message #244:	D039 (Condemning Censorship) Concur
HB Message #245:	D042 (Ending Child and Forced Marriage) Concur
HB Message #246:	D054 (A Resolution to Address The Issue of Black Maternal Mortality Rate) Concur

**The President stated that resolutions requiring action by this House would be deemed referred to the appropriate Legislative Committees.**

### **Consent Calendar**

A motion was made to adopt Consent Calendar Number I. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried  
Consent Calendar Adopted**

### **Governance and Structure**

**The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #39 on Resolution A002 (Site for the 83rd General Convention) and moved concurrence.**

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message#327)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A002)

**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).**

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #42 on Resolution A043 (Amend Constitution Article VIII regarding Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 299)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A043)

**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.

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

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*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.*

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report # 47 on Resolution A047 (Amend Title I regarding Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred with Referral to an Interim Body**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #301)

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #21 on Resolution A048 (Adoption of the Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #310)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A048)

**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.**

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #51 on Resolution A051 (Amend Canons I.2.4.a Data Collection for the Church) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 302)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A051)

**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.

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<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.**

**Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #55 on Resolution A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A053)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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; or (c) any person that holds an office, is employed by, or maintains a compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending in which such employment, office, or other compensation relationship includes responsibility for the deployment of Clergy or pastoral care of members of the Clergy.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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**<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.

**Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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

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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.

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**<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; or (c) any person that holds an office, is employed by, or maintains a compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending in which such employment, office, or other compensation relationship includes responsibility for the deployment of Clergy or pastoral care of members of the Clergy. Every Diocese shall have at least one Intake Officer who is not directly employed by or other compensation relationship with 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:

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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.

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

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~~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:

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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.

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**<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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 303)

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #50 on Resolution A063 (Amend Canons I.2.2 : Term of Office of the Presiding Bishop) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 311)

### **Final Text**

(A063)

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.

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<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.

## **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #54 on Resolution A064 (Amend Canon I.1.6.d Capturing Clergy Records) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 315)

**Final Text**

(A064)

**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.

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<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.

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<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.

**Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #01 on Resolution A075 (A Directive for Clergy Mental Health Ministry Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A075)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 81st General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies to assign to a church body the task of beginning training clergy and postulants in the curriculum for Mental Health Ministry as previously directed in 2022-A109, examining the potential for canonically requiring this training for all active clergy, and reporting to the 82nd Convention on the number of clergy trained and offering a proposal for implementation of training requirement.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 81st General Convention ~~direct~~ encourage the President of the House of Deputies to assign to ~~a church body~~ Executive Council the task of beginning training clergy and postulants in the curriculum for Mental Health Ministry as previously directed in 2022-A109, ~~examining the potential for canonically requiring this training for all active clergy~~, and reporting to the 82nd Convention on the number of clergy trained and offering a proposal for implementation of training requirement.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 295)

**Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #6 on Resolution A076 (Strengthening of Churchwide Training in Mental Health First Aid) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A076)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorize and fund 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 Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance 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 of MHFA International resources with the intent to expand MFHA training into non-English-speaking countries to provide trainer coverage as needed for all Provinces; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize and fund 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 Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate \$53,000 for that work in this triennium; and be it further

*Resolved*, That \$10,800 be allocated for the generation of printed instructional resources for the diocesan MHFA trainings.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance~~ Executive Council *Joint Subcommittee on Budget Committee* 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 MFHA training ~~into~~ *with* non-English-speaking countries to provide trainer coverage as needed for all Provinces; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize ~~and fund~~ 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 ~~Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance~~ Executive Council *Joint Subcommittee on Budget Committee* allocate \$53,000 ~~for that work~~ 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 Committee* allocate \$10,800 ~~be allocated~~ for the generation of printed instructional resources for the diocesan MHFA trainings.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 296)

### **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #21 on Resolution A099 (Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 317)

#### **Final Text**

(A099)

**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.**

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #16 on Resolution A104 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 293)

The House of Deputies Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #59 on Resolution A107 (Amend Canon IV.19.12) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred with Referral to an Interim Body**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 326)

#### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #44 on Resolution A108 (Proposal of Changes to Title I, Canon 17) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A108)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,  
That Title I, Canon 17 be amended as follows:  
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 older, who have been confirmed or received, are to be considered* ~~adult members~~ *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~~ *Communicants* of this Church.

b. For the purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, ~~communicants~~ *Communicants* sixteen years of age and over are to be considered 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 Letter of Transfer to transfer their Certificate of Membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. ~~certificate of membership~~ 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;
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 ~~certificate~~ Letter of Transfer from the former congregation, although on failure to produce such a ~~certificate~~ 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~~ 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.

### Committee Amendment

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 older, who have been confirmed or received,~~ over are to be considered ~~adult members~~ 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~~ Communicants of this Church.

b. For the purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, ~~communicants~~ Communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered 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 Letter of Transfer to transfer their Certificate of Membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. ~~certificate of membership~~ 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;
  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 ~~certificate~~ Letter of Transfer from the former congregation, although on failure to produce such a ~~certificate~~ 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~~ *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.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 300)

### **Agencies and Boards**

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #7 on Resolution A134 (Establishing a Task Force for the Funding and Study of Compensation and Benefits for Deacons and Non-Stipendiary Priests) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 294)

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #53 on Resolution A148 (Amend Canons to Underscore Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 313)

### **Final Text**

(A148)

**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 I.1.8

#### **Sec. 8.**

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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.

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

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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.

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

Canon I.4.6.k

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### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #64 on Resolution B003 (The Tree of Life: an Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 321)

### **Final Text**

(B003)

**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.”**

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #22 on Resolution B009 (Observing the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea 325 CE) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 318)

**Final Text**

(Bo09)

**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.**

**Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Deputies Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presents its Report #15 on Resolution C010 (Access to Prison Ministries) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #316)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(C010)

**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.**

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presents its Report #60 on Resolution D041 (Support the Adoption of an Ecumenical Feast Day of Creation in our Liturgical Calendar) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #320)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D041)

**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 worshiping 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.*

### **World Mission**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #19 on Resolution D043 (Support and Advocacy for Iraqi Christians) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #297)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D043)

*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 Baghdad, 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.**

### **Formation and Discipleship**

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation & Discipleship presented its Report #8 on Resolution D055 (50th Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D055)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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. 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 \$18,000 be made available 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 in consultation with an advisory group appointed by the Presiding Officers, consisting of five members who represent diverse constituencies of the Church.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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

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*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 Executive Council Joint Budget Committee make available \$18,000 be made available~~ 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. ~~in consultation with an advisory group appointed by the Presiding Officers, consisting of five members who represent diverse constituencies of the Church.~~

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 298)

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #20 on Resolution D059 (Addressing Antisemitism in the Church and the World) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 309)

### **Final Text**

(D059)

***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.

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #48 on Resolution #D065 (Study Canons on Canonical Residence) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 312)

### **Final Text**

(D065)

*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.*

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presents its Report #59 on Resolution D070 (Prayers for Haiti) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #319)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D070)

*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.*

### **Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presents its Report #10 on Resolution D076 (Supporting Reparative Investment Vehicles) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #314)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D076)

*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.*

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #6 on Resolution X005 (Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Bishops)) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #304)

### **Final Text**

(X005)

*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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #5 on Resolution X006 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Lay)) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 305)

### **Final Text**

(X006)

*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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #4 on Resolution X007 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Clergy)) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 306)

### **Final Text**

(X007)

*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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on Resolution X008 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Faculty)) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 307)

**Final Text**

(X008)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #2 on Resolution X009 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Bishops)) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted - HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 308)

**Final Text**

(X009)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business presents its Report #7 on Resolution X017 (Appointments to the Archives Advisory Committee) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #322)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(X017)

*Resolved*, That the House of Deputies confirms the appointment of Jake Owensby to the Archives Advisory Committee.

The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business presents its Report#8 on Resolution X018 (Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message # 323)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(X018)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business presents its Report #9 on Resolution X019 (Nomination by the Presiding Bishop for Historiographer) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #324)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(X019)

*Resolved*, That the House of Deputies confirms the appointment of Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook for Historiographer.

The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business presents its Report #10 on Resolution X020 (Nomination by the Presiding Bishop for Recorder of Ordinations) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #325)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(X020)

*Resolved*, That the House of Deputies confirms the appointment of the Church Pension Fund for Recorder of Ordinations.

The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business presents its Report #11 on Resolution x021 (Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop)) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #328)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(X021)

*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.

**End of Consent Calendar**

**Special Order of Business**

The President announced that it was time for a report on the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice. Deputy Kitagawa of Arizona made the report. During his report, Deputy Kitagawa noted that the action on the fourth resolve of Resolution 2022-A125 has been completed and the coalition has been incorporated.

**Special Order of Business**

The Secretary announced the time had arrived to consider Resolution C025.

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #10 on Resolution C025 (Juncture of The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(C025)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution C025.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #329)

Members of the deputations of Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan addressed the House.

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**

The President recessed the House at 12:06 p.m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION****Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 2:00 p.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on Chaplain Wilson for prayers.

**Certification of Deputies**

The Secretary requested that the House recognize the House of Deputies Committee on Credentials for its work at this General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report # 12 for the afternoon session of the sixth Legislative Day. There were 412 clerical deputies and 412 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 824. If every Deputy votes, the number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority would be 413. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 550.

There are 105 dioceses represented in the lay order and 108 dioceses represented in the clergy order. In a vote by orders, 53 votes are required in the lay order and 55 votes in the clergy order for a motion to prevail on a simple majority. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority would be 70 in the lay order and 72 in the clergy order.

There were 41 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>New Deputy</b>	<b>Former Deputy</b>
South Carolina	Ramelle McCall	Roy Tripp
Southwest Florida	Ryan Whitley	Bryan O'Carroll
California	Sarah Lawton	Emily Hopkins
Los Angeles	Rachel Nyback	Guy Leemhuis
Eastern Michigan	Mary Lou Creamer	Elizabeth Jordan
Louisiana	Carolyn Harris	John Musser IV
Minnesota	Katie Madsen	Sue Grove
Minnesota	Margaret Thor	Christy Stang
Southern Ohio	Melanie Slane	William Sangrey
Western North Carolina	Susan Kleinwechter	Gordon Hamilton
Oklahoma	Tim Baer	Everett Lees
Rhode Island	Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew	Jan Grinnell
Central Florida	Laura Cook	Kay Mueller
Dallas	Lee Spence	Ben Lima

Georgia	Liz Williams	Madison Cook
New York	Wendy Cañas	Nick Gordon
Mississippi	Kathryn McCormick	Leigh Grady
San Joaquin	Jan Dunlap	Melissa Crider
Spokane	Missy Newcom	Katherine Karr-Cornejo
New Jersey	Barbie Okamoto Bach	Karen Bemis
Northwest Texas	David Romanik	Miriam Scott
Western Michigan	Gloria Lara	Mary Simpson
Southern Virginia	Pam Pringle	Russell Bishop
Western North Carolina	Gaelyn Evangreene	Will Bryant
South Carolina	Brent Watts	Sarah Tipton
El Camino Real	Maly Hughes	Alejandra Trillos
Mississippi	Margaret McLarty	Katy Pacelli
Spokane	Linda Young	Jane Schmoetzer
Pittsburgh	Kristian Opat	Noah Evans
San Diego	Louis Glosson	Jennifer Jow
Rio Grande	Daniel Cave	Jeremiah Griffin
Olympia	Malcolm McLaurin	Elise B. Johnstone
Georgia	Leeann Culbreath	David Rose
Bethlehem	Charles Dickerson	Cynthia Nortey
California	Debra Low-Skinner	Ruth Meyers
Newark	Rhonda Lutz	Paula Cappel
Northern California	Robin Denney	Daniel London
Atlanta	Monica Mainwaring	Samuel G. Candler
Bethlehem	Margaret Pendergast	Bruce Gowe
Atlanta	LaFawn Gilliam	Beth King
West Virginia	Karen Klein	Colleen McConnell

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

### **Announcements**

The President read the announcements.

### **Dispatch of Business**



The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order in order to take up Resolutions A127, A168, A169, A184, A186, A192, A223, A227, A230, A234, B001, C011, and D078 on Consent Calendar Number II for immediate consideration.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

#### **Point of Order**

Deputy Washbush of Milwaukee asked to consider the Consent Calendar following the consideration of Resolution D051. The President moved to suspend the Rules of Order to postpone consideration of Resolution A169 until after the consideration of Resolution D051 and removed Resolution A169 to the Legislative Calendar.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

#### **Consent Calendar**

A motion was made to adopt Consent Calendar Number II. A vote was taken.

**Motion carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

#### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #66 on Resolution A127 (Establish a Working Group to Update Biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #339)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A127)

**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.**

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution A168 (Celebrate the Juncture of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #330)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A168)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #19 on Resolution A186 (Give Thanks to Convention Staff and Hospitality Ministers) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #332)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A186)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #17 on Resolution A184 (Express Gratitude to the City and People of Louisville) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #331)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A184)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #24 on Resolution A192 (Express Gratitude for Ecumenical Guests) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #333)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A192)

*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.

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #55 on Resolution A223 (Create Alternative Working Group to Review Canons and Implement Changes Related to Revised Article X of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #336)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A223)

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.

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #30 on Resolution A227 (Commend the life of Willie Howard Mays, Jr.) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #334)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A227)

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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #33 on Resolution A230 (Thanksgiving for all who ran for elected offices at General Convention) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #335)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A230)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #37 on Resolution A234 (Expressing Gratitude for Sharon Jones) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #340)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A234)

*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.

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #65 on Resolution B001 (Experimental Creation Care Language for the Baptismal Covenant) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #338)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(B001)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #62 on Resolution C011 (Add Howard W. Thurman to The Episcopal Church Calendar) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #337)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(C011)

**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.**

**Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #23 on Resolution D078 (Combating Anti-Muslim Bias) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #341)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D078)

**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.

#### End of Consent Calendar

#### Special Order of Business

The Secretary announced that the time had come to consider Resolution D051.

#### Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #16 on Resolution D051 (The Reunion of the Diocese of Wisconsin) and moved adoption.

#### Original Text of Resolution

(D051)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

The President welcomed the deputations of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee to the platform. The President called on Chaplain Mackenzie to lead the House in prayer.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution D051.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #342)

Deputy Troutman-Miller of Milwaukee addressed the House on behalf of the deputations.

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution A169 (Celebrate the reunification of the Dioceses of Wisconsin) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A169.

**Motion carried****Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #343)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A169)

*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.

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #40 on Resolution Boo8 (Amend Canon II.3.6.a and II.4 to clarify authorization of liturgies) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Hayes of California moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.



Debate ensued on the motion to refer.

A vote was taken on the motion to refer.

**Motion defeated**

Debate continued on the resolution.

Deputy Wood of Delaware moved to end debate.

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution Boo8.

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #344)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(Boo8)

*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.

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

**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.

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 Kreyol, 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.

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

*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 Kreyol, 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.*

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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #49 on Resolution A224 (Repeal of Article X with clarifying amendments (post 2024-A072)) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Helmer of California moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Debate ensued on the motion to refer.

Deputy Brock of Lexington moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

Following an inconclusive voice vote, Deputy Carlson of North Carolina requested that the House pray. The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in Prayer.

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to refer.

<b>Choice:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Yes	331	43.67
2	No	427	56.33
	<b>Total</b>	758	

**Motion defeated**

Deputy Olson of Alabama moved to end debate.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A voice vote was taken on Resolution A224.

**Motion carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #345)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A224)

**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.

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<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.~~

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #57 on Resolution A233 (Amend Article I, Section 7. [Second Reading]) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

**Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A233.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A233**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	102	53	102	0	0	0	Yes
Clergy:	104	55	104	0	0	0	Yes

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**



(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #346)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A233)

*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.*

### Recess

The President recessed the House at 3:50 p.m.

### Reconvene

The President called the House to order at 4:10 p.m.

### Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #42 on Resolution D013 (Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

During debate, the President announced that clerical or lay deputations from Idaho, South Dakota, and Bethlehem requested that the vote on Resolution D013 be a vote by orders.

Deputy Sibley of Spokane moved to end debate.

**Motion carried  
Debate terminated**

The President called on the Chaplain to lead the House in prayer.

### Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution D013.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution D013

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	100	53	87	1	12	14	Yes
Clergy:	101	55	92	5	4	9	Yes

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #347)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D013)

***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.

### Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #52 on Resolution A116 (Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First Reading)) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A116.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A116

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	103	53	99	4	0	4	Yes
Clergy:	104	55	97	3	4	7	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated with the House of Bishops in HD Message #348)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A116)

*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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #54 on Resolution A160 (Revise Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A160.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A160

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	103	53	98	3	2	5	Yes
Clergy:	104	55	95	3	6	9	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #349)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A160)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #69 on Resolution D035 (Authorize The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### **Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution D035.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### **Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution D035**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	102	53	97	3	2	5	Yes
Clergy:	103	55	94	1	8	9	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #350)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D035)

*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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #67 on Resolution A126 (Transfer dates of commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved concurrence.

The President moved to suspend the Rules of Order in order to consider a pre-filed floor amendment with debate for 6 minutes.

**Motion carried**

**Rules suspended**

Deputy Elliott of East Carolina moved an amendment (FA078).

### **Proposed Amendment:**

*Delete: “First Book of Common Prayer: Fix date on June 13”*

*Debate ensued.*

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

The President moved to suspend the rules and end debate on the resolution.

**Motion carried  
Rules suspended**

### **Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A126.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### **Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A126**

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	102	53	99	1	2	3	Yes
Clergy:	103	55	99	2	2	4	Yes

**Motion carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #351)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A126)

*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**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #63 on Resolution B011 (Commemoration of Harriet Tubman) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution B011.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution B011

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	102	53	102	0	0	0	Yes
Clergy:	103	55	103	0	0	0	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #352)

### Final Text of Resolution

(B011)

*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.*

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #68 on Resolution A121 (Authorize the Commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris – Second Reading) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A121.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A121

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	102	53	102	0	0	0	Yes
Clergy:	103	55	103	0	0	0	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**



(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #353)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A121)

**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.**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #61 on Resolution C023 (Commemorating The Philadelphia Eleven in the Church Calendar) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

### Point of Order

Deputy Sherrod of Texas requested that all female clergy stand following the vote to be recognized by the House.

### Ballot #1 – Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution C023.

**Ballot #1 taken by orders**

### Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution C023

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

Type	Total	Necessary	Yes	No	Divided	No+Divided	Result
Lay:	103	53	103	0	0	0	Yes
Clergy:	103	55	102	0	1	1	Yes

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #354)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(C023)

*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 Servant 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.

The President invited all of the female clergy present to stand to be recognized by the House.

#### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moves to suspend the Rules of Order to consider a resolution from the House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy that had not yet been placed on a calendar.

**Motion carried  
Rules suspended**

#### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #38 on Resolution A246 and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A246.

**Motion carried  
Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #366)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A246)

*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.

**Presentation**

The President awarded the President’s Service Award for Outstanding and Distinguished Service to the House of Deputies to the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe.

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #16 on Resolution A183 (Give Thanks to the Diocese of Kentucky) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A183.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #355)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A183)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #29 on Resolution A191 (Express Gratitude for the General Convention Children's Program) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A191.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #356)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A191)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on Resolution A177 (Express Gratitude for the GCO Staff and Executive Officers of the General Convention) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A177.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #357)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A177)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #32 on Resolution A190 (Extend Gratitude to the House of Deputies' Chaplain) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A190.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #358)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A190)

*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!!!

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #27 on Resolution A194 (Express Thanks to the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies ) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A194.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #359)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A194)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on Resolution A229 (Gratitude for the Secretariat, Voting Secretary, and Committee on Dispatch ) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A229.

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

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #360)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A229)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #36 on Resolution A176 (Commend the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton) and moved adoption with amendment.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A176.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #361)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A176)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on Resolution A235 (Thanksgiving for the election of the Vice President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A235.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #363)



**Final Text of Resolution**

(A235)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on Resolution C001 (On the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry) and moved adoption of a substitute.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution C001.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #364)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(C001)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #35 on Resolution A232 (Thanksgiving for the election of the Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A232.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #365)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A232)

*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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #34 on Resolution A231 (Commend Julia Ayala Harris) and moved adoption.

A vote by acclamation was taken on Resolution A231.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted – HOD only**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #362)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A231)

*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.

**Closing Remarks**

The President made closing remarks expressing her thanks to all of those who assisted in carrying out the 81st General Convention. The President thanked the Presiding Bishop for his ministry and stated

she looked forward to working with the Presiding Bishop-elect. The President then noted the significant legislative actions passed by the General Convention. The President thanked those who signed the Community Covenant and noted the diversity of the House. The President expressed her hope that those who attended would carry the spirit of this General Convention with them.

**Prayer**

The President called on Chaplains Mackenzie and Wilson to lead the House in prayer and the Doxology.

**Presentation**

The President welcomed the deputations of Kentucky and Arizona for the present hosts to “pass the torch” to the hosts of the 82<sup>nd</sup> General Convention.

**Adjournment**

The President adjourned the House at 6:05 p.m. *sine die*.

## House of Deputies Appendix A: House of Deputies Legislative Committees

### 1 Rules of Order

Steve Pankey (Kentucky, IV)  
Thomas Little (Vermont, I)  
John Washbush (Milwaukee, V)  
Christopher Hart (Pennsylvania, III)  
Gerardo Aponte-Safe (Michigan, V)  
Martha Berry (Central New York, II)  
Mary DeKuyper (Maryland, III)  
Lara Dreyer (Indianapolis, V)  
Pauline Getz (San Diego, VIII)  
Luz Montes (Texas, VII)  
Kaycee Reib (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)  
Stephen Stagnitta (Pittsburgh, III)  
Margaret Thor (Minnesota, VI)

### 2 Constitution & Canons

William Powel (Ohio, V)  
Christine Faulstich (Texas, VII)  
Matthew Taylor (Washington, III)  
Laurie Brock (Lexington, IV)  
Kevin Babb (Springfield, V)  
Cornelia Eaton (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)  
Scott Haight (West Tennessee, IV)  
Timothy Kimbrough (Tennessee, IV)  
Amanda Kotval (Virginia, III)  
Matthew S.C. Olver (Dallas, VII)  
Jenny Replogle (Chicago, V)  
Helen Sharpe-Williams (Southern Virginia, III)

### 3 Governance & Structure

Anne E. Kitch (Newark, II)  
Navita James (Southwest Florida, IV)  
Kate Bond (Oklahoma, VII)  
Martha Bedell Alexander (North Carolina, IV)  
Marsha Adell (Connecticut, I)  
Sarah Ambrogi (New Hampshire, I)

Anne Bardol (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)  
Cathy Dempsey-Sims (Western New York, II)  
Patty Downing (Delaware, III)  
Susan Fortunato (New York, II)  
Mark Furlow (Southwestern Virginia, III)  
Melinda Hall (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)  
John Johnson (Milwaukee, V)  
Christina Sjoberg (East Tennessee, IV)  
Cindy Smith (San Joaquin, VIII)

#### 4 **World Mission**

Lee Crawford (Vermont, I)  
Yvonne O'Neal (New York, II)  
Heather Rodriguez (Central Florida, IV)  
Elizabeth Duff Popplewell (Iowa, VI)  
Theodora Brooks (New York, II)  
Randy Callender (Maryland, III)  
Judith Conley (Arizona, VIII)  
Fennie Hsin-Fen Chang (Los Angeles, VIII)  
Coromoto Jiménez (Venezuela, IX)  
David Malsan (Albany, II)  
Andrea Mysen (Chicago, V)  
Lymari Padró (Puerto Rico, II)  
Angel Rivera (Puerto Rico, II)  
Timothy Skimina (Northern Indiana, V)  
Elton Sprauve (the Virgin Islands, II)

#### 5 **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning, & Healing**

Edwin Johnson (Massachusetts, I)  
Michael Sells (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)  
Meg Wagner (Iowa, VI)  
James Richardson (Northern California, VIII)  
Karen Anderson (Central New York, II)  
Penny Grinage (Long Island, II)  
Gordon Hamilton (Western North Carolina, IV)  
Heidi Kim (Minnesota, VI)  
Beth King (Atlanta, IV)  
Miriam McKenney (Southern Ohio, V)  
Ted Olson (Delaware, III)  
Yvette Owens (Georgia, IV)  
Lavonnie Claybon (West Tennessee, IV)  
Diane Pollard (New York, II)  
Noelle Ptomey (Nebraska, VI)

Roth Puahala (Hawaii, VIII)  
Nina Vest Salmon (Southwestern Virginia, III)  
Deborah Wayne (Southern Ohio, V)

## **6 Social Justice & International Policy**

Janet Day-Strehlow (Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II)  
Linda Spiers (Connecticut, I)  
April French (Wyoming, VI)  
Jon Delano (Pittsburgh, III)  
Gina Angulo Zamora (Litoral Ecuador, IX)  
Anne Brown (Vermont, I)  
Dawn Conley (Arizona, VIII)  
Leeann Culbreath (Georgia, IV)  
Tom Fortner (Mississippi, IV)  
David Mallery (Maryland, III)  
Mary Neznec (Washington, III)  
Paul Ricketts (Northern Indiana, V)  
Kenianne Rivera (Puerto Rico, II)  
Adam Shoemaker (South Carolina, IV)  
Dianne Audrick Smith (Ohio, V)  
Luke Thompson (Michigan, V)  
James Wiley (Montana, VI)

## **7 Social Justice & United States Policy**

Tracy Johnson Russell (Connecticut, I)  
John Musser IV (Louisiana, IV)  
Thomas Diaz (Los Angeles, VIII)  
George Dredden (Newark, II)  
John Hennessy (Maine, I)  
Kristin Madden (Utah, VIII)  
Carole Maddux (Atlanta, IV)  
Ramelle McCall (South Carolina, IV)  
Alan Murray (Oregon, VIII)  
Pam Pringle (Southern Virginia, III)  
Betsy Ridge (Massachusetts, I)  
Kathleen Schotto (Maryland, III)  
Melissa Simpson (Arkansas, VII)  
Ed Sisson (Mississippi, IV)

## **8 Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives**

Andrea McKellar (South Carolina, IV)  
Kelly Steele (Georgia, IV)

Wendy Cañas (New York, II)  
Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly (Southern Virginia, III)  
John Baird (North Dakota, VI)  
Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew (Rhode Island, I)  
Zach Ferguson (West Tennessee, IV)  
Rebekah Hatch (Connecticut, I)  
Lauren Holder (Atlanta, IV)  
Jolayne LaCour (Dallas, VII)  
Debra Maconaughey (Southeast Florida, IV)  
Roberto Maldonado-Mercado (San Diego, VIII)  
Beth Marquart (West Virginia, III)  
Cheri Maytum-Krull (Western New York, II)  
Joe McDaniel (Central Gulf Coast, IV)  
Keith Patterson (Rochester, II)  
Sara Philo (Eastern Michigan, V)  
Dick Rozene (Maine, I)  
Molly (Mary B.) Stevenson (Georgia, IV)  
Jordan Trumble (West Virginia, III)

#### **9 Evangelism & the Future Church**

Isaac Martinez (Massachusetts, I)  
Eric M. M. Metoyer (California, VIII)  
Holly Zaher (Indianapolis, V)  
Britt Olson (Olympia, VIII)  
Phyllis P. Bartle (Central Florida, IV)  
Peggy Cromwell (Arkansas, VII)  
Laura Curlin (California, VIII)  
Tommy II (Louisiana, IV)  
Laurie Garramone (Albany, II)  
GJ Gordy (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)  
J. David Knight (Central Gulf Coast, IV)  
Grant Mansfield (Newark, II)  
Kristina Maulden (Rio Grande, VII)  
Jay Miller (Bethlehem, III)  
Ed Palattella (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)  
Miriam Scott (Northwest Texas, VII)  
Nelson Poveda (San Joaquin, VIII)

#### **10 Prayer Book, Liturgy, & Music**

Stannard Baker (Vermont, I)  
Ruth Meyers (California, VIII)  
Mark Childers (Rio Grande, VII)  
Linda Patterson (Texas, VII)  
Melissa Adzima (Colorado, VI)

Cynthia Black (Newark, II)  
Samuel G. Candler (Atlanta, IV)  
John Cheek (Western Massachusetts, I)  
Richard Cole (Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II)  
Philip Dinwiddie (Michigan, V)  
Rachel Erdman (Maryland, III)  
Miranda Hassett (Milwaukee, V)  
Jeff Jackson (Atlanta, IV)  
Eugene Johnston (Central Gulf Coast, IV)  
Laura Learned (El Camino Real, VIII)  
Scott Madison (Texas, VII)  
Benjamin Nelson (West Texas, VII)  
Kathryn Nishibayashi (Los Angeles, VIII)  
Charles Plantz (Nebraska, VI)  
Dante Tavolaro (Rhode Island, I)  
Julia Whitworth (Massachusetts, I)

#### 11 **Formation & Discipleship**

Katherine Karr-Cornejo (Spokane, VIII)  
Yoimel Gonzalez Hernandez (Washington, III)  
L. Zoe Cole (Colorado, VI)  
Mary Hayden (West Texas, VII)  
Debra Q. Bennett (Ohio, V)  
Christopher Cassidy (Albany, II)  
Linda Comins (West Virginia, III)  
Ruth Elder (Maryland, III)  
T.J. Freeman (Northern Indiana, V)  
Meg Galbreath (Western Massachusetts, I)  
Robert Hoekstra (North Dakota, VI)  
Annie Jones (Arkansas, VII)  
Mary Jones (Albany, II)  
Kevin Matthews (North Carolina, IV)  
Landon Moore (Long Island, II)  
Hanh Tran (San Diego, VIII)  
Sandra Walters Malone (the Virgin Islands, II)  
Tamsen Whistler (Missouri, V)  
Liz Williams (Georgia, IV)

#### 12 **Agencies & Boards**

David Sibley (Spokane, VIII)  
Karen Lawson (Long Island, II)  
Mark Nabors (Arkansas, VII)  
Brendan Hale (Indianapolis, V)  
Robert Alves (East Carolina, IV)



Shelly Banner (Central New York, II)  
Gia Martin (Southern Ohio, V)  
Jeff Martinhauk (San Diego, VIII)  
Kathryn McCormick (Mississippi, IV)  
Crystal Plummer (Chicago, V)  
Chuck Theobald (Colorado, VI)

**13 Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing**

Nancy Koonce (Idaho, VIII)  
Zena Link (Western Massachusetts, I)  
Carla Holeva (Northwest Texas, VII)  
Bob Boylan (Alabama, IV)  
Angela Daniel (Upper South Carolina, IV)  
Andrea Gardner (Pennsylvania, III)  
Carolyn Harris (Louisiana, IV)  
Peter Juvé (Northern California, VIII)  
Sarah Lawton (California, VIII)  
Jamie McMahan (Pittsburgh, III)  
Barbara Miller (El Camino Real, VIII)  
William Smith (Iowa, VI)  
Helen Spence (Delaware, III)  
W. A. (Pete) Stringer (Tennessee, IV)  
Amy Swiernik (Central Pennsylvania, III)

**14 Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations**

RJ Powell (East Tennessee, IV)  
Jean Collins (Montana, VI)  
Michael Booker (Missouri, V)  
Ryan Whitley (Southwest Florida, IV)  
Anthony Alexander (Central Pennsylvania, III)  
Erin Betz Shank (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)  
Mark Delcuze (Easton, III)  
Noreen Duncan (New Jersey, II)  
Elizabeth Jordan (Eastern Michigan, V)  
Tim Leighton (Springfield, V)  
Sara Oxley (Central Florida, IV)  
Charlotte Peterson (North Dakota, VI)  
Julie Platson (Alaska, VIII)  
José Santiago (Puerto Rico, II)  
Eddie Vance (Easton, III)

**15 Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation**

Nurya Parish (Western Michigan, V)

Russell Randle (Virginia, III)  
Jeff Diehl (El Camino Real, VIII)  
Kate Harrigan (Central Pennsylvania, III)  
Rachel Ambasing (San Diego, VIII)  
Cathy Bailey (Bethlehem, III)  
Mary Emeny (Northwest Texas, VII)  
Tiffany Farrell (Iowa, VI)  
John C. George (the Virgin Islands, II)  
Glenna Huber (Washington, III)  
Jonah Kendall (Idaho, VIII)  
Kirsten Lee (Kansas, VII)  
Kristi Neal (Western North Carolina, IV)  
Barbie Okamoto Bach (New Jersey, II)  
Lisa Ransom (Vermont, I)  
Joshua Saxe (West Virginia, III)  
Julie Syracuse (Rochester, II)  
Betsy Wiesmore (Idaho, VIII)

**16 Safety, Wellness, & Mental Health**

David Gortner (Spokane, VIII)  
Anna Carmichael (San Joaquin, VIII)  
Gavin Shumate (Oregon, VIII)  
Shealee Donahue (Wyoming, VI)  
Bailey Alexander (Louisiana, IV)  
Katherine Coons (Albany, II)  
Laura Clarke (Rhode Island, I)  
Lisa Fry (Maine, I)  
Stacey Fussell (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)  
Adrián Palacios (Puerto Rico, II)  
Brian Litzenberger (Massachusetts, I)  
Jill Mathis (Pennsylvania, III)  
Carol Moggo (Eastern Michigan, V)  
Tammy Pallot (Atlanta, IV)  
Hilary Smith (Virginia, III)  
Olive Swinski (Rhode Island, I)  
Pamela Talbott (Central New York, II)  
Deborah White (California, VIII)

**17 Accessibility & Inclusion**

M.E. Eccles (Chicago, V)  
Ivette Linares (Puerto Rico, II)  
Donna Gleaves (Montana, VI)  
Heidi White (Central Florida, IV)  
Mary Carpenter (Hawaii, VIII)

Shelley Carter (Kentucky, IV)  
Gerri Endicott (West Tennessee, IV)  
Alice B. Freeman (North Carolina, IV)  
Charles C. Graves IV (Ohio, V)  
Sheridan Leinbach (Western Michigan, V)  
David Rivera (Connecticut, I)  
Bekah Scolare (Fond du Lac, V)  
Susie Silva-Strommer (Oregon, VIII)  
Minnie Steele (Minnesota, VI)  
Daniel Vélez-Rivera (Virginia, III)

**18 Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

Christopher Hayes (California, VIII)  
Anita Braden (Arizona, VIII)  
Clyde Kunz (Arizona, VIII)  
Nathan Brown (Washington, III)  
Charles Bauer (Southern Virginia, III)  
Terri Bays (Northern Indiana, V)  
Robin Bowen (South Dakota, VI)  
Lynn Carter-Edmands (Southern Ohio, V)  
Karen Coleman (Massachusetts, I)  
Lillian Davis-Wilson (Western New York, II)  
Sydney Eddy Fitzpatrick (Oregon, VIII)  
Stephen Hutchinson (Utah, VIII)  
Charles Janoff (Long Island, II)  
Tambria Lee (East Carolina, IV)  
Rachel Nyback (Los Angeles, VIII)  
Toni Phipps (Oregon, VIII)  
Laura Russell (Newark, II)  
Katie Sherrod (Texas, VII)  
Adam Trambley (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)

**19 Title III Ministry**

Tanya Wallace (Western Massachusetts, I)  
Chris Wendell (Massachusetts, I)  
Torey Lightcap (Kansas, VII)  
Rob Keim (El Camino Real, VIII)  
Jan Dunlap (San Joaquin, VIII)  
Anthony Estes (Michigan, V)  
Scott Garno (Albany, II)  
Tammy Jones (Idaho, VIII)  
Kristin Kopren (Rio Grande, VII)  
Gary Meade (West Tennessee, IV)  
J. Brian Ponder (Mississippi, IV)

Thomas Steffensen (Northern Michigan, V)  
Virginia Tyler Smith (Rochester, II)  
Jennifer Wickham (West Texas, VII)  
Sandra Williams (Montana, VI)  
Michael Wood (Delaware, III)

**20 Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop**

Tess Judge (East Carolina, IV)  
Hickman Alexandre (Long Island, II)  
Louisa McKellaston (Chicago, V)  
Paul Canady (East Carolina, IV)  
Jan M Brown (Southern Virginia, III)  
Kathleen Charles (Eau Claire, V)  
Warren Hawk (South Dakota, VI)  
John Kitagawa (Arizona, VIII)  
Harold Patrick (Southern Ohio, V)  
Bryan Vélez-Garcia (Puerto Rico, II)

**21 Dispatch of Business**

Emily Mellott (New Jersey, II)  
Evan Doyle (Northern Indiana, V)  
William Fleener, Jr (Western Michigan, V)  
Billy Boyce (Massachusetts, I)  
Scott Avedisian (Rhode Island, I)  
Tim Baer (Oklahoma, VII)  
Catherine Bailey (Rio Grande, VII)  
Valerie Balling (New Jersey, II)  
John Bedingfield (Western Louisiana, VII)  
Betty Bowersox (Missouri, V)  
D-L Casson (Delaware, III)  
Sabeth Fitzgibbons (Olympia, VIII)  
Michael Funston (Kansas, VII)  
Lillian Hardaway (Virginia, III)  
Kate Harmon Siberine (New Hampshire, I)  
Rowena Kemp (Connecticut, I)  
Kathy Klein (Nevada, VIII)  
Daniela Lee (Utah, VIII)  
Deb Lorenze (Eau Claire, V)  
Paige McKay (Northwest Texas, VII)  
Seth Olson (Alabama, IV)  
Wes Sedlacek (Oregon, VIII)  
Jill Showers Chow (Central Gulf Coast, IV)  
Mark Spahr (Maine, I)

Gregory Syler (Washington, III)  
Diana Trapani (El Camino Real, VIII)  
Liz Wendt (Pennsylvania, III)  
Peter Wong (Louisiana, IV)  
Rebecca Yarbrough (North Carolina, IV)

**22 Certification of Minutes**

Curtis Hamilton (West Missouri, VII)  
Judith Andrews (Olympia, VIII)  
Erica Pomerenk (Colorado, VI)  
Terry Cain (Nevada, VIII)  
Paul Ambos (New Jersey, II)  
Suzy Burke (Connecticut, I)  
Veronica Galas (Nevada, VIII)  
Norah Grimball (Upper South Carolina, IV)  
Jennifer Jow (San Diego, VIII)  
Guy Leemhuis (Los Angeles, VIII)  
Nancy Mayhew (Eastern Michigan, V)  
Aaron Perkins (Maine, I)  
James Pierce (Florida, IV)  
James Salter (Florida, IV)  
Sarah Stonesifer Boylan (Washington, III)

**23 Privilege & Courtesy**

Kurt Wiesner (Utah, VIII)  
Mariann Scott (Indianapolis, V)  
Curt Mowen (West Texas, VII)  
Paul Brunt (Florida, IV)  
Alma Bell (Maryland, III)  
Yulay Camejo (Cuba, II)  
Tivaun Cooper (New York, II)  
Michael Engfer (Nevada, VIII)  
A.J. Flint (Nevada, VIII)  
Cedric Flounory (Michigan, V)  
Pam Lenartowicz (Eastern Michigan, V)  
Greg Millikin (Chicago, V)  
Brandt Montgomery (Maryland, III)  
Linda Lorde (Long Island, II)

**24 Credentials**

Elizabeth Rousseau (Connecticut, I)  
Dion Crider (Oklahoma, VII)  
Linda Young (Spokane, VIII)

Isaac Quelly (Pennsylvania, III)  
Sue Bolen (Idaho, VIII)  
Annie Etheredge (Western Louisiana, VII)  
LaFawn Gilliam (Atlanta, IV)  
Louis Glosson (San Diego, VIII)  
Mary Norton (Alaska, VIII)  
Keisha Stokes (Rochester, II)  
Harvetta Von Fange (Western Kansas, VII)  
Charlotte Wells (Eastern Oregon, VIII)  
Angelo Wildgoose (New Jersey, II)

**25 Resolution Review Committee**

Nancy Mahoney Cohen (El Camino Real, VIII)  
Richard Edward Helmer (California, VIII)  
Megan Carlson (North Carolina, IV)  
Megan L. Castellan (Central New York, II)  
Walter Baer (Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II)  
Jedediah Fox (Olympia, VIII)  
Gwen Fry (Arkansas, VII)  
Joseph Hubbard (North Dakota, VI)  
Stephen Ott (Michigan, V)  
Cameron Partridge (California, VIII)  
Karma Quick-Panwala (California, VIII)  
David Sibley (Spokane, VIII)  
John Tull (Florida, IV)  
Mauricio Wilson (California, VIII)

## House of Deputies Appendix B: Remaining Messages from the House of Bishops

**Day 7 | June 29, 2024**

### **Messages from the House of Bishops**

The following messages were sent from the House of Bishops on June 28, 2024:

<i>HB Message # 314</i>	A247 (The Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Sharon Curry) Adopt – HB Only
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## Volume III



## Part IV House of Bishops

## Officers of the House of Bishops

For the 81st General Convention

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The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce

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The Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas

CHAIR OF DISPATCH OF BUSINESS

The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs

PARLIMENTARIAN

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe

ASSISTANT PARLIMENTARIANS

Chancellor Mary Kostel

## Roster of The House of Bishops

as of June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Roster of the House of Bishops, listed in alphabetical order.

*An asterisk indicates that the Bishop was registered as a Bishop at the 81st General Convention.*

Sean Rowe, 1019 – Presiding Bishop*	<i>The Episcopal Church</i>
James Adams, 976 - Resigned	<i>Western Kansas, VII</i>
Gladstone Adams III, 972 - Assisting*	<i>Central New York, II</i>
Laura Ahrens, 1018 - Suffragan*	<i>Connecticut, I</i>
Diana Akiyama, 1135 - Diocesan*	<i>Oregon, VIII</i>
J. Neil Alexander, 968 - Resigned*	<i>Atlanta, IV</i>
Lloyd Allen, 971 - Diocesan*	<i>Honduras, IX</i>
David Alvarez, 984 - Resigned	<i>Puerto Rico, II</i>
Craig Anderson, 786 - Resigned	<i>South Dakota, VI</i>
Marc Andrus, 974 - Resigned*	<i>California, VIII</i>
Lucinda Ashby, 1125 - Diocesan*	<i>El Camino Real, VIII</i>
J. Scott Barker, 1060 - Diocesan*	<i>Nebraska, VI</i>
Allen Bartlett, 804 - Resigned	<i>Pennsylvania, III</i>
Cathleen C. Bascom, 1112 - Diocesan*	<i>Kansas, VII</i>
Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, 1100 - Diocesan*	<i>Indianapolis, V</i>
John Bauerschmidt, 1013 - Diocesan*	<i>Tennessee, IV</i>
Nathan Baxter, 1010 - Resigned*	<i>Central Pennsylvania, III</i>
Oge Beauvoir, 1064 - Suffragan	<i>Haiti, II</i>
Mark Beckwith, 1012 - Resigned*	<i>Newark, II</i>
Barry Beisner, 1008 - Diocesan Pro Tem*	<i>Navajoland Area Mission, VIII</i>
Patrick Bell, 1093 - Diocesan*	<i>Eastern Oregon, VIII</i>
Larry Benfield, 1011 - Resigned	<i>Arkansas, VII</i>
Scott Benhase, 1039 - Resigned*	<i>Georgia, IV</i>
Charles Bennison, 927 - Resigned*	<i>Pennsylvania, III</i>
Mark Bourlakas, 1077 - Diocesan*	<i>Southwestern Virginia, III</i>
Thomas Breidenthal, 1016 - (None)	<i>Southern Ohio, V</i>
Gregory O. Brewer, 1063 - Resigned	<i>Central Florida, IV</i>
Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, 1104 - Assistant*	<i>North Carolina, IV</i>
C. Franklin Brookhart, 987 - Resigned*	<i>Montana, VI</i>
James Brown, 711 - Resigned	<i>Louisiana, IV</i>
Kevin Brown, 1107 - Diocesan*	<i>Delaware, III</i>
Thomas Brown, 1120 - Diocesan*	<i>Maine, I</i>
Diane Jardine Bruce, 1044 - Diocesan Pro Tem*	<i>Los Angeles, VIII</i>

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Mariann Budde, 1061 - Diocesan*	Washington, III
Brian Burgess, 1145 - Diocesan*	Springfield, V
Joe Burnett, 985 - Resigned	Maryland, III
William Burrill, 784 - Resigned	Rochester, II
Bruce Caldwell, 934 - Resigned	Wyoming, VI
Sergio Carranza-Gomez, 844 - Resigned	Los Angeles, VIII
Frank Cerveny, 699 - Resigned	Florida, IV
John Chane, 979 - Resigned	Washington, III
Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang, 1128 - Diocesan*	Taiwan, VIII
Steven Charleston, 865 - Resigned	California, VIII
Paula Clark, 1147 - Diocesan*	Chicago, V
Brian Cole, 1106 - Diocesan*	East Tennessee, IV
Matthew Cowden, 1143 - Diocesan*	West Virginia, III
Mark Cowell, 1111 - Diocesan*	Western Kansas, VII
Michael Creighton, 910 - Resigned	Central Pennsylvania, III
Glenda Curry, 1134 - Diocesan*	Alabama, IV
James Curry, 959 - Resigned	Connecticut, I
Michael Curry, 955 - Diocesan*	North Carolina, IV
Clifton Daniel, 922 - Resigned	New York, II
Maria Griselda Delgado del Carpio, 1129 - Resigned*	Cuba, II
Andrew Dietsche, 1062 - Resigned*	New York, II
Herbert Donovan, 748 - Resigned	Arkansas, VII
Joe Doss, 886 - Resigned	New Jersey, II
Ian Douglas, 1042 - Resigned*	Connecticut, I
C. Andrew Doyle, 1033 - Diocesan	Texas, VII
Shannon Rogers Duckworth, 1151 - Diocesan*	Louisiana, IV
Philip M. Duncan, 966 - Resigned	Central Gulf Coast, IV
DeDe Duncan-Probe, 1097 - Diocesan*	Central New York, II
Francisco Duque, 969 - Resigned	Colombia, IX
Zache Duracin, 881 - Resigned	Haiti, II
Peter Eaton, 1087 - Diocesan*	Southeast Florida, IV
Mark Edington, 1115 - Suffragan*	Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II
Dan Edwards, 1023 - Resigned	Nevada, VIII
Thomas Ely, 965 - Resigned	Vermont, I
C. Christopher Epting, 830 - Resigned	Iowa, VI
Martin Field, 1055 - Resigned*	West Missouri, VII
Douglas Fisher, 1073 - Diocesan*	Western Massachusetts, I
Jeff Fisher, 1068 - Suffragan	Texas, VII
Robert Fitzpatrick, 1015 - Diocesan*	Hawaii, VIII

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James Folts, 889 - Resigned	West Texas, VII
Jonathan Folts, 1123 - Diocesan*	South Dakota, VI
Leopold Frade, 780 - Resigned*	Southeast Florida, IV
R. William Franklin, 1057 - Assisting*	Western New York, II
Sally French, 1158 - Diocesan*	New Jersey, II
Carol Gallagher, 977 - Assistant*	Massachusetts, I
Pastor Elias Garcia, 1154 - Diocesan	Colombia, IX
Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner, 1142 - Diocesan*	Nevada, VIII
J. Michael Garrison, 947 - Resigned*	Western New York, II
Alan Gates, 1084 - Resigned*	Massachusetts, I
Robert Gepert, 978 - Resigned	Central Pennsylvania, III
Wendell Gibbs, 950 - Resigned*	Michigan, V
Mary Glasspool, 1045 - Assistant*	New York, II
J. Gary Gloster, 920 - Resigned	North Carolina, IV
Susan Goff, 1066 - Resigned	Virginia, III
Francis Gray, 815 - Resigned	Northern Indiana, V
Duncan Gray III, 956 - Resigned	Mississippi, IV
Mary Gray-Reeves, 1022 - Special Ministries*	North Carolina, IV
William Gregg, 957 - Resigned*	Eastern Oregon, VIII
J. Clark Grew, 890 - Resigned	Ohio, V
Orlando Guerrero, 1004 - Resigned	Venezuela, IX
Edwin Gulick, 891 - Resigned*	Virginia, III
E. Ambrose Gumbs, 1003 - Resigned*	the Virgin Islands, II
Matthew A. Gunter, 1081 - Diocesan*	Wisconsin, V
Daniel Gutiérrez, 1095 - Diocesan*	Pennsylvania, III
W. Douglas Hahn, 1074 - Resigned	Lexington, IV
Michael Hanley, 1041 - Resigned	Oregon, VIII
John Harmon, 1162 - Diocesan*	Arkansas, VII
Gayle Harris, 981 - Assistant*	Virginia, III
Dena Harrison, 1009 - Resigned	Texas, VII
Donald Hart, 817 - Resigned	Hawaii, VIII
Scott Hayashi, 1053 - Resigned*	Utah, VIII
Susan Haynes, 1126 - Diocesan*	Southern Virginia, III
Dorsey Henderson, Jr., 902 - Resigned	Florida, IV
Matthew Heyd, 1156 - Diocesan*	New York, II
Rayford High, Jr., 988 - Resigned	West Texas, VII
A. Robert Hirschfeld, 1067 - Diocesan*	New Hampshire, I
Anne Hodges-Copple, 1076 - Resigned*	North Carolina, IV
Justin Holcomb, 1157 - Diocesan*	Central Florida, IV

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Julio Holguin, 870 - Resigned	<i>Dominican Republic, IX</i>
Herman Hollerith, 1034 - Resigned	<i>Southern Virginia, III</i>
Mark Hollingsworth, 997 - Resigned*	<i>Ohio, V</i>
Wayne Houglund, 1078 - Resigned*	<i>Western Michigan, V</i>
S. Johnson Howard, 992 - Resigned	<i>Florida, IV</i>
Barry Howe, 937 - Resigned*	<i>Southwest Florida, IV</i>
Carlye Hughes, 1109 - Diocesan*	<i>Newark, II</i>
Gethin Hughes, 874 - Resigned	<i>San Diego, VIII</i>
Michael C.B. Hunn, 1110 - Diocesan*	<i>Rio Grande, VII</i>
Robert Ihloff, 909 - Resigned*	<i>Maryland, III</i>
Telesforo Isaac, 678 - Resigned	<i>Southwest Florida, IV</i>
Johncy Itty, 986 - Resigned	<i>Oregon, VIII</i>
Katharine Jefferts Schori, 963 - Resigned*	<i>Nevada, VIII</i>
James Jelinek, 885 - Resigned*	<i>Minnesota, VI</i>
Deon Johnson, 1133 - Diocesan*	<i>Missouri, V</i>
Don Johnson, 967 - Resigned	<i>West Tennessee, IV</i>
Robert Johnson, 837 - Resigned	<i>Western North Carolina, IV</i>
Shannon Johnston, 1017 - Resigned	<i>Virginia, III</i>
Anne Jolly, 1155 - Diocesan*	<i>Ohio, V</i>
Bob Jones, 721 - Resigned	<i>Wyoming, VI</i>
Charles Jones, 803 - Resigned	<i>Montana, VI</i>
David Jones, 907 - Resigned*	<i>Virginia, III</i>
William Jones, Jr., 704 - Resigned	<i>Missouri, V</i>
J. Russell Kendrick, 1088 - Diocesan*	<i>Central Gulf Coast, IV</i>
William Klusmeyer, 970 - Resigned	<i>West Virginia, III</i>
W. Nicholas Knisely, 1071 - Diocesan*	<i>Rhode Island, I</i>
Chilton Knudsen, 938 - Resigned*	<i>Maryland, III</i>
Edward Konieczny, 1020 - (None)	<i>Oklahoma, VII</i>
James Krotz, 846 - Resigned	<i>Nebraska, VI</i>
Philip LaBelle, 1168 - Diocesan	<i>Olympia, VIII</i>
Robert Ladehoff, 801 - Resigned	<i>Oregon, VIII</i>
David J.H. Lai, 962 - Resigned	<i>Taiwan, VIII</i>
Jerry Lamb, 868 - Resigned	<i>Northern California, VIII</i>
Paul Lambert, 1031 - Resigned	<i>Dallas, VII</i>
W. Jay Lambert, 1075 - Resigned	<i>Eau Claire, V</i>
Stephen Lane, 1028 - Resigned*	<i>Maine, I</i>
Mark Lattime, 1050 - Diocesan*	<i>Alaska, VIII</i>
Fraser Lawton, 1140 - Assistant*	<i>Dallas, VII</i>
Jeffrey Lee, 1026 - Resigned*	<i>Chicago, V</i>

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Edward Lee, Jr., 847 - Resigned	Western Michigan, V
Cristobal León Lozano, 1114 - Diocesan*	Litoral Ecuador, IX
A. Heath Light, 729 - Resigned	Southwestern Virginia, III
Gary Lillibridge, 995 - Resigned	West Texas, VII
Edward Little, 952 - Resigned*	Northern Indiana, V
Frank Logue, 1130 - Diocesan*	Georgia, IV
Craig Loya, 1132 - Diocesan*	Minnesota, VI
Kimberly Lucas, 1117 - Diocesan*	Colorado, VI
Shannon MacVean-Brown, 1122 - Diocesan*	Vermont, I
James Magness, 1047 - Resigned	Southern Virginia, III
Santosh Marray, 1072 - Diocesan*	Easton, III
Daniel Martins, 1056 - Resigned*	Springfield, V
James Mathes, 1002 - Resigned	San Diego, VIII
F. Clayton Matthews, 883 - Resigned	Virginia, III
J. Scott Mayer, 1035 - Diocesan*	Northwest Texas, VII
Larry Maze, 895 - Resigned	Arkansas, VII
Jack McKelvey, 866 - Resigned	Rochester, II
José McLoughlin, 1096 - Diocesan*	Western North Carolina, IV
Jeffrey Mello, 1150 - Diocesan*	Connecticut, I
Bernardo Merino, 730 - Resigned	Colombia, IX
Rodney Michel, 928 - Resigned	Pennsylvania, III
Steven Miller, 991 - Resigned*	Milwaukee, V
Michael Milliken, 1054 - Resigned*	Western Kansas, VII
Elizabeth Monnot, 1139 - Diocesan*	Iowa, VI
Hector Monterroso, 1105 - Assistant*	Texas, VII
Robert Moody, 824 - Resigned	Oklahoma, VII
Rafael Morales, 1103 - Diocesan*	Puerto Rico, II
Terencio Alfredo Morante Espana, 899 - Resigned	Litoral Ecuador, IX
Kevin Nichols, 1108 - Diocesan*	Bethlehem, III
Robert O'Neill, 989 - Resigned	Colorado, VI
C. Wallis Ohl, Jr., 930 - Resigned	Texas, VII
James Ottley, 779 - Resigned*	Long Island, II
Todd Ousley, 1006 - Special Ministries*	Eastern Michigan, V
Jake Owensby, 1065 - Diocesan*	Western Louisiana, VII
George Packard, 951 - Resigned	New York, II
Henry Parsley, Jr., 923 - Resigned	Alabama, IV
Claude Payne, 884 - Resigned	Texas, VII
Bonnie Perry, 1127 - Diocesan*	Michigan, V
William Persell, 945 - Resigned	Chicago, V

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Neff Powell, 925 - Resigned	<i>Southwestern Virginia, III</i>
Kenneth Price, Jr., 900 - Assisting	<i>Southern Ohio, V</i>
Brian N. Prior, 1040 - Assisting*	<i>Alabama, IV</i>
Lawrence Provenzano, 1037 - Diocesan*	<i>Long Island, II</i>
Moises Quezada Mota, 1091 - Diocesan*	<i>Dominican Republic, IX</i>
Juan Carlos Quiñonez, 1144 - Diocesan*	<i>Central Ecuador, IX</i>
John Rabb, 942 - Resigned	<i>Maryland, III</i>
Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, 960 - Resigned	<i>Puerto Rico, II</i>
Rayford Ray, 1058 - Diocesan*	<i>Northern Michigan, V</i>
David Read, 1159 - Coadjutor*	<i>West Texas, VII</i>
Jennifer Reddall, 1113 - Diocesan*	<i>Arizona, VIII</i>
David M. Reed, 1005 - Resigned	<i>West Texas, VII</i>
Poulson C. Reed, 1131 - Diocesan*	<i>Oklahoma, VII</i>
Gretchen Rehberg, 1099 - Diocesan	<i>Spokane, VIII</i>
David Rice, 1080 - Diocesan*	<i>San Joaquin, VIII</i>
Daniel Richards, 1141 - Diocesan*	<i>Upper South Carolina, IV</i>
Gregory Rickel, 1021 - Assisting*	<i>Olympia, VIII</i>
Austin K. Rios, 1165 - Diocesan*	<i>California, VIII</i>
Ann Ritonia, 1161 - Suffragan*	<i>Washington, III</i>
Bavi Rivera, 1001 - Resigned*	<i>Eastern Oregon, VIII</i>
Phoebe Roaf, 1116 - Diocesan*	<i>West Tennessee, IV</i>
V. Gene Robinson, 993 - Resigned	<i>New Hampshire, I</i>
Hays Rockwell, 863 - Resigned	<i>Missouri, V</i>
Samuel Rodman, 1102 - Diocesan*	<i>North Carolina, IV</i>
Sylvestre Romero, 1027 - Resigned*	<i>New Jersey, II</i>
Catherine Roskam, 912 - Resigned*	<i>New York, II</i>
Jeffery Rowthorn, 821 - Resigned	<i>Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II</i>
Luis Ruiz, 1036 - Resigned	<i>Central Ecuador, IX</i>
Kathryn Ryan, 1118 - Suffragan	<i>Texas, VII</i>
Stacy Sauls, 958 - Resigned	<i>Lexington, IV</i>
Audrey Scanlan, 1089 - Diocesan*	<i>Central Pennsylvania, III</i>
Alan Scarfe, 983 - Resigned*	<i>Iowa, VI</i>
Douglas Scharf, 1149 - Diocesan*	<i>Southwest Florida, IV</i>
Calvin Schofield, Jr., 728 - Resigned	<i>Southeast Florida, IV</i>
Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, 1160 - Diocesan*	<i>Maryland, III</i>
Gordon Scruton, 924 - Resigned	<i>Western Massachusetts, I</i>
Brian Seage, 1085 - Resigned*	<i>Mississippi, IV</i>
James Shand, 982 - Resigned	<i>Easton, III</i>
Allen Shin, 1082 - Suffragan*	<i>New York, II</i>



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Mark Sisk, 939 - Resigned	New York, II
Melissa Skelton, 1153 - Resigned*	Olympia, VIII
Rob Skirving, 1086 - Diocesan*	East Carolina, IV
John McKee Sloan, 1024 - Resigned	Alabama, IV
William Smalley, 851 - Resigned	Kansas, VII
Andrew Smith, 917 - Resigned	Connecticut, I
Dabney Smith, 1014 - Resigned*	Southwest Florida, IV
George Wayne Smith, 975 - Resigned	Missouri, V
Kirk Smith, 996 - Resigned*	Arizona, VIII
Michael Smith, 998 - Assistant*	North Dakota, VI
John Smylie, 1048 - Resigned	Wyoming, VI
Susan Brown Snook, 1119 - Diocesan*	San Diego, VIII
Ketlen Solak, 1138 - Diocesan*	Pittsburgh, III
Douglas Sparks, 1094 - Diocesan*	Northern Indiana, V
Phyllis Spiegel, 1148 - Diocesan*	Utah, VIII
James Stanton, 879 - Resigned	Dallas, VII
Martha E. Stebbins, 1124 - Diocesan*	Montana, VI
E. Mark Stevenson, 1152 - Diocesan*	Virginia, III
William Stokes, 1079 - Resigned	New Jersey, II
Vernon Strickland, 904 - Resigned	Wyoming, VI
George R. Sumner, Jr., 1090 - Diocesan*	Dallas, VII
Eugene Sutton, 1030 - Resigned*	Maryland, III
William Swing, 732 - Resigned	California, VIII
Chester Talton, 861 - Resigned	San Joaquin, VIII
G. Porter Taylor, 999 - Resigned	Western North Carolina, IV
John Harvey Taylor, 1101 - Diocesan*	Los Angeles, VIII
Cabell Tennis, 816 - Resigned	Delaware, III
Jos Tharakan, 1146 - Diocesan*	Idaho, VIII
Brian Thom, 1032 - Diocesan*	Idaho, VIII
Morris K. Thompson, Jr., 1043 - Resigned	Louisiana, IV
John Thornton, 857 - Resigned	Idaho, VIII
Martin Townsend, 877 - Resigned	Easton, III
Megan Traquair, 1121 - Diocesan*	Northern California, VIII
Mark Van Koevering, 1092 - Diocesan*	Lexington, IV
Michael Vono, 1052 - Resigned*	Rio Grande, VII
Charles vonRosenberg, 944 - Resigned	South Carolina, IV
James Waggoner, Jr., 961 - Resigned	Spokane, VIII
Andrew Waldo, 1046 - Resigned*	Upper South Carolina, IV
Catherine Waynick, 929 - Resigned*	Eastern Michigan, V

Pierre Whalon, 973 - Resigned*	<i>Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II</i>
Kristin White, 1163 - Diocesan*	<i>Southern Ohio, V</i>
Terry White, 1051 - Diocesan*	<i>Kentucky, IV</i>
Keith Whitmore, 946 - Resigned	<i>Fond du Lac, V</i>
Arthur B Williams Jr, 812 - Assisting*	<i>Ohio, V</i>
Jeremiah Williamson, 1164 - Diocesan*	<i>Albany, II</i>
Don Wimberly, 789 - Resigned	<i>Texas, VII</i>
William Winterrowd, 860 - Resigned	<i>Colorado, VI</i>
Geralyn Wolf, 913 - Assistant*	<i>Rhode Island, I</i>
Dean Wolfe, 994 - Resigned*	<i>New York, II</i>
Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, 1137 - Diocesan*	<i>South Carolina, IV</i>
Carl Wright, 1098 - Resigned	<i>Washington, III</i>
Robert Wright, 1069 - Diocesan*	<i>Atlanta, IV</i>
Wayne Wright, 941 - Resigned	<i>Delaware, III</i>
George Young, 1059 - Resigned*	<i>East Tennessee, IV</i>

**Bishops-Elect in Attendance**

Kara Wagner Sherer, 1166 - Diocesan*	<i>Rochester, II</i>
Dorothy Wells, 1167 - Diocesan*	<i>Mississippi, IV</i>
Julia Whitworth, 1169 - Diocesan*	<i>Massachusetts, I</i>

House of Bishops  
Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention

**First Day**

Sunday June 23, 2024

**MORNING SESSION****Call to Order**

The Presiding Bishop called the House of Bishops to order at 11:03am.

**Devotions**

Devotions were led by chaplain Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Rules of Order Modification**

Dispatch of Business asked for setting aside the House Rules to allow for meeting on the Lord's Day and accepting multiple Consent Calendars in one day as needed.

**Motion Carried****Appointments****Announcement of Vice Chair, Secretary, and Chair of Dispatch of Business**

The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments.

Vice-Chair	The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Managing Director of College for Bishops
Secretary	The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional of West Missouri
Chair of Dispatch	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan, Resigned
Parliamentarian	The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Bishop Provisional in Western New York
Assistant Parliamentarians	Chancellor Mary Kostel
Chaplains	The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell The Rev. Ricardo Bailey Mr. Dent Davidson
Tellers	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Bishop Resigned of Michigan The Rt. Rev. Terry White, Bishop of Kentucky The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole, Bishop of East Tennessee The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Bishop Assistant North Carolina The Rev. Ann Jolly, Bishop of Ohio The Rt. Rev. Jose McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina The Rt. Rev. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of Virginia

**Appointment of the Assistant Secretary**

Secretary announces the appointment of The Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas, Bishop of Colorado as the Assistant Secretary.

**Calling of Roll & Quorum**

The Secretary called the roll.

This being the day and place designated by the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, pursuant to Article 1, Section 7, of the Constitution, for the Eighty-first Regular Meeting of the General Convention, the House of Bishops assembled in the Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky, in the Diocese of Kentucky, on Sunday, June 23, 2024 with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

**House Organized**

The secretary moved that the House of Deputies be notified that the House of Bishops was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The Presiding Bishop appointed the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of Missouri, and the Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, Bishop of Western Oregon, to inform the House of Deputies that the House of Bishops is organized and ready to proceed to business.

**Recognition of the Senior Bishop Present**

The Secretary announced the most Senior Bishop present as The Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade, Resigned.

**Welcome and Seating of Bishops and Bishops-elect**

The Presiding Bishop announced the Bishop-elect who received consent and was seated with voice but no vote: The Rev. Dr. Dorothy Wells, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Mississippi.

He then welcomed The Rt. Rev. Austin Rios, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of California.

**Necrology**

The Rt. Rev. Charles Longest

The Rt. Rev. Vincent Warner

Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

**Introduction of Visiting Bishops**

The Presiding Bishop welcomed the following visiting bishops, The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama and The Rt. Rev. Juan Alvarado, Bishop of El Salvador.

**Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Motion Carried**

**Welcome from the Host Bishop**

The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White, Bishop of Kentucky, welcomed the Bishops to the Bluegrass state and the state of Kentucky. Bishop White presented a genuine, limited edition, signed Michael Curry Louisville Slugger bat.

**Message from the House of Deputies**

The Presiding Bishop welcomed the arrival of a delegation from The House of Deputies. Greetings were conveyed and it was announced that The House of Deputies was organized and is ready to proceed with business, with Julia Ayala Harris as Chair, and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton of the Diocese of Olympia as Vice-Chair, and the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe, from the Diocese of California as Secretary.

Deputy Ambasing of San Diego, Deputy Madison of Texas, Deputy Angulo of Literal Ecuador, Deputy Brown of Navajoland, Deputy Dinwiddie of Michigan, Deputy Matthews of North Carolina, Deputy Collins of Montana, Deputy Daniel of Upper South Carolina, Deputy Conley of Arizona, Deputy Harrigan of Central Pennsylvania, Deputy Kimbrough of Tennessee, Deputy Candler of Atlanta, Deputy Stokes-Wayne of Southern Ohio, Deputy Pollard of New York, and Deputy Bradford of Nebraska.

**Announcements**

Announcements were made by the Secretary.

**Noonday Devotions**

Devotions were led by Chaplains.

**Recess**

The Parliamentarian provided an additional announcement, the deadline for filing new resolutions is Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6pm.

The House recessed at 11:45am.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

### Reconvene

The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:03 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

### Prayer

Chaplains Davidson and Bailey opened us with a song and prayer.

### Enrollment of Bishops

The Secretary called for Bishops who arrived after Roll Call to report to her at the end of the session.

### Introduction of Visiting Bishops

Note of error from the morning that the representatives from Yarka are not visitors and actually have seat and voice.

### Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Second Day of Legislation.

### Message from the House of Deputies

Dispatch noted that there were no messages from the House of Deputies.

### Balloting

The Chair of the House of Dispatch gave instructions on how to get signed into Lumi for voting.

### Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains (Lay Members)

**Ballot #1 taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the first ballot:

Cynthia Hill, Texas

David Miron, Central Pennsylvania

Dhananjay Jagannathan, New York

### Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains (Active Clergy)

**Ballot #1 taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the first ballot:

Scott Parnell, Virginia

**Ballot #2 taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the second ballot:

Milquella Mendoza, Dominican Republic

**Ballot #3 taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the third ballot:

Mark Kowalewski, Long Island

### Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains (Faculty)

**Ballot #1 taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the first ballot  
 Scott Bader-Saye, Texas  
 The Rev. Patricia “Tricia” Lyons, Virginia

**Ballot #2 taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the second ballot  
 The Rev. Kara Slade, New Jersey

**Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains (Bishops)****Ballot #1 taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the first ballot:  
 The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, Rhode Island  
 The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, Spokane

**Election of Executive Council**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Executive Council.

**Ballot #1 taken**

Dispatch read the results of Election Ballot #1.  
 The Rt. Rev. Jonathan Folts, South Dakota  
 The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Los Angeles

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee #2, Constitution and Canons presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Ryan, The Rt. Rev. Kathryn	Chair	2024	Texas, VII
Roaf, The Rt. Rev. Phoebe	Vice-Chair	2024	West Tennessee, IV
Edington, The Rt. Rev. Mark	Secretary	2024	Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II
Cowell, The Rt. Rev. Mark	Member	2024	Western Kansas, VII
Duckworth, The Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers	Member	2024	Louisiana, IV
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #2 on Resolution A092 (Access to ordination and deployment) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A092)



*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

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

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. 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.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #5 on Resolution A091 (Definition of doctrine) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A091)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

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

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**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.*

Discussion ensued and clarification was given to the use of the word memorialized.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #2)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #7 on Resolution C017 (Amend Canon III.7 to Provide for the Transfer of Deacons to Churches in Communion) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C017)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.7.8 shall be followed.

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<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.*

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*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.7.8 shall be followed.*

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #3)

### **Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee #6, Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Gutiérrez, The Rt. Rev. Daniel	Chair	2024	Pennsylvania, III
Taylor, The Rt. Rev. John Harvey	Vice-Chair	2024	Los Angeles, VIII
Bourlakas, The Rt. Rev. Mark	Secretary	2024	Southwestern Virginia, III
Beisner, The Rt. Rev. Barry	Member	2024	Navajoland Area Mission, VIII
Quezada Mota, The Rt. Rev. Moises	Member	2024	Dominican Republic, IX
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #8 on Resolution A010 (Recognition of Apartheid in Israel/Palestine) and moved an adoption with substitution.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A010)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.*

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*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.~~

Discussion ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Leo Frade, Resigned made a motion to postpone the resolution indefinitely.

**Motion Defeated**

Discussion continued.

A vote was taken on Resolution A010

**Motion Defeated**

**Substitute Resolution Rejected**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #11 on Resolution D009 (Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza) and moved an adoption with substitution.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D009)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the Episcopal Church call upon the United States Government to provide, as part of a process for building a negotiated and sustainable peace, significant funds for the long-term rebuilding of Gaza, such as: provision for extended medical and psychological support for the population, especially children, and financial support at a sufficient scale to rebuild homes, hospitals, schools, universities, libraries, factories, farms, and basic infrastructure such as roads and sea/air ports, and water, sewage, and electricity systems, investing equivalent funds to fund the rebuilding of Gaza as would have been spent on security assistance to Israel, all as part of meeting the moral and legal obligations of the United States to the people of Gaza given the U.S. role in providing military weapons and diplomatic cover for Israel's horrifically destructive and indiscriminate war waged upon the people of Gaza and indeed the whole of Gazan society, including the very means of life and irreplaceable cultural equities, in response to the Hamas-led attack and atrocities of October 7, 2023.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.

~~That the Episcopal Church call upon the United States Government to provide, as part of a process for building a negotiated and sustainable peace, significant funds for the long-term rebuilding of Gaza, such as: provision for extended medical and psychological support for the population, especially children, and financial support at a sufficient scale to rebuild homes, hospitals, schools, universities, libraries, factories, farms, and basic infrastructure such as roads and sea/air ports, and water, sewage, and electricity systems, investing equivalent funds to fund the rebuilding of Gaza as would have been spent on security assistance to Israel, all as part of meeting the moral and legal obligations of the United States to the people of Gaza given the U.S. role in providing military weapons and diplomatic cover for Israel's horrifically destructive and indiscriminate war waged upon the people of Gaza and indeed the whole of Gazan society, including the very means of life and irreplaceable cultural equities, in response to the Hamas-led attack and atrocities of October 7, 2023.~~

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #5)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #14 on Resolution D004 (Express Solidarity with Palestinians as an Indigenous People) and moved an adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D004)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 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 demands entails supporting their right to “retain their traditional lands and territories,” giving “high priority” to protection of the 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.”

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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~~ *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.”~~

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on Resolution D004.

**Motion Defeated  
Amended Resolution Rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #6)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #15 on Resolution D005 (Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement) and moved an adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D005)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st convention of the Episcopal Church acknowledge as consistent with established Church policy the demands of the Palestinian-led Boycott, Divest, 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; and respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Church 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 acknowledge and endorse the 2020 Kairos Palestine statement, in which Palestinian Christians expressed firm solidarity with the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize the legitimacy of BDS and express its solidarity with it.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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*).

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on Resolution D005.

**Motion Defeated  
Amended Resolution Rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #7)

### **Recess**

Dispatch recommended a break of 15 minutes. House should return by 3:30 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:32 p.m. with the Bishop in the Chair.

**Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #16 on Resolution Doo6 (Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(Doo6)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention reject the theology of Christian Zionism, a politicized Christian theology distinct from the Jewish Zionism underpinning the Israeli state, that believes the establishment of Israel as an exclusively Jewish state in the whole land of Palestine-Israel, denying the legitimacy of any Palestinian Arab existence there, was mandated by God and must be completed before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ can occur; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church recognize and publicly acknowledge the grave fear long expressed by our Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters that the indigenous Christian presence in the land of Christianity's birth is diminishing dramatically because Israel's anti-Palestinian policies are actively supported politically and financially and propagated by Christian Zionists; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm Resolution 2022-A216, which expressed alarm at the threat to the Christian presence in Jerusalem presented by Israeli radical groups; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church through its Office of Government Relations speak out publicly to challenge the U.S. tax exemptions granted to Christian Zionist institutions and organizations, and condemn Christian Zionism's support for oppressive Israeli policies and practices.

**Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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, which is due in large part to the pressures of Israeli*

*governmental policies and practices of a discriminatory nature, and to the effects of military occupation, which are supported and promoted by Christian Zionist organizations in the U.S.; and be it further Resolved, that the Episcopal Church, through the work of the Office of Government Relations, and in all appropriate forums, challenge the granting of tax-exempt status to religious organizations engaged in Christian Zionist advocacy and activity that contribute to the oppression of Palestinians in the Holy Land.*

Discussion ensued.

Voice vote was taken on Doo6 and was inconclusive, so an electronic vote was taken.

**Motion Defeated**

**Substitute Resolution Defeated**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #17 on Resolution Doo7 (Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Doo7)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention condemn and lament: Israel's longstanding and unending military occupation and civil control of Palestinians depriving them of equal rights, freedom, and self-determination; the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023; the ensuing military aggression by Israel against Palestinians in Gaza; and the escalating military and settler attacks on Palestinians across the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention understands that the subjugation of one people by another is inherently unjust and unstable. No lasting peace can be achieved nor justice established until Israel's military occupation and control over Palestinians comes to an end and Palestinians and Israelis have equal rights, freedom, and self-determination; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm its commitment to equal rights and self-determination for Palestinians as expressed in existing resolutions 1988-D053, 2018-D018, and 2022-C039; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention call on the US government to use its funding and influence to demand an immediate ceasefire and insist that Israel (1) cease all military operations against Palestinian civilians; and (2) participate with Palestinians in taking concrete steps toward a future based on equal rights, freedom, and self-determination for all people, without which there can be no sustainable peace; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention urge the United States to take responsibility for its role in supporting Israel's devastating military action in Gaza and work to ensure the free flow of humanitarian relief while maximizing U.S. funding of long-term aid and rebuilding assistance; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network 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.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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-Do18, 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.*

~~*That the 81st General Convention condemn and lament: Israel's longstanding and unending military occupation and civil control of Palestinians depriving them of equal rights, freedom, and self-determination; the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023; the ensuing military aggression by Israel against Palestinians in Gaza; and the escalating military and settler attacks on Palestinians across the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention understands that the subjugation of one people by another is inherently unjust and unstable. No lasting peace can be achieved nor justice established until Israel's military occupation and control over Palestinians comes to an end and Palestinians and Israelis have equal rights, freedom, and self-determination; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm its commitment to equal rights and self-determination for Palestinians as expressed in existing resolutions 1988-D053, 2018-Do18, and 2022-C039; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call on the US government to use its funding and influence to demand an immediate ceasefire and insist that Israel (1) cease all military operations against Palestinian civilians; and (2) participate with Palestinians in taking concrete steps toward a future*~~

~~based on equal rights, freedom, and self-determination for all people, without which there can be no sustainable peace; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge the United States to take responsibility for its role in supporting Israel's devastating military action in Gaza and work to ensure the free flow of humanitarian relief while maximizing U.S. funding of long-term aid and rebuilding assistance; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network 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.~~

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Diocese of North Carolina suggested an amendment of the word retaliation with response in paragraph two, line three.

**Motion Defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Diocese of Southeast Florida moved to take up this resolution at a later time certain to allow for a substitute resolution to be filed.

Voice vote was taken on the amendment and was inconclusive, so an electronic vote was taken.

**Motion Defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

A vote was taken on Resolution D007.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #20 on Resolution C031 (Migration with Dignity) and moved an adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C031)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 general principles about migration that champion 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 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, etc. and 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; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 81st General Convention call upon the Office of Government Relations and the church's UN Mission to continue and reinforce their efforts to support the Global Compact for Migration and other international frameworks that are consistent with the general principles stated in Migration with Dignity; 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:

1. - Inventory current assets and resources for serving and supporting migrants, church-wide
2. - Conduct a gap analysis to identify missing elements that could strengthen the church's response
3. - Recommend a coordinated whole-of-church strategy to strengthen our support for migrants, consistent with this resolution;

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 \$54,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 ~~general~~ *specific* principles about migration that ~~champion equal and respectful treatment of all people, which follow directly from the teachings of Jesus~~ resonate with 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~~ *the increase of dehumanization of ethnic minorities, migrants and refugees is currently on the rise 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 ~~that~~ *for Migration with Dignity* to local, state, national, and international governing bodies ~~promote Migration with Dignity by enforcing~~ *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 continue and reinforce their~~ *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 that are consistent with the general principles stated in Migration with Dignity*; 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:

4. - Inventory current assets and resources for serving and supporting migrants, church-wide
5. - Conduct a gap analysis to identify missing elements that could strengthen the church's response
6. - Recommend a coordinated whole-of-church strategy to strengthen our support for migrants, consistent with this resolution
7. - 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 \$54,000 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 this 81st General Convention establish an annual Migration with Dignity Sunday for The Episcopal Church during the season of Epiphany.

Discussion ensued.

#### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook, Diocese of San Diego suggested an amendment in paragraph 19 for the allocation of \$54,000 to be \$10,000.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

Further discussion ensued.  
Vote taken on Resolution C031.

**Motion Adopted  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #10)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #21 on Resolution D013 (Affirmation of the Palestinian State) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D013)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention declares that there is no military solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people and calls on Hamas and Israel to abandon violence, initiate and honor a permanent ceasefire, and release all Israeli hostages and Palestinian political prisoners as a means to resolving this 76-year-old conflict, and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention, noting that the International Court of Justice has launched an investigation into charges of genocide by Israel, laments with enormous grief the horrendous toll of civilian deaths and injuries, vast destruction of infrastructure, starvation leading to malnutrition among children resulting in unnecessary deaths and permanent damage to the physical well being of hundreds of thousands, loss of medical services, and no safe havens for a fleeing population in Gaza, affecting especially women and children, thus creating fear, distress and misery that will linger for decades, and therefore be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention notes that the conflict can never be reconciled while 4,500,000+ Palestinians remain under occupation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, a reality that breeds resentment and rage among Palestinians, especially its young people, which leads to armed resistance while giving illegal Israeli settlers in the West Bank motivation to continue their ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian population by destroying their villages and agricultural life, and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention thereby calls on the United Nations, supported by the United States, European Union, and the Arab League, to fulfill its obligations incurred since 1948 to create a sovereign state for Palestinians, to include rebuilding Gaza while ensuring previously secure approved borders by the UN and assuring permanent security for Israel, which may later lead to one bi-national state as the parties may agree, and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and chairs and vice chairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and other officials as OGR might identify.

**Committee Substitution**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

Resolved, *That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm: that the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel by Hamas was an act of anti-Jewish terror; that Israel's counterinsurgency in Gaza has exhibited a reckless disregard for the civilian population; that the current government in Israel, in effectively ruling out a Palestinian state, continues to pursue an apartheid policy against the Palestinian people; and that for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, there must be a Palestinian state, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further*

Resolved, *That the 81st General Convention affirm 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-Bo16, 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.*

~~That the 81st General Convention declares that there is no military solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people and calls on Hamas and Israel to abandon violence, initiate and honor a permanent ceasefire, and release all Israeli hostages and Palestinian political prisoners as a means to resolving this 76-year-old conflict, and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this Convention, noting that the International Court of Justice has launched an investigation into charges of genocide by Israel, laments with enormous grief the horrendous toll of civilian deaths and injuries, vast destruction of infrastructure, starvation leading to malnutrition among children resulting in unnecessary deaths and permanent damage to the physical well being of hundreds of thousands, loss of medical services, and no safe havens for a fleeing population in Gaza, affecting especially women and children, thus creating fear, distress and misery that will linger for decades, and therefore be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this Convention notes that the conflict can never be reconciled while 4,500,000+ Palestinians remain under occupation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, a reality that breeds resentment and rage among Palestinians, especially its young people, which leads~~

~~to armed resistance while giving illegal Israeli settlers in the West Bank motivation to continue their ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian population by destroying their villages and agricultural life, and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this Convention thereby calls on the United Nations, supported by the United States, European Union, and the Arab League, to fulfill its obligations incurred since 1948 to create a sovereign state for Palestinians, to include rebuilding Gaza while ensuring previously secure approved borders by the UN and assuring permanent security for Israel, which may later lead to one bi-national state as the parties may agree, and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and chairs and vice chairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and other officials as OGR might identify.~~

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida, Resigned suggest an amendment to strike in paragraph 2 the clause, *“that the current government in Israel, in effectively ruling out a Palestinian state, continues to pursue an apartheid policy against the Palestinian people”*.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina, Resigned, suggested an amendment to the resolution in paragraph two line four, after *“that Israel’s counterinsurgency in Gaza has exhibited a reckless disregard for the civilian population;”* add *“and that Hamas has shown reckless disregard for the civilian population by sheltering its armed combatants underneath and within hospitals, schools and other places to which refugees have fled”*.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry, Diocese of Michigan, suggested an amendment to paragraph two, strike *“an act of anti-Jewish terror”* replace with *“an indefensible act of terrorism”*.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution D013.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #13)

### **Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Bishops Committee #13, Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Woodliff-Stanley, The Rt. Rev. Ruth	Chair	2024	South Carolina, IV
Fisher, The. Rt. Rev. Douglas	Vice-Chair	2024	Western Massachusetts, I
Brown, The Rt. Rev. Thomas	Secretary	2024	Maine, I
Rickel, The Rt. Rev. Gregory	Member	2024	Olympia, VIII
Solak, The Rt. Rev. Ketlen	Member	2024	Pittsburgh, III
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #2 on Resolution A030 (No Investment in Certain Weapons) and moved an adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A030)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following as investment policy for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) (hereinafter, the DFMS No Investment in Certain Weapons Policy): That DFMS shall not invest in any company or corporation that is 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 Convention direct the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to create and administer a DFMS Weapons No Buy List based on the DFMS No Investment in Certain Weapons Policy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention recommend the DFMS No Investment in Certain Weapons Policy 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church ~~adopt~~ *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: the following as investment policy for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) (hereinafter, the 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 Convention direct the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to create and administer a DFMS Weapons No Buy List based on the DFMS No Investment in Certain Weapons Policy; 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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #11)

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee #14, Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Sparks, The Rt. Rev. Douglas	Chair	2024	Northern Indiana, V
Brown, The Rt. Rev. Kevin	Vice-Chair	2024	Delaware, III
Bauerschmidt, The Rt. Rev. John	Secretary	2024	Tennessee, IV
Allen, The Rt. Rev. Lloyd	Member	2024	Honduras, IX
Franklin, The Rt. Rev. R. William	Member	2024	Western New York, II
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #5 on Resolution A042 (Commend PCUSA-TEC Dialogue) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A042)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.).

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

### **Recess**

Dispatch recommended a break of 15 minutes. House should return by 5:00 p.m.

### **Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 4:59 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

### **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Bishops Committee #15 Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Bascom, The Rt. Rev. Cathleen C.	Chair	2024	Kansas, VII
Rice, The Rt. Rev. David	Vice-Chair	2024	San Joaquin, VIII
Mello, The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey	Secretary	2024	Connecticut, I
Chang, The Rt. Rev. Lennon Yuan-Rung	Member	2024	Taiwan, VIII
Scharf, The Rt. Rev. Douglas	Member	2024	Southwest Florida, IV
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #5 on Resolution A021 (Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation) and moved an adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A021)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) affirms its [Episcopal Covenant to Care of Creation](#) commitment to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation; and be it further

*Resolved*, the General Convention allocates \$3 million in TEC endowment funds as a loan portfolio to establish a Care of Creation loan program for dioceses to utilize as a funding resource for primarily capital projects to advance the goal of bringing the Church into carbon net zero compliance by 2030 (2022-A087), and that start up funds of \$30,000 annually be allocated to launch this effort; and be it further

*Resolved*, this General Convention directs the Executive Council to assign responsibility for oversight of these assets to its Economic Justice Loan Committee (EJLC) for loans that support greater Care of Creation and eco-justice initiatives; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Economic Justice Loan Committee, consult with the Task Force on Creation Care and Environmental Racism (or its successor) and will add a liaison, to create and implement a program format mirroring EJLC best practices by the Treasurer's Office.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) affirms its [Episcopal Covenant to Care of Creation](#) commitment to form and restore loving, liberating, life giving relationships with all of Creation; and be it further

~~*Resolved*, the General Convention allocates 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 utilize use to help fund as a funding resource for primarily capital projects to assist TEC dioceses, institutions, and congregations in moving their operations towards advance the goal of bringing the Church into carbon net zero compliance by 2030 (2022-A087), and that start up funds of \$30,000 annually be allocated to pay for professional underwriting review of such proposed loans launch this effort; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, this General Convention directs direct the Executive Council to assign responsibility for oversight of these assets to its Economic Justice Loan Committee (EJLC) for such loans that support greater Care of Creation and eco-justice initiatives; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, that in implementing this loan program, the Economic Justice Loan Committee EJLC will; consult with the Task Force on Creation Care and Environmental Racism (or its successor) and will employ add a liaison, to create and implement a program format mirroring EJLC best practices developed to date by the Treasurer's Office.~~

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on Resolution A021.

### **Motion Carried Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #14)

The House of Bishops Committee Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #9 on Resolution D030 (Create a Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry) and moved an adoption of a substitute.



**Original Text of Resolution**

(D030)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention affirm:

1. That the work of creation healing is a primary ministry of the Church; it is our corporate, public witness to the Mission of God in Christ “to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” [Colossians 1:20];
2. That creation healing is about right relationships among and between all people and all creation, centering the voice and experience of the marginalized in both human society and all creation, and these are relationships that have been, and continue to be, harmed by systemic marginalization, unbounded pursuit of wealth, and unfounded claims of privilege;
3. That creation healing ministry includes acts of repentance and renewal of heart and mind, but must also include dismantling institutions, structures, and policies that cause harm and divide us from life on earth; and include repairing the breach by rebuilding systems of justice, restoration, and hospitality (Isaiah 58);
4. Over the past 300 years, continued ecological degradation, mass extinction and escalation of the climate crisis, as well as the spiritual weakness and institutional failures that these realities expose, demand we understand this to be a revolutionary moment of accountability, repentance, and renewed commitment to the mission of God. We are called to account for our failures to live into the whole gospel of God’s New Creation. We acknowledge that historical practices, policies, and structures of the institutional church have played a role in the persistence of environmental exploitation and call out for immediate, urgent and enduring redress;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That all dioceses and congregations be called upon to ground every planning or business meeting or convention with prayers inviting an examination of conscience regarding the specific impact of the decisions of such meetings upon our kindred creatures who are dispossessed, deprived, and disregarded, and to provide and model forms for such examination of conscience; and be it further *Resolved*, That all dioceses be called upon to offer, at least once a year, a diocesan-wide event or program and liturgy to engage our 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 this General Convention direct the creation of a Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry be formed as a diverse group to include 2 bishops, 2 priests, 2 deacons, and 10 laypersons, in order to a) consider what the church must look like if we put our vocation to love all our neighbors and to be repairers of the breach at the center of our work; b) to reach out to local and diocesan groups that are doing ecojustice and creation 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) to liaise with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution and Canons, and other relevant interim bodies on consideration of these questions and how to address the institutional barriers to change in the church; and d) be charged with making recommendations to the 82nd General Convention for

institutional change to support creation healing as Christian ministry in the areas of governance and structure, prayer and liturgy, catechesis and lifelong formation for discipleship, especially with laypeople and consistent with ecojustice and right relationship to all creation; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Substitution**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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:*

*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;*

*Identify available program and teaching resources for use by dioceses and congregations to use in teaching about creation care and ecojustice ministry;*

*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;*

*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:*

*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;*

*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 \$60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.*

*That the 81st General Convention affirm:*

- 1. That the work of creation healing is a primary ministry of the Church; it is our corporate, public witness to the Mission of God in Christ "to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross." [Colossians 1:20];*
- 2. That creation healing is about right relationships among and between all people and all creation, centering the voice and experience of the marginalized in both human society and all creation, and these are relationships that have been, and continue to be, harmed by systemic marginalization, unbounded pursuit of wealth, and unfounded claims of privilege;*
- 3. That creation healing ministry includes acts of repentance and renewal of heart and mind, but must also include dismantling institutions, structures, and policies that cause harm and divide us from life on earth; and include repairing the breach by rebuilding systems of justice, restoration, and hospitality (Isaiah 58);*
- 4. Over the past 300 years, continued ecological degradation, mass extinction and escalation of the climate crisis, as well as the spiritual weakness and institutional failures that these realities expose, demand we understand this to be a revolutionary moment of accountability, repentance, and renewed commitment to the mission of God. We are called to account for our failures to live into the whole gospel of God's New Creation. We acknowledge that historical practices, policies, and structures of the institutional church have played a role in the persistence of environmental exploitation and call out for immediate, urgent and enduring redress;*

*And be it further*

*Resolved, That all dioceses and congregations be called upon to ground every planning or business meeting or convention with prayers inviting an examination of conscience regarding the specific impact of the decisions of such meetings upon our kindred creatures who are dispossessed, deprived, and disregarded, and to provide and model forms for such examination of conscience; and be it further*

*Resolved, That all dioceses be called upon to offer, at least once a year, a diocesan wide event or program and liturgy to engage our 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 this General Convention direct the creation of a Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry be formed as a diverse group to include 2 bishops, 2 priests, 2 deacons, and 10 laypersons, in order to a) consider what the church must look like if we put our vocation to love all our neighbors and to be repairers of the breach at the center of our work; b) to reach out to local and diocesan groups that are doing ecojustice and creation 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) to liaise with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution and Canons, and other relevant interim*

~~bodies on consideration of these questions and how to address the institutional barriers to change in the church; and d) be charged with making recommendations to the 82nd General Convention for institutional change to support creation healing as Christian ministry in the areas of governance and structure, prayer and liturgy, catechesis and lifelong formation for discipleship, especially with laypeople and consistent with ecojustice and right relationship to all creation; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.~~

Discussion ensued

### **Proposed Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook, Diocese of San Diego, proposed an amendment in paragraph 13 changing the allocation from \$60,000 to \$10,000.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution D030.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted with Amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #15)**

The House of Bishops Committee Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #10 on Resolution B002 (Build Eco-Region Creation Networks for Crucial Impact) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B002)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention urge and equip bishops and dioceses to form strategic Eco-Region Creation Networks of incarnational impact for the healing of the world God loves in this time of climate crisis; and be it further

*Resolved*, that bishops and dioceses work together to form regional networks, to be called “Eco-Region Creation Networks”, based on shared ecosystems or watersheds. These 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 be it further

*Resolved*, that in this triennium up to five pilot Eco-Region Creation Networks be formed, to include the Episcopal Grasslands Network (which includes the dioceses of Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, Northwest Texas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana) and one Eco-Region Creation Network centered outside the continental U.S; and be it further

Resolved, that new Eco-Region Creation Networks, up to five, can be established through a letter to the Presiding Bishop's office, copied to provincial Presidents, from three bishops of contiguous dioceses describing their particular eco-region, current sites, and creation actions planned, and be it further

*Resolved, that each network engage a Creation Fellow and/or Consultant whose task is to tend the network: produce communications that inform and celebrate efforts across the network; collect data about the participating members, projects and properties; plan and implement an annual meeting and other gatherings; write grant proposals as needed; and use the Episcopal Asset Map, Restor, or other mapping tools to track progress on carbon sequestration, increased biodiversity, water quality and scarcity and agricultural transformation; and be it further*

*Resolved, 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 the Presiding Bishop's Creation Care staff and the Good News Gardens partner with these networks and support the work of the Creation Care Fellows and Consultants; and be it further*

*Resolved that General Convention allocate an additional \$150,000 to the proposed triennial Creation Networks and Resources budget (line 168), to be assigned specifically to support Eco-Region Creation Networks. (\$50,000 to be disbursed three times over the course of the triennium divided equally between any, up to five, networks that have been duly organized and named networks by the Presiding Bishop.)*

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*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 and Montana); 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*

*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 \$240,000 for this work, such that \$30,000 each year (\$90,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support the three EcoRegion Creation Networks; \$15,000 each year (\$45,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support Good News Gardens/Agrarian and Outdoor Ministry Networks; \$50,000 a year (\$150,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support Renewable Energy Networks and the church's existing partnership with the Episcopal Renewable Energy Non-profit (EREN); and \$60,000 to support two churchwide convenings of the community of networks, to ensure accountability and progress toward net carbon neutrality.*

*That the 81st General Convention urge and equip bishops and dioceses to form strategic Eco-Region Creation Networks of incarnational impact for the healing of the world God loves in this time of climate crisis; and be it further*

~~*Resolved, that bishops and dioceses work together to form regional networks, to be called "Eco-Region Creation Networks", based on shared ecosystems or watersheds. These 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 be it further~~

~~Resolved, that in this triennium up to five pilot Eco-Region Creation Networks be formed, to include the Episcopal Grasslands Network (which includes the dioceses of Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, Northwest Texas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana) and one Eco-Region Creation Network centered outside the continental U.S.; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, that new Eco-Region Creation Networks, up to five, can be established through a letter to the Presiding Bishop's office, copied to provincial Presidents, from three bishops of contiguous dioceses describing their particular eco-region, current sites, and creation actions planned, and be it further~~

~~Resolved, that each network engage a Creation Fellow and/or Consultant whose task is to tend the network: produce communications that inform and celebrate efforts across the network; collect data about the participating members, projects and properties; plan and implement an annual meeting and other gatherings; write grant proposals as needed; and use the Episcopal Asset Map, Restor, or other mapping tools to track progress on carbon sequestration, increased biodiversity, water quality and scarcity and agricultural transformation; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, 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 the Presiding Bishop's Creation Care staff and the Good News Gardens partner with these networks and support the work of the Creation Care Fellows and Consultants; and be it further~~

~~Resolved that General Convention allocate an additional \$150,000 to the proposed triennial Creation Networks and Resources budget (line 168), to be assigned specifically to support Eco-Region Creation Networks. (\$50,000 to be disbursed three times over the course of the triennium divided equally between any, up to five, networks that have been duly organized and named networks by the Presiding Bishop.)~~

### **Proposed Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn, Diocese of Rio Grande proposed an Amendment to add the Diocese of Rio Grande to paragraph three as part of the Grasslands Network.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, Diocese Texas of made a motion to amend paragraph ten remove text “\$240,000 for this work, such that \$30,000 each year (\$90,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support the three EcoRegion Creation Networks; \$15,000 each year (\$45,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support Good News Gardens/Agrarian and Outdoor Ministry Networks; \$50,000 a year (\$150,000 over the triennium) be assigned to support Renewable Energy Networks and the church's existing partnership with the Episcopal Renewable Energy Non-profit (EREN); and \$60,000 to support two churchwide convenings of the community of networks, to ensure accountability and progress toward net carbon neutrality.” And replaced with “\$90,000 for this work, such that \$30,000 each year be assigned to support the three EcoRegion Creation Networks.”

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution B002.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #18)

**Title III Ministry**

The House of Bishops Committee #19, Title III Ministry presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Barker, The Rt. Rev. J. Scott	Chair	2024	Nebraska, VI
Perry, The Rt. Rev. Bonnie	Vice-Chair	2024	Michigan, V
Ritonia, The Rt. Rev. Ann	Secretary	2024	Washington, III
Ahrens, The Rt. Rev. Laura	Member	2024	Connecticut, I
Ray, The Rt. Rev. Rayford	Member	2024	Northern Michigan, V
Thom, The Rt. Rev. Brian	Member	2024	Idaho, VIII
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee Title III Ministry presented its Report #2 on Resolution D032 (Raising the Clergy Mandatory Retirement Age to 75) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D032)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Title III, Canon 9.8 to raise the mandatory retirement age for Priests from 72 to 75 years of age.

<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 Canon 9 Sec. 8 Resignation

On reaching the age of seventy-five years, a Priest shall resign from all positions in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. Thereafter, the Priest may accept any position in this Church, including, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, the position or positions from which resignation pursuant to this Section has occurred;

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

Title III Canon 9 Sec. 8 Resignation

On reaching the age of ~~seventy-two~~ *seventy-five*, a Priest shall resign from all positions in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. Thereafter, the Priest may accept any position in this Church,



including, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, the position or positions from which resignation pursuant to this Section has occurred;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention amend Title III Canon 7.7 to raise the mandatory retirement age for Deacons from 72 to 75 years of age.

<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 Canon 7 Sec. 7. On reaching the age of seventy-five years, a Deacon shall resign from all positions of active service in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. The Bishop may, with the consent of the Deacon, assign a resigned Deacon to any congregation, other community of faith or ministry in another setting, for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

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

Title III Canon 7 Sec. 7. On reaching the age of ~~seventy two~~ seventy-five years, a Deacon shall resign from all positions of active service in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. The Bishop may, with the consent of the Deacon, assign a resigned Deacon to any congregation, other community of faith or ministry in another setting, for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

### **Committee Substitution**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Title III, Canon ~~9.8~~ to raise the mandatory retirement age for Priests from 72 to 75 years of age.

<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 Canon ~~9~~ Sec. 8 Resignation

On reaching the age of ~~seventy five~~ years, a Priest shall resign from all positions in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. Thereafter, the Priest may accept any position in this Church, including, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, the position or positions from which resignation pursuant to this Section has occurred;

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

Title III Canon ~~9~~ Sec. 8 Resignation

On reaching the age of ~~seventy two~~ ~~seventy five~~, a Priest shall resign from all positions in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. Thereafter, the Priest may accept any position in this Church, including, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, the position or positions from which resignation pursuant to this Section has occurred;

And be it further

~~Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Title III Canon 7.7 to raise the mandatory retirement age for Deacons from 72 to 75 years of age.~~

~~<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 Canon 7 Sec. 7. On reaching the age of seventy five years, a Deacon shall resign from all positions of active service in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. The Bishop may, with the consent of the Deacon, assign a resigned Deacon to any congregation, other community of faith or ministry in another setting, for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.~~

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

~~Title III Canon 7 Sec. 7. On reaching the age of seventy two seventy five years, a Deacon shall resign from all positions of active service in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. The Bishop may, with the consent of the Deacon, assign a resigned Deacon to any congregation, other community of faith or ministry in another setting, for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.~~

*That the 81st General Convention directs Executive Council to study clergy mandatory resignations upon reaching age 72, including, but not limited to:*

*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.*

*Recommending whether the mandatory resignation age for our current and anticipated clergy population should be increased.*

*Investigating and reporting on the range of financial vehicles available to clergy following mandatory resignation.*

*Investigating the impacts on Church Pension Group (CPG) if the mandatory resignation age changes beyond 72.*

*Investigating the impacts on CPG if pension contributions for clergy were to continue beyond 72.*

*Resolving ambiguities in language around mandatory retirements and resignations between the canons and CPG's publications and policies.*

### **Proposed Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Diocese of Washington, suggested an amendment adding a 7<sup>th</sup> area of study. Adding "7. Investigating the impact on congregational vitality with aging clergy who are reluctant to let go of ministry beyond seasons of fruitfulness."

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on Resolution D032.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #16)

The House of Bishops Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report #6 on Resolution D023 (Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons) and moved an adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D023)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention celebrate and support the ministry of the Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) for engaging the *diakonia* of all believers for over 50 years by encouraging, growing, and providing resources and guidelines for the continuing development of the diaconate, an order of ministry in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Convention acknowledge that AED is the only Episcopal organization building ecumenical diaconal partnerships, and it serves as the church's resource portal for the diaconate, without financial support from the Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Convention consider that Episcopal deacons, the primary supporters of AED, often personally fund their formation, ministries, and on-going professional 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 \$450,000 be budgeted during the next triennium to support the infrastructure necessary for the sustainability and growth of AED.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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; for engaging the diakonia of all believers for over 50 years by encouraging, growing, and providing resources and guidelines for the continuing development of the diaconate, an order of ministry in The Episcopal Church;* and be it further

~~*Resolved*, That the Convention acknowledge that AED is the only Episcopal organization building ecumenical diaconal partnerships, and it serves as the church's resource portal for the diaconate, without financial support from the Church; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, That the Convention consider that Episcopal deacons, the primary supporters of AED, often personally fund their formation, ministries, and on-going professional 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 the Convention requests that the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Finance, make a capacity-building \$450,000 budget allocation be budgeted during the next triennium to support~~

the infrastructure necessary for the sustainability and growth of AED, *subject to appropriate financial oversight.*

**Proposed Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook, Diocese of San Diego proposed an amendment to delete paragraph six.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution D023.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #17)

**Announcements**

Announcements were made by the Secretary and The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Diocese of Connecticut.

**Prayer**

The Chaplains provided a prayer and song to close the session.

**Recess**

The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. until 10:30 for the joint session on the budget on Monday, June 24, 2024.

**Second Day****Monday June 24, 2024****AFTERNOON SESSION****Call to Order**

The Vice President of the House of Bishops called the House of Bishops to order at 2:07 p.m.

**Devotions**

Devotions were led by chaplains, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey and Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Consent Calendar**

The secretary moved adoption of the Consent Calendar.

**Consent Calendar****Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution A036 (Amend Canons to Use Approved Common Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A036)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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:

Canon III.6.5.g.4

4. the Church’s teaching on ~~racism~~ *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:

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:

Canon III.8.5.h.4

4.the Church's teaching on ~~racism~~ *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:

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:

Canon III.10.1.c.4

4.training regarding the Church's teaching on ~~racism~~ *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:

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;

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #38)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #3 on Resolution A093 (Add provisions of 2018-B012 to canons) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A093)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.19.3 to add a new subsection e thereto, to read as follows:

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, shall in the case of remarriage after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Marriages, as provided in Canon I.19.3.c.*

And be it further

Resolved, that Canon III.12.3.a be amended to add a new subsection 3 thereto, to read as follows:

III.12.3.a

*3. 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) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or other community of faith.*

#### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.19.3 to add a new subsection e thereto, to read as follows:

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, shall 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 Canon I.19.3.c.*

And be it further

Resolved, that Canon III.12.3.a be amended to add a new subsection 3 thereto, to read as follows:

III.12.3.a

*3. 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) shall will invite, ~~as necessary,~~ another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or other community of faith.*

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #39)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #4 on Resolution A103 (Amend Canon III.11.8) and moved adoption.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A103)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That Canon III.11.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #40)

### **World Mission**

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #1 on Resolution A083 (Affirm Anglican Connections) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A083)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #50)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on Resolution A088 (Consult with the Office of Global Partnerships) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A088)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #52)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #3 on Resolution D043 (Support and Advocacy for Iraqi Christians) and move adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D043)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on Resolution A087 (Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A087)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, direct the Office of Global Partnerships to facilitate the creation of a churchwide data survey and to collect data on participation in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a measure of how The Episcopal Church is meeting these goals; and be it further

*Resolved*, That such data collected be shared publicly as a means to encourage and ignite further participation across the Church, inform future action and be shared in report form to the 82nd and 83rd General Conventions for such uses.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.*

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #5 on Resolution D026 (Enable Episcopal Migration Ministries to More Fully Live Out its Mission) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D026)

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the following mission statement of Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) as adopted by General Convention in 2000: "The Episcopal Church in Service to Refugees and Immigrants"; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General Convention affirm that The Episcopal Church seeks to serve immigrants regardless of their immigration status or geographical location, within the limits of its ability; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General Convention acknowledge that due to restrictions attached to U.S. federal government funding, the vast majority of EMM's current annual budget must be dedicated to people in the U.S. who have "refugee" and certain other narrowly defined immigration statuses, thereby excluding services for the vast majority of immigrants including but not limited to asylum seekers, undocumented immigrants, and immigrants who are located outside of the United States; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General convention affirm that Episcopal Migration Ministries must continue to pursue its mission regardless of the availability of funding from the U.S. federal government; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General Convention assert that Episcopal Migration Ministries should be empowered to take additional steps (for example hiring additional staff, providing training to partners and volunteers, providing resources to people in need, building the capacity of congregations, etc.) in*

order to aid categories of immigrants other than those who may be served with funding from the U.S. federal government; and be it further

*Resolved, That General Convention request a budget allocation of \$200,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.*

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*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.*

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #53)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its report #10 on Resolution A162 (Continuing the Task Force on the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #69)

### **Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #1 on Resolution A011 (Confronting Apartheid) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #33)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #2 on Resolution A012 (On Opposing Israel's Apartheid) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #34)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #3 on Resolution C013 (Migration with Dignity) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #43)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #4 on Resolution C015 (Migration with Dignity) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #44)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #5 on Resolution C022 (Migration with Dignity) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #45)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #6 on Resolution C027 (Conditioning U.S to Military Aid to Israel) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #47)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #7 on Resolution D003 (A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #35)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #9 on Resolution D037 (Encourage All Ministries of The Episcopal Church to Assess Intersections with Migration) and moved to adopt with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D037)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention acknowledge that immigrants are part of every community and congregation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 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 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; and be it further*Resolved*, That the General Convention request participating ministries to forward completed surveys to The Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within the Episcopal Church to review and to report data to Episcopal Migration Ministries.**Committee Amendment***Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,That the 81st General Convention ~~acknowledge~~ *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 the General Convention request participating ministries to forward completed surveys to The Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within the Episcopal Church to review and to report data to Episcopal Migration Ministries.~~*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.***Motion Carried****Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #42)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International policy presented its Report #12 on Resolution A110 (Clarify Distinction Between Biblical and Modern Israel) moved to adopt with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A110)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention commits to making clear in liturgy and in teaching the distinction between Biblical and Modern Israel in Prayer Book liturgies and hymnody in order to reduce the confusion with the current State of Israel -- a conflation that reinforces the deceptive theology of Christian Zionism.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~commits to making clear~~ *commit to clarifying*, in liturgy and in ~~teaching the through education a basic~~ *teaching* distinction between ~~Biblical and Modern Israel in Prayer Book liturgies and hymnody~~ *biblical Israel and the modern State of Israel*, in order to ~~reduce the confusion with the current State of Israel a conflation that reinforces the deceptive theology of Christian Zionism.~~ *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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #36)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #13 on Resolution C002 (On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land) moved to adopt with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C002)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention recommends 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 Jesus' ministry of love and justice can be 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~recommends~~ *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 ~~can be~~ 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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #37)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented Report #18 on Resolution D012 (Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace) and moved to adopt with substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D012)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the Episcopal Church reaffirm its longstanding commitment, as most recently undertaken in General Convention resolution 2022-D024, 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 policies to ensure that that U.S. government military assistance to the State of Israel be conditioned on adherence to international humanitarian law, with provisions in place to ensure that U.S. military arms and technologies are not used to violate human rights or commit war crimes anywhere in world, including in Israel and the Palestinian territories; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Episcopal Church support policies to sanction (for example, with targeted banking or visa restrictions) organizations and individuals on either side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict who instigate, support, or conduct violent attacks on civilians or their property; 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 a permanent ceasefire and effective and effective humanitarian assistance for affected civilian populations; release of all hostages held *ultra vires* 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, rebuild devastated war-torn areas, and ensure long-term security, civil rights, and self-determination for both Israelis and Palestinians.*

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*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.*

~~That the Episcopal Church reaffirm its longstanding commitment, as most recently undertaken in General Convention resolution 2022-D024, 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 policies to ensure that that U.S. government military assistance to the State of Israel be conditioned on adherence to international humanitarian law, with provisions in place to ensure that U.S. military arms and technologies are not used to violate human rights or commit war crimes anywhere in world, including in Israel and the Palestinian territories; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the Episcopal Church support policies to sanction (for example, with targeted banking or visa restrictions) organizations and individuals on either side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict who instigate, support, or conduct violent attacks on civilians or their property; 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 a permanent ceasefire and effective and effective humanitarian assistance for affected civilian populations; release of all hostages held *ultra vires* 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, rebuild devastated war-torn areas, and ensure long-term security, civil rights, and self-determination for both Israelis and Palestinians.~~

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #46)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #19 on Resolution #D019 (Justice and Peace in Ukraine) and moved adopt with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D019)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention condemns 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 this Convention condemns Russia's deliberate targeting of civilian targets, documented by the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (OHCHR), most notably committed in Bucha; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention urges all Churches in Russia, especially the Russian Orthodox Church, to condemn these war crimes as inconsistent with our shared faith, and to call for peace and accountability; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention calls for the Russian Federation to end its attacks in Ukraine, and for a just peace to be negotiated respecting all of Ukraine's territory as recognized by international law; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urges all parties to respect and fully cooperate with any relevant investigations by International Bodies such as the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice to ensure that all those who commit war crimes are held to account for their actions

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~condemns~~ 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 ~~this the~~ 81st General Convention ~~condemns~~ condemn Russia's deliberate targeting of civilian targets, documented by the Center for Civil Liberties and the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (OHCHR), most notably committed in Bucha (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 ~~this the~~ 81st General Convention ~~urges~~ urge all Churches 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 ~~this the~~ 81st General Convention ~~calls~~ 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 ~~this the~~ 81st General Convention ~~urges~~ urge all parties to respect and fully cooperate with any relevant investigations by International Bodies such as 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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #49)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #23 on Resolution D058 (Ceasefire in Israel-Hamas War) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #68)

### **Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives**

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives presented its Report #1 on Resolution D024 (Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D024)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention recommends for The Episcopal Church and Episcopal entities to utilize Episcopal Conference Centers when gathering for events, whenever possible.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #65)

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives presented Report #2 on Resolution A067 (Rebranding the Parochial Report) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #64)

The House of Bishops committee on Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives presented Report #3 on Resolution A158 (Addressing Church Decline and Fostering Church Revitalization) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #66)

The House of Bishops committee on Congregational Vitality and Data-Driven Initiatives presented Report #4 on Resolution D044 (Task Force on Church Property Development) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #67)

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #1 on Resolution A077 (Additional Guidance of Inclusive and Metaphorical Language) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #56)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #2 on Resolution A112 (Authorize use of the “Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings” and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A112)

That the 81st General Convention authorize for use 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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #57)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #3 on Resolution D002 (Review canonical requirement for Holy Communion) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #58)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #4 on Resolution A117 (Withdraw Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar–Second Reading) and moved to adopt.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A117)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #5 on Resolution A128 (Concerning minor edits to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #6 on Resolution A125 (Add Optional Fast Days to Lesser Feasts and Fasts and moved to refer to an Interim Body.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A125)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #60)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #7 on Resolution A129 (Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved to adopt.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A129)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #8 on Resolution A014 (Addition of Laurence Whipp to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

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

**Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #1 on Resolution A029 (Divest from Fossil Fuels) and moved to adopt.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A029)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #23)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #3 on Resolution A028 (Support for Freedom to Consider Ethical Issues in Investing) and moved to adopt with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A028)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 reaffirm 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, and, more broadly, participation in boycotts and sanctions campaigns, as with South Africa, all in order to help carry out the Church's commitment to environmental sustainability, justice, and equal rights at home and globally, while generating positive financial returns; and be it further

*Resolved*, That 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 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; 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 (currently linked at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/video/the-ccsr-story/>) that celebrates our Church's witness, and to share the video with their people.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,



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 reaffirm, 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. and, more broadly, participation in boycotts and sanctions campaigns, as with South Africa, all in order to help carry out the Church's commitment to environmental sustainability, justice, and equal rights at home and globally, while generating positive financial returns; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That 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 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; 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 (currently linked at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/video/the-ccsr-story/>) that celebrates our Church's witness, and to share the video with their people.~~

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #4 on Resolution A163 (Affirming the Ongoing Work across the Episcopal Church in Consideration of Ethical Issues in Investing) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A163)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.*

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #1 on Resolution A009 (Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A009)

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*Adopt A037 as a consolidated substitute*

*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:*

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

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #29)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #2 on Resolution A038 (Practical Guidance for Interreligious Relations) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A038)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #3 on Resolution A039 (Practical Guidance for Episcopal-Jewish Relations) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A039)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #27)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #4 on Resolution A040 (Practical Guidance for Christian-Muslim Relations) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A040)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #28)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #6 on Resolution A037 (Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria) and moved adoption.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A037)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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:

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

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #37)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #2 on Resolution C029 (Supporting a Clean Energy Future) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

### Original Text of Resolution

(C029)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.~~

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Referred**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #3 on Resolution A022 (Support the Anglican Communion Forest Initiative) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #24)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #4 on Resolution B005 (Bold Churchwide Action toward Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030) and moved no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #32)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented Report #6 on Resolution D029 (Commit to the 30x30 Initiative for Biodiversity) and moved to adopt with substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D029)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention direct Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church to adopt the 30x30 target in the report from the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (also known as The Biodiversity Plan), to ensure 30% of land and water are conserved by 2030; and be it further

*Resolved*, That in order to support the 30x30 target goals, dioceses and congregations seek to collaborate with local communities, including other faith-based advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, and local and state governments to establish effective and responsible methods of land management; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopal Church leaders making decisions about church properties routinely and comprehensively consider the environmental repercussions of decisions about local and diocesan properties. Such decisions may include prioritizing native plant species to reduce irrigation needs and encourage pollinators; transforming open grass lawns into native plant meadows; and seeking to use environmentally friendly products and services in performing buildings and grounds upkeep (such as halting use of gas-powered leaf blowers and lawn mowers and environmentally toxic chemicals); and be it further

*Resolved*, That those who implement these practices and policies for protection and promotion of biodiversity report such efforts by submitting them to the Creation Care website (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>) thereby providing usable information and templates for Congregations, Dioceses, Provinces, and the Creation Care ministry of the Episcopal Church.

**Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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,
2. where reasonably feasible, onsite collection of stormwater for use onsite in dry weather and to reduce peak stormwater flows offsite during wet weather,
3. reduction in the use of irrigation, fertilizer, pesticides, and fossil fuel-fired equipment,
4. restoration of degraded areas, including appropriate reforestation efforts, and
5. 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.

That the 81st General Convention direct Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church to adopt the 30x30 target in the report from the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (also known as The Biodiversity Plan), to ensure 30% of land and water are conserved by 2030; and be it further

~~Resolved, That in order to support the 30x30 target goals, dioceses and congregations seek to collaborate with local communities, including other faith based advocacy groups, non profit organizations, and local and state governments to establish effective and responsible methods of land management; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That Episcopal Church leaders making decisions about church properties routinely and comprehensively consider the environmental repercussions of decisions about local and diocesan~~



properties. Such decisions may include prioritizing native plant species to reduce irrigation needs and encourage pollinators; transforming open grass lawns into native plant meadows; and seeking to use environmentally friendly products and services in performing buildings and grounds upkeep (such as halting use of gas-powered leaf blowers and lawn mowers and environmentally toxic chemicals); and be it further

~~Resolved, That those who implement these practices and policies for protection and promotion of biodiversity report such efforts by submitting them to the Creation Care website (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>) thereby providing usable information and templates for Congregations, Dioceses, Provinces, and the Creation Care ministry of the Episcopal Church.~~

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #48)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #7 on Resolution A084 (Join The Communion Forest Initiative) and moved to adopt with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A084)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention, in support of the Anglican Consultative Council resolution passed at ACC 18 in Ghana in February 2023, recognizes 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 General Convention commends 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.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention, ~~endorse in support of~~ 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. recognizes 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

~~recognizes 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 General Convention commends 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.~~

*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.*

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #31)

### **Title III Ministry**

The House of Bishops Title III Ministry Committee presented its Report #1 on Resolution A065 (Amend Canon III.1.3) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A065)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That Canon III.1.3 be amended as follows:

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies HB Message #21)

The House of Bishops Title III Ministry Committee presented its Report #3 on Resolution A059 (Create an Official List of Recognized Religious Orders and Christian Communities) and moved adoption.

### **Official Text of Resolution**

(A059)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

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.

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

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.*

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies HB Message #19)

The House of Bishops Title III Ministry Committee presented its report#4 on Resolution 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) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A061)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

## 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 .

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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.*~~

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies HB Message #20)

The House of Bishops Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report #5 on Resolution A070 (Research needs for the General Board of Examining Chaplains) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text**

(A070)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Committee on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to research the current level of need for the General Board of Examining Chaplains and propose adjustments to its make-up and membership to better align with that need.

### **Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Committee on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to research the *efficacy and necessity of the current level of need for 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.* ~~and propose adjustments to its make-up and membership to better align with that need.~~

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies HB Message #41)

A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar.

**End of Consent Calendar**

**Motion Carried  
Consent Calendar Adopted**

**Agenda of the Day**

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

**Motion Carried  
Agenda adopted**

**Presentation of the Official Youth Presence**

The official youth presence was asked to come forward and speak to the house. Eighteen youth from sixty applications were chosen to represent the youth, two from each province.

- Province I: Gabriella Entrican, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
  - Province I: Catherine Mansir, Episcopal Diocese of Maine
  - Province II: Meredith McKeever, Episcopal Diocese of Newark
- Province II: Gonzalo Lopez Hernandez, Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico
  - Province III: Abigayle Cheney, Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
- Province III: Zachary Wagner-Pizza, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
  - Province IV: Carsten Kennedy, Episcopal Diocese of Central Gulf Coast
    - Province IV: Evan Van Brunt, Episcopal Diocese of Florida
  - Province V: Anna Skidmore, Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan
    - Province V: Agol Anei, Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan
  - Province VI: Maimie Thomas, Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota
  - Province VI: Olivia Morin-Swanson, Episcopal Church in Minnesota
    - Province VII: Kyle Skinner, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas
  - Province VII: Eli Crowley y Contreras, Episcopal Diocese of Rio Grande
    - Province VIII: Solomon Galan, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles
    - Province VIII: Nicholas Livingston, Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii
  - Province IX: Dilanie Arzuza Hernandez, Episcopal Diocese of Colombia
    - Province IX: Santiago Perez Alvarez, Episcopal Diocese of Colombia

**Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Motion Carried**

**Enrollment of Bishops**

The Secretary called for Bishops who arrived after Roll Call to report to her at the end of the session.

### Communications from the Presiding Bishop

Addressing matters from the Court of Review for Bishops. Nominations are Bishop Shannon Duckworth, Diocese of Louisiana; Bishop Carlye Hughes, Diocese of Newark, and Bishop Jeremiah Williamson, Diocese of Albany.

**Motion Carried**

### Consent Calendar

Dispatch announced the Consent Calendar for Day Two of Legislation.

### Messages from the House of Deputies

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies with a note that some of the messages had been duplicated.

<i>HD Message #01</i>	X002 (Election of Secretary of the General Convention) Adopt
<i>HD Message #02</i>	A001 (General Convention Daily Agenda) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #03</i>	X001 (House of Deputies Special Orders for the 81st General Convention) Adopt HD Only
<i>HD Message #04</i>	X003 (Appointments to the Archives Advisory Committee) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #05</i>	X004 (Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry) Adopt
<i>HD Message #97</i>	A005 (Amend the House of Deputies Rules of Order by Adding a New Rule VII.F Referral to the Constitutions and Canons Legislative Committee) Adopt Substitute HD Only
<i>HD Message #06</i>	A068 (Amend Joint Rules of Order V.1) Adopt
<i>HD Message #07</i>	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) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #08</i>	A045 (Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Worshiping Communities) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #09</i>	A024 (Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements) Adopt Substitute
<i>HD Message #10</i>	A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) Adopt
<i>HD Message #11</i>	A054 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11, IV.12, and IV.13 regarding the Church Attorney) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #12</i>	A055 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11.1, and IV.17.2.e regarding Investigators) Adopt
<i>HD Message #13</i>	A056 (Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review) Adopt
<i>HD Message #14</i>	A058 (Amend Canons IV.6.8, IV.6.10, and IV.11.3 on Pastoral Response Without Disciplinary Action) Adopt

HD Message #15	A105 (Amend Canon IV.5.4.g) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #16	A106 (Amend Canon IV.15.5.a) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #17	A146 (Study of Lay Discipline for Elected and Appointed Offices) Adopt
HD Message #18	A007 (Invitation to CPF to Forecast Effects of Reduced Pension Assessment Obligations on Clergy Deployment and on Benefit Levels) Take No Further Action
HD Message #19	A008 (Study of Benefit Obligation Effects on Clergy and Lay Professional Deployment) Take No Further Action
HD Message #20	D018 (Task Force on Lay Pension Parity) Take No Further Action
HD Message #21	A138 (Task Force on Parity and Equity of Lay Compensation and Benefits) Reject
HD Message #22	A135 (Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy) Adopt Substitute
HD Message #23	A133 (Establishing a Taskforce for the Study of Fair Hiring Policies within The Episcopal Church) Refer to an Interim Body
HD Message #24	C010 (Access to Prison Ministries) Adopt
HD Message #25	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) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #26	D016 (Continued Funding of The Beloved Community) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #27	A050 (Publishing and Sharing Resources for Disability Access and Inclusion) Adopt
HD Message #28	A018 (Task Force on Pacifism and Just War) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #29	B004 (Commending Safe Gun Storage) Adopt
HD Message #30	C026 (Religious Liberty) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #31	D017 (Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence) Adopt
HD Message #48	A068 (Amend Joint Rules of Order V.1) Adopt
HD Message #32	D021 (Support for Child Labor Protections) Adopt
HD Message #33	A033 (Renew ECCAR) Take No Further Action
HD Message #34	A027 (Increase recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in church positions) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #35	A006 (Feasibility Study of a Fund to Pay Congregations' Future Benefit Obligations) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #36	D010 (The Creation of a Clergy Compensation Contribution Fund) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #37	A016 (Reaffirm and Commit to the Goal of a Permanent Location of an Archives for the Episcopal Church) Adopt Substitute
HD Message #38	A102 (Churchwide Education Efforts to Control Healthcare Costs) Adopt



<i>HD Message #39</i>	C014 (A Resolution to Enhance Access to the Denominational Health Plan) Reject
<i>HD Message #40</i>	A078 (Promote Equity and to Reduce Differences in Mental Health Outcomes) Adopt
<i>HD Message #41</i>	C030 (A Resolution to Create Safe Spaces) Reject
<i>HD Message #42</i>	A032 (Hire a Chief Equity Officer) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #43</i>	A097 (Developing a Common Framework for Anti-Racism Training) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #44</i>	A060 (Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) Adopt
<i>HD Message #45</i>	A062 (Amend Canon I.4.2.j Mutual Ministry Review) Adopt
<i>HD Message #46</i>	A041 (Create a Task Force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion Relationships) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #47</i>	D020 (A Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church) Adopt Substitute
<i>HD Message #49</i>	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) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #50</i>	A045 (Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Worshiping Communities) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #51</i>	A024 (Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements) Adopt Substitute
<i>HD Message #52</i>	A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) Adopt
<i>HD Message #53</i>	A054 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11, IV.12, and IV.13 regarding the Church Attorney) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #54</i>	A055 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11.1, and IV.17.2.e regarding Investigators) Adopt
<i>HD Message #55</i>	A056 (Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review) Adopt
<i>HD Message #56</i>	A058 (Amend Canons IV.6.8, IV.6.10, and IV.11.3 on Pastoral Response Without Disciplinary Action) Adopt
<i>HD Message #57</i>	A105 (Amend Canon IV.5.4.g) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #58</i>	A106 (Amend Canon IV.15.5.a) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #59</i>	A146 (Study of Lay Discipline for Elected and Appointed Offices) Adopt
<i>HD Message #60</i>	A007 (Invitation to CPF to Forecast Effects of Reduced Pension Assessment Obligations on Clergy Deployment and on Benefit Levels) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #61</i>	A008 (Study of Benefit Obligation Effects on Clergy and Lay Professional Deployment) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #62</i>	D018 (Task Force on Lay Pension Parity) Take No Further Action

HD Message #63	A138 (Task Force on Parity and Equity of Lay Compensation and Benefits) Reject
HD Message #64	A135 (Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy) Adopt Substitute
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HD Message #66	C010 (Access to Prison Ministries) Adopt
HD Message #67	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) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #68	D016 (Continued Funding of The Beloved Community) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #69	A050 (Publishing and Sharing Resources for Disability Access and Inclusion) Adopt
HD Message #70	A018 (Task Force on Pacifism and Just War) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #71	B004 (Commending Safe Gun Storage) Adopt
HD Message #72	C026 (Religious Liberty) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message #73	D017 (Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence) Adopt
HD Message #74	D021 (Support for Child Labor Protections) Adopt
HD Message #75	A033 (Renew ECCAR) Take No Further Action
HD Message #76	A027 (Increase recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in church positions) Adopt with Amendment
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HD Message #79	A016 (Reaffirm and Commit to the Goal of a Permanent Location of an Archives for the Episcopal Church) Adopt Substitute
HD Message #80	A102 (Churchwide Education Efforts to Control Healthcare Costs) Adopt
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HD Message #84	A032 (Hire a Chief Equity Officer) Take No Further Action
HD Message #85	A097 (Developing a Common Framework for Anti-Racism Training) Take No Further Action
HD Message #86	A060 (Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) Adopt
HD Message #87	A062 (Amend Canon I.4.2.j Mutual Ministry Review) Adopt

<i>HD Message #88</i>	A041 (Create a Task Force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion Relationships) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #89</i>	D020 (A Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church) Adopt Substitute
<i>HD Message #90</i>	A149 (Amending daily session schedule for House of Deputies) Adopt with Amendment HD Only
<i>HD Message #91</i>	A150 (Amending the motion to suspend the HOD rules of order) Adopt HD Only
<i>HD Message #92</i>	A151 (Removal from the Consent Calendar in the House of Deputies) Reject
<i>HD Message #93</i>	A154 (Presubmission of Amendments in the House of Deputies) Reject
<i>HD Message #94</i>	A153 (Change to House of Deputies Debate Rules) Adopt with Amendment HD Only
<i>HD Message #95</i>	A155 (Update the House of Deputies Rules Upon a Different Convention Schedule) Adopt HD Only
<i>HD Message #96</i>	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) Adopt with Amendment HD Only
<i>HD Message #98</i>	A013 (Amending HoD Rule of Order XIV [Recording Vote Totals in the Journal]) Adopt Substitute HD Only
<i>HD Message #99</i>	D008 (Protection of Water “Ola i Ka Wai - Water is Life”) Adopt
<i>HD Message #100</i>	D014 (Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #101</i>	A170 (Greetings to Bonnie Anderson) Adopt HD Only
<i>HD Message #102</i>	A171 (Greetings to The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings) Adopt HD Only
<i>HD Message #103</i>	A172 (Express Appreciation for the Official Youth Presence) Adopt HD Only
<i>HD Message #104</i>	A173 (Express Gratitude for The Rev. Edward W. Rodman) Adopt HD Only
<i>HD Message #105</i>	A174 (Commemorate Diocesan Anniversaries) Adopt HD Only

### Official Acts of the Presiding Bishop

The Official Acts of the Presiding Bishop were filed with the Secretary of the General Convention.

### Balloting

The Chair of the House of Dispatch invited everyone to log into the voting platform.

### Election of Bishop Members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops

**Ballot #1 Taken**

Dispatch announced those elected on the first ballot:

Bishop Megan Traquair, Diocese of Northern California

Bishop Brian Cole, Diocese of East Tennessee

Bishop Thomas Brown, Diocese of Maine

Bishop Martha Stebbins, Diocese of Montana

Bishop Wendell Gibbs, Resigned Diocese of Michigan

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Bishop Betsey Monnot, Diocese of Iowa

Bishop Mark Stevenson, Diocese of Virginia

Bishop Kathryn Ryan, Diocese of Texas

Bishop Frank Logue, Diocese of Georgia (Alternate)

**Voice Vote Taken  
All Elected as a Slate**

**Recognition**

The Vice President recognized the consecration anniversaries of Bishop David Jones, Resigned, Diocese of Virginia and Bishop Sally French, Diocese of New Jersey

The House of Bishops recognized them with applause.

**Constitution & Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #21 on Resolution A072 (Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church [Of the Book of Common Prayer – Second Reading]) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A072)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 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.*

**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.

Discussion ensued.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards, Diocese of Upper South Carolina made a motion to amend paragraph 16 to: “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~~ **81st** 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~~ **82nd** 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~~ **10,000** be made to support the work of the working group.”

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Rejected  
Amendment Rejected**

Continued discussion ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown, Diocese of Delaware made a motion to end debate.

A vote was taken on the motion.

**Motion Carried  
Debate Terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution A072.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

### Introduction

The Vice President welcomed Anglican guests, who were introduced via a pre-recorded video. The guests included:

The Most. Rev. Brent Alawas	Primate of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most. Rev. (Juan) David Alvarado	Archbishop of IARCA (Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America)
The Most Rev. Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto	Archbishop of the IEAB (Igreja Episocopal Anglicana do Brasil)
The Rev. Canon. Rachel Carnegie	Executive Director of the Anglican Alliance
The Most. Rev. Enrique Treviño Cruz	Primate of the Anglican Church of Mexico
The Rt. Rev. Dickson Chilongani	Dean of Anglican Church of Tanzania, Bishop of Central Tanganyika
The Rev. Canon. Michael Hughes	General Secretary of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
The Ven. Carole Hughes	Archdeacon of the Diocese of Auckland
The Rev. Canon. Hilda Kabia	Dean, Msalato Theological College
Atty Floyd Lalwet	Provincial Secretary of the Province of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines
The Most. Rev. Thabo Makgoba	Primate of the Church of Southern Africa
The Very. Rev. David Monteith	Dean of Canterbury Cathedral
The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray	Diocesan Bishop of Panama
The Rt. Rev. Farai Mutamiri	Dean and Bishop of Harare, designee of the Most Rev. Albert Chama
The Most. Rev. Hosam Naoum	Archbishop of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem
The Most. Rev. Linda Nicholls	Primate of Canada
The Ven. Alan Perry	General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada
The Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo	General Secretary of the Anglican Communion

The Rt. Rev. James Bombo Sellee	Diocesan of Liberia
The Rt. Rev. Debbie Sellin	Bishop of Peterborough, Church of England
The Most. Rev. Mark Strange	Primus of Scotland
Sophia Swallow	Spanish Interpreter
The Most. Rev. Don Tamihere	Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia
Provincial Secretary Christina Winnischofer	Provincial Secretary of the Province of Brazil, General to Archbishop Bassotto, and Portuguese interpreter

**Break**

Dispatch recommended a break of 15 minutes until 3:33 p.m.

**Reconvene**

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

**Motion to Reconsider**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Southeast Florida moved to reconsider Resolution D006.

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on the motion.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Reconsidered**

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

**Reconsideration of Resolution D006****Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Southeast Florida made a motion to amend the resolution to delete everything after the word community in paragraph four, *“which is due in large part to the pressures of Israeli governmental policies and practices of a discriminatory nature, and to the effects of military occupation, which are supported and promoted by Christian Zionist organizations in the U.S.; and be it further”*.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried**

**Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Southeast Florida made a motion to delete entire paragraph five completely. *“Resolved, that the Episcopal Church, through the work of the Office of Government Relations, and in all appropriate forums, challenge the granting of tax-exempt status to religious organizations engaged in Christian Zionist advocacy and activity that contribute to the oppression of Palestinians in the Holy Land.”*

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried**

A vote was taken on Resolution D006 as amended.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #72)

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #10 on Resolution A049 (Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues and Membership in Ecumenical/Interfaith Organizations) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A049)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That this 81st General Convention affirms 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 as the United Methodist Church's General Conference meets in 2024 after a four-year hiatus, this Convention joyfully anticipates 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 be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention encourages all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the substance of the dialogue and its goal of full communion. Resources can be found on the websites of The Episcopal Church (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/ecumenical-interreligious/united-methodist-episcopal-dialogue/>), the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers ([edeio.org](http://edeio.org)), and [umc-tec.org](http://umc-tec.org), a website supporting full communion between the United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord's fervent wish "that all may be one."

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 as the United Methodist Church's General Conference meets in 2024 after a four year hiatus, that~~ 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; ~~Resources can be found on the websites of The Episcopal Church (https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/ecumenical-interreligious/united-methodist-episcopal-dialogue/), the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (edeio.org), and umc-tec.org, a website supporting full communion between the United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church;~~ and be it further*

*Resolved, That this Convention 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.*

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #73)

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry invited The Rt. Rev. Gregory Palmer, The United Methodist, to come forward to speak on the passing of this passed resolution.

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #6 on Resolution C016 (Amend Canon III.12 to Provide for the Transfer of Bishops to Churches in Communion) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(C016)

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*That the General Convention amend Canon III.12 to add a new Section 7 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections:*

*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.12.7 shall be followed.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #74)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #9 on Resolution A017 (Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses [Of Admission of New Diocese – Second Reading]) and moved adoption.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A071)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

*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:

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~~ 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 ~~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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #16 on Resolution D045 (Task Force for Reviewing Intellectual Property of the Church) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D045)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #76)

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee #3, Governance and Structure presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Jeff	Chair	2024	Texas, VII
Hunn, The Rt. Rev. Michael C.B.	Vice-Chair	2024	Rio Grande, VII
Kendrick, The Rt. Rev. J. Russell	Secretary	2024	Central Gulf Coast, IV
Monnot, The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth	Member	2024	Iowa, VI
Skelton, The Rt. Rev. Melissa	Member	2024	Olympia, VIII
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #27 on Resolution A062 (Amend Canon I.4.2.j Mutual Ministry Review) and moved concurrence.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution Rejected**

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

**World Mission**

The House of Bishops Committee #4, World Mission presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Ashby, The Rt. Rev. Lucinda	Chair	2024	El Camino Real, VIII
Van Koevering, The Rt. Rev. Mark	Vice-Chair	2024	Lexington, IV
Sumner, Jr., The Rt. Rev. George R.	Secretary	2024	Dallas, VII
Monterroso, The Right Rev. Hector	Member	2024	Texas, VII
Quiñonez, Bishop Juan Carlos	Member	2024	Central Ecuador, IX

The House of Bishops World Mission presented its Report #9 on Resolution A085 (Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A085)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the General Convention commend the dioceses who have appointed a Global Mission Advocate pursuant to Resolution A016 from the 80<sup>th</sup> 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 a budget allocation of \$75,000 to financially support the in-person gathering in the next triennium of the Global Mission Advocates Network.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the General Convention commend the dioceses who have appointed a Global Mission Advocate pursuant to Resolution A016 from the 80<sup>th</sup> 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 a ~~budget allocation~~ of the Executive Council to allocate \$75,000 to financially support the in-person gathering in the next triennium of the Global Mission Advocates Network.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas, Diocese of Southwestern Virginia made a motion to amend paragraph five to change the allocation from \$75,000 to \$10,000.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution A085.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #79)

### **Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #22 on Resolution D075 (The Immediate Release of Ms. Layan Nasir, 24 from Administrative Detention in Israel) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D075)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #78)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #24 on Resolution D056 (Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D056)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention decries the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza, and the attacks of October 7th by Hamas against Israeli civilians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we also lament the ongoing complicity of the United States, of which many of us are citizens, in the continuing devastation in Gaza, and we accept the call of Christ to be makers of peace in the midst of a culture that encourages violence and war; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the presiding officers set aside a specific day in the upcoming year as a day of fasting, prayer, and mourning for the lives lost in Israel/Palestine in this genocide; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all members of this church are urged to contact their elected representatives in Congress to ask for a comprehensive 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 ask their elected representatives to call for a moratorium on offensive arms sales or transfers to Israel until such time as Israel comes into compliance with settled international law regarding territorial expansion by force; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the members of this church are 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~decries~~ *decry* the ongoing genocide by the Israeli government against the Palestinian people in Gaza, and the attacks of October 7th by Hamas against Israeli civilians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That ~~we~~ *the 81st General Convention* also lament the ongoing complicity of the United States, of which many of us are citizens, in the continuing devastation in Gaza, and ~~we~~ accept the call of Christ to be makers of peace in the midst of a culture that encourages violence and war; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the presiding officers set aside a specific day in the upcoming year as a day of fasting, prayer, and mourning for the lives lost in Israel/Palestine in this genocide; and be it further



*Resolved*, That all members of this church ~~are~~ be urged to contact their elected representatives in Congress to ask for a comprehensive 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 ask their elected representatives to call for a moratorium on offensive arms sales or transfers to Israel until such time as Israel comes into compliance with settled international law regarding territorial expansion by force; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the members of this church ~~are~~ 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.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Martha Stebbins, Diocese of Montana made a motion to change “genocide” to “plausible genocide.”

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Southeast Florida made a motion to postpone this resolution to a time certain.

**Motion Carried  
Consideration Postponed**

[Ed. Note: Consideration of resolution D056 was resumed on June 25, 2024 (Day 3).]

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #26 on Resolution D062 (Support and Solidarity with Armenia) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D062)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 genocide; 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, including but not limited to sanctions on Azerbaijan and other regional actors, humanitarian relief to Armenia, and diplomatic interventions.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 ~~genocide~~ *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, including but not limited to sanctions on Azerbaijan and other regional actors, humanitarian relief to Armenia, and diplomatic interventions.

**Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Diocese of Southeast FL made a motion to remove the clause in paragraph five “including but not limited to sanctions on Azerbaijan and other regional actors.”

A vote was taken on the Amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution Do62.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #81)

**Social Justice & United States Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee #7, Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Akiyama, The Rt. Rev. Diana	Chair	2024	Oregon, VIII
Lattime, The Rt. Rev. Mark	Vice-Chair	2024	Alaska, VIII
MacVean-Brown, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon	Secretary	2024	Vermont, I
Clark, The Rt. Rev. Paula	Member	2024	Chicago, V
Glasspool, The Rt. Rev. Mary	Member	2024	New York, II
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & United States Policy presented its Report #25 on Resolution B004 (Commending Safe Gun Storage) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution B004.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

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

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(B004)

*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.*

### **Recess**

The Presiding Bishop asked everyone to return at 5:00 after a short break.

### **Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 5:02 p.m.

### **Welcome to Bishop-Elect**

The Presiding Bishop welcomed Bishop Elect, the Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, Bishop-Elect of Rochester.

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee #10, Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #01 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Curry, The Rt. Rev. Glenda	Chair	2024	Alabama, IV
Gunter, The Rt. Rev. Matthew A.	Vice-Chair	2024	Fond du Lac, V
Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew	Secretary	2024	Texas, VII
Morales, The Rt. Rev. Rafael	Member	2024	Puerto Rico, II
Reddall, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer	Member	2024	Arizona, VIII
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #9 on Resolution A113 (Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A113)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That Bishops be encouraged to permit Rite I liturgies to be adapted to the contemporary idiom.

#### **Committee Substitution**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.*

~~That Bishops be encouraged to permit Rite I liturgies to be adapted to the contemporary idiom.~~

**Motion carried**

**Substitute resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #82)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #10 on Resolution A109 (Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A109)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention commend the liturgical materials lamenting the historic evil of slavery and celebrating the emancipation of enslaved peoples on Juneteenth in the United States made available by the SCLM at [episcopalcommonprayer.org](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the SCLM continue to 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](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org).

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention *direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to make available at [episcopalcommonprayer.org](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org) ~~commend the~~ liturgical materials it has collected* lamenting the historic evil of slavery and celebrating the emancipation of enslaved peoples on Juneteenth in the United States ~~made available by the SCLM at [episcopalcommonprayer.org](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org)~~; 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](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org).

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall made a motion to amend the resolution to remove “Juneteenth in the United States made available by the SCLM at [episcopalcommonprayer.org](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org)”, in the second paragraph.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution Amended**

A vote was taken on Resolution A109.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #83)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #12 on Resolution A114 (Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A114)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C, (Expansive Language) in two versions: dialogic and fixed response, for use throughout this church, subject to consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical authority; 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 the Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C, (Expansive Language) – both versions – be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C – both versions (Expansive Language) 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 The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C (Expansive Language) – both versions - among the dioceses and congregations of this church.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

~~That the 81st General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C, (Expansive Language) in two versions: dialogic and fixed response, for use throughout this church, subject to consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical authority; and be it further~~

*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 the Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C, (Expansive Language) – both versions – 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 The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C – both versions (Expansive Language) – 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 The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C (Expansive Language) – both versions – 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.*

Motion made to move to a time certain.

**Motion carried**

*[Ed. Note: Consideration of resolution A114 was resumed later in this session]*

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #13 on Resolution C032 (A Prayer to Remember the Innocents) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C032)

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses 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 receives 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*

*Ohiḡni wičhaunḡkiksuyapi 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 forever. 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 designate September 30 or another 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 to prepare appropriate biblical lessons, collects and other liturgical resources commemorating the lives and suffering of these children; and be it further*

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to report back to the 82nd General Convention with its recommendation for the inclusion of this commemoration in the church calendar and Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses 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 receives 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

Ohiḡni wičhaunḡkiksuyapi 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 consider designate September 30 to determine another 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 ;and be it further

~~*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to report back to the 82nd General Convention with its recommendation for the inclusion of this commemoration in the church calendar and Lesser Feasts and Fasts.~~

Debate ensued

**Motion carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #84)



The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #14 on Resolution A115 (Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A115)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention, authorize for use until the 82nd General Convention, with the consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical authority, the alternative texts for the Good Friday Liturgy for use throughout the church, with the consent of the ecclesiastical authority; 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 ongoing use of the alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy among the dioceses and congregations of this church.

### **Committee Substitution**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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. The In the reading from Hebrews (4:14-16, 5:5-7), currently an option in the Book of Common Prayer, the image on 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.

~~That the 81st General Convention, authorize for use until the 82nd General Convention, with the consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical authority, the alternative texts for the Good Friday Liturgy for use throughout the church, with the consent of the ecclesiastical authority; 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 ongoing use of the alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy among the dioceses and congregations of this church.~~

**Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #15 on Resolution A111 (Develop resources and models for online/in person hybrid worship) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A111)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$50,000 during the triennium for the work outlined above.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 ~~Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of the~~ Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$50,000 during the triennium for the work outlined above.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn, Rio Grande made a motion to change the allocation from \$50,000 to \$10,000.

A vote on the motion was made.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote on Resolution A111 was taken.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #16 on Resolution A131 (Creation of a Supplement to The Hymnal 1982) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A131)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work with Church Publishing Incorporated during the forthcoming triennium to develop a new hymnal supplement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$ 750,000 be appropriated for this work.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.*

**Motion Defeated  
Resolution Rejected**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #17 on Resolution A130 (Developing alternative hymn texts) and moved adoption with amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A130)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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 problematic wording to be made available to congregations for their use with permission from their bishop and to be published by Church Publishing Incorporated; and be it further

*Resolved*, That efforts begun in the last triennium to identify and create such alternative texts be expanded to include communities that do not use the English language; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated for this work.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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 ~~problematic wording~~ colonialist, racist, white supremacist, imperialistic, and nationalistic language, as identified in Resolution 2022-A126; ~~to be made available to congregations for their use with permission from their bishop and to be published by Church Publishing Incorporated;~~ 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](http://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 sum of \$200,000 be appropriated for this work. That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$200,000 for this work.*

Discussion ensued.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards, Upper South Carolina made a motion to replace the allocation of \$200,000 with an allocation of \$50,000.

A vote on the amendment was taken.

**Motion carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution A130. Voice and visual vote were inconclusive. A digital vote was taken.

**Motion carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #88)

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House resumed debate on Resolution A114 (Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C). The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented their amended resolution.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*That the 81st General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C, (Expansive Language) in two versions: dialogic and fixed response, for use throughout this church, subject to consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical authority; and be it further*

*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 the ~~Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C, (Expansive Language) — both versions~~ 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 ~~The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C — both versions (Expansive Language)~~ 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 ~~The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Prayer C (Expansive Language) — both versions~~ these texts among the dioceses and congregations of this church, *and report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further*

Resolved, the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$9000 for translation.

A vote was taken on the resolution as amended.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #20 on Resolution C018 (Amend Title II, Canon 3 to Retain a Printed Form of the Book of Common Prayer) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

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

The secretary made a motion to recess for the evening.

### **Announcements**

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, Maine made a short announcement.

### **Prayers**

The Chaplains provided a prayer and song to close the session.

### **Recess**

The House recessed at 5:46 p.m.

**Third Day****Tuesday June 25, 2024****AFTERNOON SESSION****Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:06 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

**Devotions**

Devotions were led by chaplains, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey and Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Announcements**

The Parliamentarian gave announcements and recognized the birthday of Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams; the consecration anniversary of the Rt. Rev. George Young, the Rt. Rev. Doug Sparks, and the Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan; and the anniversaries of James and Lillian Ottley, today, and Barry and Mary Howe on Wednesday, June 26.

**Consent Calendar**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved adoption of the Consent Calendar.

**Consent Calendar****Constitution & Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #10 on Resolution A066 (Amend Canon V.1 to create a Custodian for the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A066)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That Canon V.1 is amended as follows

*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.* 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.*

~~Sec. 6. 7. All Canons enacted during the General Convention of 1943, and thereafter, by the General Convention, 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.~~

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #94)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #12 on Resolution D072 (Amend Canon I.6.5 to Provide for Mission-Driven Data Strategies Regarding the Vitality of the Church) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D072)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.6.5 to add item c as follows:

*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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Rejected**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #13 on Resolution D073 (Procedure for Reconciliation: Amend Canon 1.17.6) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D073)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 1.17.6; and be it further;

*Resolved*, That canon 1.17.6 be amended as follows:

**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 in writing within sixty days of the appeal and which shall also specify the steps required for readmission to Holy Communion.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Rejected**

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

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #26 on Resolution A060 (Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #98)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A060)

*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.

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<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.

### **Social Justice & International Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & International Policy presented its Report #25 on Resolution Do60 (Support For a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti) and moved to adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Do60)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the Episcopal Church laments the current situation in Haiti resulting in an environment of political chaos, insecurity and fear for many Haitians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopal Church 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;
  - 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 work with the clergy of Haiti to bring a Bishop's presence to Haiti; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church stands with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti through prayer and listening, to support them and assist in their needs.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the Episcopal Church ~~laments~~ *laments* 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 ~~stands~~ *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.*

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & United States Policy presented its Report #19 on Resolution A018 (Task Force on Pacifism and Just War) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #95)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A018)

**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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & United States Policy presented its Report #20 on Resolution C026 (Religious Liberty) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House concurred**

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

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(C026)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & United States Policy presented its Report #23 on Resolution D008 (Protection of Water “Ola i Ka Wai - Water is Life”) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House concurred**

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

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D008)

**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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice & United States Policy presented its Report #24 on Resolution D014 (Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #101)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D014)

*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 allocat 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.*

**Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music presented its Report #11 on Resolution D046 (The Commemoration of Sister Sophi and her companions, the Deaconesses of The Order of St. Katherine, of the Appleton Church Home) and moved to refer to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D046)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 proper:

Sister Sophi and her companions, founders of the Appleton Deaconess house

Suggested date of Commemoration: September 15 [Sophi’s birthday]

**Motion Carried****The House concurred with referral to an Interim Body**

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

**Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations presented its Report #7 on Resolution A159 (Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues and Membership in Ecumenical/Interfaith Organizations) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A159)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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).

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

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #91)

A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar.

### **End of Consent Calendar**

#### **Agenda of the Day**

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

**Motion Carried  
Agenda adopted**

#### **Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Motion Carried**

#### **Enrollment of Bishops**

The Secretary called for Bishops who arrived after Roll Call to report to her at the end of the session.

Bishop James Ottley, Long Island Resigned, is now the most senior bishop at General Convention.

#### **Appointments to the Board of Archives**

The Presiding Bishop announced his appointment to the Board of Archives, The Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby, Diocese of Western Louisiana.

A voice vote was taken.

**Motion Carried**

The Presiding Bishop announced appointments to the Board of Transition Ministry: The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, Diocese of West Tennessee and The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Diocese of Georgia.

A voice vote was taken.

**Motion Carried**

The Presiding Bishop announced the appointment for the Historiographer: The Rev. Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook.

A voice vote was taken.

**Motion Carried**

The Presiding Bishop announced the appointment to the Recorder of Ordination: Church Pension Group

A voice vote was taken.

**Motion Carried**



[Ed. Note: The House of Deputies confirmed these appointments in X017, X018, X019, and X020 on June 28, 2024 (Day 6)]

### Communications from the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop gave a reminder regarding thanking the volunteers.

### Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for Day three of Legislation.

### Messages from the House of Deputies

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

<i>HD Message #107:</i>	A017 (Creation of a Staff Position for Director of LGBTQI and Women's Ministries) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #108:</i>	A019 (Create a Task Force on Senior Wellness and Positive Aging) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #109:</i>	A023 (Authorize and Support the use of the Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #110:</i>	A144 (Review the Application of Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #111:</i>	A081 (Combat Rising Religious Nationalism) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #112:</i>	A082 (Support the Episcopal Veterans Network) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #113:</i>	C035 (End the Practice of Labor Trafficking of Migrant Youth) Adopt
<i>HD Message #114:</i>	A020 (Establish a Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism) Refer to an Interim Body
<i>HD Message #115:</i>	C005 (Conversations Concerning the Relationships Between Dioceses and their Province) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #116:</i>	D068 (Addressing the Increase in Gambling) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #117:</i>	A166 (Registration of Firearms; Licensing of Firearm Sellers, Buyers, and Users; Use of Taggants) Adopt
<i>HD Message #118:</i>	D027 (Addressing Traffic Fatalities) Adopt
<i>HD Message #119:</i>	D057 (Advocate for Housing Solutions) Adopt
<i>HD Message #120:</i>	D067 (Support Temporary Protected Status) Adopt
<i>HD Message #121:</i>	A167 (Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands) Adopt
<i>HD Message #122:</i>	D028 (Close Guantánamo Bay Prison) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #123:</i>	C006 (Conversations Concerning the Relationship Between The Episcopal Church and Provinces) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #124:</i>	C007 (Support for the Provinces as Part of The Episcopal Church Structure) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #125:</i>	C034 (Support for the Provinces as Part of TEC Structure) Take No Further Action

<i>HD Message #126:</i>	A073 (A Standing Commission for Human Health and Wellness) Refer to an Interim Body
<i>HD Message #127:</i>	Do63 (On Mandatory Diocesan Assessment) Refer to an Interim Body
<i>HD Message #128:</i>	Co37 (Working for Equity, Support, and Protection of All LGBTQIA+ Anglicans) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #129:</i>	Do66 (Creating a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+) Adopt
<i>HD Message #130:</i>	A137 (Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #132:</i>	Co08 (Review Diocesan Assessments) Reject

### **Balloting**

The Chair of the House of Dispatch invited everyone to log into the voting platform.

### **Election of Bishop Members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop**

**Ballot #1 Taken**

Jennifer Baskerville Burrows, Diocese of Indianapolis

Phoebe Roaf, Diocese of West Tennessee

Mark Lattime, Diocese of Alaska

Mariann Budde, Diocese of Washington

Jose McLoughlin, Diocese of Western North Carolina

[Ed note: The House of Deputies confirmed this election in X021 on June 28, 2024 (Day 6)]

### **Confirmation of the Election of Secretary of General Convention**

**Voice Vote Taken**

The Rev. Cn. Michael Barlowe

[Ed note: The House of Deputies passed X002 on June 24, 2024 (Day 1)]

### **Special Order of Business A101 (Revise DHP Pricing Structures for Equitable Access)**

The Rt Rev. Susan Brown Snook gave a presentation regarding the work of the task force and answered questions along with the committee.

Debate ensued.

### **Agencies and Boards**

The House of Bishops Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #14 on Resolution A101 (Revise DHP Pricing Structures for Equitable Access) and moved to adopt with amendment.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #102)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A101)

**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).**

**Social Justice and International Policy**

Discussion continued on Resolution D056 (Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza).

**Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor, Diocese Los Angeles moved to amend the resolution:

~~That the 81st General Convention decries decry the ongoing genocide by the Israeli government against the Palestinian people in Gaza, and the attacks of October 7th by Hamas against Israeli civilians; 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 ~~we~~ *the 81st General Convention* also lament the ongoing complicity of the United States, of which many of us are citizens, *and other nations of the world*, in the continuing devastation in Gaza, and ~~we~~ accept the call of Christ to be makers of peace in the midst of ~~a culture that encourages~~ violence and war; and be it further

~~Resolved, That the presiding officers set aside a specific day in the upcoming year as a day of fasting, prayer, and mourning for the lives lost in Israel/Palestine in this genocide; 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 ~~are~~ 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 ask their elected representatives to call for a moratorium on offensive arms sales or transfers to Israel until such time as Israel comes into compliance with settled international law regarding territorial expansion by force; and be it further~~

Resolved, That the members of this church ~~are~~ 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.”

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Southeast Florida moved to amend the amendment.

In paragraph 5, after the phrase at “urgent prayers...” add “that a way be found as soon as possible for the establishment of a pathway to a secure peace both for Israel and Palestine and the renewal of work towards a two-state solution”.

Debate ensued

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Diocese of Washington made a motion to end debate on the amendment and on the resolution.

**Motion Carried**

The amendment to the amendment was restated.

A vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment.

**Motion Defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

A vote was taken on Resolution D056 as amended.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #103)

### **Introduction and Welcome to our International Guests**

The Presiding Bishop asked everyone to stand and welcome international guests. This was followed by a video of welcome.

In video:

Bishop Karin Johannesson, Church of Sweden  
 Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada  
 Bishop Susan Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada  
 Dr. Maria Stettner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria  
 Obispo Maximo Joel Ocop Porlares Iglesia Filipina Independiente  
 The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 Bishop Vashti McKenzie National Council of Churches  
 Bishop Teresa Snorton Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
 The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller Moravian Church in America  
 Bishop Gregory Palmer The United Methodist Church  
 Dr. Tarunjit Butalia Singh Religions for Peace (USA)  
 The Rev. Dr. Monica Schaap Christian Churches Together  
 Rev. Dr. Protobresbyter Nicolas Kazarian Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
 The Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian The Armenian Church  
 Dr. Mohammed Elsanousi Religious and Trad Peacemakers  
 Teresa Elwood The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Bishop Wendell Gibbs read the additional names of the guests present in the galley.

Dr. Maria Stettner, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bavaria  
 Bishop Dindo Ranojo Iglesia Filipina Independiente  
 The Rev. Dr. Betsey Miller, Moravian Church in America  
 Becca Tyvoll, The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign  
 Teresa Elwood, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

### **Recess**

Dispatch suggested a break, the Presiding Bishop recessed the House for fifteen minutes.

### **Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:36 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

### **Announcements**

Dispatch had an announcement from the Chaplains regarding the closing service.

### **Title IV Disciplinary**

The House of Bishops Committee #18, Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
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Rowe, The Rt. Rev. Sean	Chair	2024	Northwestern Pennsylvania, III
Haynes, The Rt. Rev. Susan	Vice-Chair	2024	Southern Virginia, III
Knisely, The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas	Secretary	2024	Rhode Island, I
Fitzpatrick, Rt. Rev. Robert	Member	2024	Hawaii, VIII
Scanlan, The Rt. Rev. Audrey	Member	2024	Central Pennsylvania, III
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #23 on Resolution A054 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11, IV.12, and IV.13 regarding the Church Attorney) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #104)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A054)

*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.

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**<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.

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<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.

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<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.

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<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.*

**€ 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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #24 on Resolution A055 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11.1, and IV.17.2.e regarding Investigators) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #105)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A055)

**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.

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**<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.

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<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.

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<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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #25 on Resolution A056 (Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

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

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A056)

*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.

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**<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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #26 on Resolution A058 (Amend Canons IV.6.8, IV.6.10, and IV.11.3 on Pastoral Response Without Disciplinary Action) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

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

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A058)

*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.

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**<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.

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**<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.



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<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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #27 on Resolution A105 (Amend Canon IV.5.4.g) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

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

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A105)

*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.

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<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.~~

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #28 on Resolution A106 (Amend Canon IV.15.5.a) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

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

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A106)

**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.

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**<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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #29 on Resolution A146 (Study of Lay Discipline for Elected and Appointed Offices) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

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

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A146)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #30 on Resolution A024 (Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
House Concurred**

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

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A024)

**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.

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**<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.*

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #15 on Resolution D049 (Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D049)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,  
That Article II of the Constitution is amended as follows:

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #20 on Resolution Boo8 (Amend Canon II.3.6.a and II.4 to clarify authorization of liturgies) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Boo8)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,  
That Canon II.3.6.a shall be amended as follows:

**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, *having first been proposed by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*, 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.

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:

#### **Canon 4: Of the Types of Supplemental Liturgical Texts**

*Article X of the Constitution defines what is the Book of Common Prayer and what is eligible for Trial Use as a step towards inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer. Supplemental Liturgical Texts shall mean those texts that are available for use in this church but are not the Common Prayer of this church. In addition to the Book of Common Prayer 1979 and Prayer Book Trial Use, as defined by this church's Constitution, additional supplemental liturgical resources may be set forth by the authority of this Church and used with the permission of the bishop diocesan.*

**Sec. 1.** *Authorization and Use of Liturgical Resources Supplemental to the Book of Common Prayer*  
*The General Convention at any one meeting, by a majority of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies, voting by orders may approve supplemental liturgical resources for use by this Church; having first been duly approved by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for this sole purpose.*

- a.** Each supplemental liturgical material approved by the General Convention will be designated as Supplemental Additional Resources (available for use without permission of the bishop diocesan) or Supplemental Alternative Resources (requiring permission of the bishop diocesan).
- b.** Those Supplemental Additional Resources reviewed and authorized may be used for public worship by the ministers of this church. These include a Book of Occasional Services as a collection of Supplemental Texts in addition to the Book of Common Prayer, which may be authorized for use throughout this Church without permission of the bishop. It may also include propers for the celebration of lesser feasts and fasts, as well as a lectionary for the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which may be authorized for optional use throughout this Church.
- c.** When proposing liturgical resources pursuant to this canon, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall use *The Principles to Guide the Development of Liturgical Texts and The Guidelines for Expansive and Inclusive Language* adopted by the General Convention of this Church.
- d.** 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.
- e.** All supplemental liturgical resources will be made available without copyright using digital means to provide access to the wider church.
- f.** Once approved by the General Convention, supplemental liturgical resources may be removed by an act of convention.
- g.** If at such time as a previously approved supplemental liturgical resource authorized by act of convention under this canon is to be considered for common prayer usage – that is as Trial Use and common worship without the approval of the bishop diocesan – said liturgy must be brought to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to begin the process for Trial Use approval as defined by the constitution of this church.
- h.** A Trial Use period must precede the first reading for any material to be amended or added to the Book of Common Prayer.

**Sec. 2. 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.
- 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 Ecclesiastical Authority.
- c.** Any liturgies authorized for regular use by any Church in full communion with this Church may be used with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

**Sec. 3. Use of Other Eucharistic Prayers and Liturgies not authorized by The Episcopal Church**

A Eucharistic Prayer that is neither Rite One or Rite Two, may be authorized for seasonal use on Sunday provided it follows *An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist* (Book of Common Prayer 1979 pp.400-405) and that it has been submitted in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority in advance for approval.

**Sec. 4 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 diocesan.

**Sec. 5 Authorized Lectionary**

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 may amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.

**Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That Canon II.3.6. shall be amended to add sections b, c, and d as follows:

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.

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.4.a.

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.

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:

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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. Once approved by the General Convention, Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources may be removed by an act of the General Convention.
- g. 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.

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.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #22 on Resolution A043 (Amend Constitution Article VIII regarding Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A043)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

*Of Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships*

*An ordained minister in good standing of one of the constituent denominations serving in a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the ministry is located to serve as an ordained minister of this Church within that specific ministry and as governed by the relevant canons.*

**Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

*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 serving in a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the ministry is located to serve as an ordained minister of this Church ~~on a temporary basis~~ within that specific ministry and as governed by the relevant canons.*

**Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin, Diocese of Long Island made a motion to amend the resolution to read "That the 81st General Convention amend Article VIII of the Constitution by adding the following paragraph at the end of the existing article:

*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.*

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



~~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 serving in a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the ministry is located to serve as an ordained minister of this Church on a temporary basis within that specific ministry and as governed by the relevant canons.”~~

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on the amended resolution.

**Motion Carried  
Amended Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #23 on Resolution A108 (Proposal of Changes to Title I, Canon 17) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A108)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,  
That Title I, Canon 17 be amended as follows:  
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~~ *older*, or who have been confirmed or received, are to be considered ~~adult members~~ *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 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 throughout the Church, communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered adult communicants.~~

~~Sec. 3.~~ Sec. 2. 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. 3. A person who is active in the life of this Church through worship, giving, and program participation, but whose official membership remains elsewhere is to be considered an Associate Member. An associate member may serve in leadership at the discretion of their local canons and bylaws.

Sec. 4.

~~a. A member~~ Member of this Church ~~removing from the congregation in which that person's membership is recorded~~ shall procure a Letter of Transfer to transfer their Certificate of Membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. ~~certificate of membership~~ 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;~~

1. ~~is~~ is recorded as being ~~in good standing~~ a Communicant in Good Standing;

2. ~~is~~ 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 that the person has been duly recorded as a ~~member~~ Member of the new congregation. ~~Whereupon~~ At that time the person's removal shall be noted in the parish register of the congregation which issued the ~~certificate~~ Letter of Transfer.

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 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.

### Committee Amendment

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,  
That Title I, Canon 17 be amended as follows:  
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~~ older, ~~or~~ who have been confirmed or received, are to be considered ~~adult members~~ 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. 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.

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~~a. All 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 throughout the Church, communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered adult communicants.~~

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a. All 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.

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. 3. A person who is active in the life of this Church through worship, giving, and program participation, but whose official membership remains elsewhere is to be considered an Associate Member. An associate member may serve in leadership at the discretion of their local canons and bylaws.~~

Sec. 4.

~~a. A member~~ Member of this Church ~~removing from the congregation in which that person's membership is recorded~~ shall procure a Letter of Transfer to transfer their ~~Certificate of Membership~~ membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. ~~certificate of membership~~ 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;~~

~~1.2. is recorded as being in good standing a Communicant in Good Standing;~~

~~2.3. 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~~ 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 At that time the person's removal shall be noted in the parish register of the congregation which issued the certificate Letter of Transfer.~~

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 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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #115)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #29 on Resolution B007 (Standing Committees and Ecclesiastical Authority) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B007)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #116)

### **World Mission**

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #6 on Resolution D047 (Response to the crisis in Sudan and support for the Episcopal Church of Sudan) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D047)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 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.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #117)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #7 on Resolution A161 (The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A161)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church gives 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' society. In turn, we appreciate that the South Sudanese American Episcopalians and their worshipping 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 diocese of The Episcopal Church to welcome and assist South Sudanese-American Episcopal worshiping 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).

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church gives 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' ~~society~~. 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 worshiping 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);

*Resolved*, that the 81st General Convention authorizes and funds an ~~Advisory Group, appointed by the presiding officers~~, 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 ~~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 Convention request Executive Council to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 ~~\$60,000~~ for the implementation of this resolution, to respect the cultural norm of in-person meetings.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #8 on Resolution A080 (Create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A080)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 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 a budget allocation \$150,000 to create such a task force and publish educational materials for countering the colonial mindset for use by dioceses, churches, and mission partners.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 a budget allocation \$150,000~~ request the Executive Council to allocate \$150,000 to create such a task force and publish educational materials for countering the colonial mindset for use by dioceses, churches, and mission partners.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, Diocese of Texas, proposed an amendment to paragraph seven for the allocation to be changed from \$150,000 to \$10,000.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on the amended Resolution A080.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB #Message 119)

### **Congregational Vitality and Data-Drive Initiatives**

The House of Bishops Committee #8, Congregational Vitality and Data-Drive Initiatives presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Budde, The Rt. Rev. Mariann	Chair	2024	Washington, III
Loya, The Rt. Rev. Craig	Vice-Chair	2024	Minnesota, VI
French, The Rt. Rev. Sally	Secretary	2024	New Jersey, II
Mayer, The Rt. Rev. J. Scott	Member	2024	Northwest Texas, VII

Traquair, The Rt. Rev. Megan	Member	2024	Northern California, VIII
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality and Data-Drive Initiatives presented its Report #5 on Resolution A044 (Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries) and moved adoption with a substitute.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A044)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention and the Episcopal Church celebrates and actively supports the revitalization of congregations, seeking not to restore past glories, but to move into the new callings of our loving, liberating, life-giving God; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Church continues to prioritize the revitalization of congregations and a churchwide network of support for congregational revitalization work that was initiated by GC2018-A032; and be it further

*Resolved*, That in the revitalization of congregations, the Church continues to prioritize commitment 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 development of sustainable congregational revitalization throughout the Church will be \$500,000 for 2024-2027 to be allocated as follows:

- \$100,000.00 to engage Bishops and the diocesan representative(s) they appoint in development of a framework for congregational revitalization, identifying roadblocks that regularly thwart this work and identifying resources that are proven to enhance this work;
  - \$75,000.00 to engage clergy and lay leaders in gleaning learnings from congregational revitalization that they have successfully done and/or they have failed in attempts to do, identifying roadblocks that have thwarted their work and identifying resources that have enhanced their work;
- \$75,000.00 for translation services and to facilitate participation of Spanish-speaking lay and ordained leaders in training for congregational revitalization;
- \$75,000.00 for further development of five-phase congregational redevelopment strategy - (1) diagnosing/assessing resources and challenges, (2) discerning next calling, (3) connecting with local and diocesan partners, (4) iterating and continued resourcing, and (5) evaluating, refining and sustaining
- \$150,000.00 to support a team of local and regional church-wide office staff to oversee the work; and
- \$25,000.00 to provide mentorship/coaching/training for lay and ordained leaders in revitalization of their congregations;

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 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 the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$500,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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 church 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 officers 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 officers 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 officers 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.

That the 81st General Convention and the Episcopal Church celebrates and actively supports the revitalization of congregations, seeking not to restore past glories, but to move into the new callings of our loving, liberating, life-giving God; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continues to prioritize the revitalization of congregations and a churchwide network of support for congregational revitalization work that was initiated by GC2018-A032; and be it further

Resolved, That in the revitalization of congregations, the Church continues to prioritize commitment 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 development of sustainable congregational revitalization throughout the Church will be \$500,000 for 2024-2027 to be allocated as follows:

- \$100,000.00 to engage Bishops and the diocesan representative(s) they appoint in development of a framework for congregational revitalization, identifying roadblocks that regularly thwart this work and identifying resources that are proven to enhance this work;
  - \$75,000.00 to engage clergy and lay leaders in gleaning learnings from congregational revitalization that they have successfully done and/or they have failed in attempts to do, identifying roadblocks that have thwarted their work and identifying resources that have enhanced their work;
- \$75,000.00 for translation services and to facilitate participation of Spanish-speaking lay and ordained leaders in training for congregational revitalization;
- \$75,000.00 for further development of five-phase congregational redevelopment strategy - (1) diagnosing/assessing resources and challenges, (2) discerning next calling, (3) connecting with local and diocesan partners, (4) iterating and continued resourcing, and (5) evaluating, refining and sustaining
- \$150,000.00 to support a team of local and regional church-wide office staff to oversee the work; and

- \$25,000.00 to provide mentorship/coaching/training for lay and ordained leaders in revitalization of their congregations;

~~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 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 the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$500,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.~~

Discussion ensued.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Diocese of Milwaukee made an amendment to change all references of “presiding officers” to “Presiding Bishop and President of House of Deputies”.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Connecticut Resigned made a motion to amend to paragraph 5 to add the words “the” and “God’s” as such, “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...”

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

Discussion continued.

A vote was taken on Resolution A044 as amended.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution with Amendment Adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #121)

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #21 on Resolution A160 (Revise Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A160)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the section “Other Sacramental Rites” in “An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism” in The Book of Common Prayer (page 861) be amended to read 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.

**Committee Amendment***Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 be amended to read 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.*

**Motion Carried****Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

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



The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #22 on Resolution A116 (Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First Reading)) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A116)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the Rites for The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, as authorized for trial use by the 79th General Convention, be included in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, having been memorialized as the Prayer Book of this church, (2018 – A068), shall remain accessible to our members and our mission.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.*

~~That the Rites for The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, as authorized for trial use by the 79th General Convention, be included in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, having been memorialized as the Prayer Book of this church, (2018—A068), shall remain accessible to our members and our mission.~~

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

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

### **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #2 on Resolution A099 (Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries) and moved to take no further action.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A099)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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, equal number of presbyters, deacons, and 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 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 \$30,000 to primarily identify and support the media and cultural education necessary to be effective.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, Diocese of Dallas made a motion to refer the resolution back to the legislative committee.

A vote was taken on the referral.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Referred**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #8 on Resolution A098 (Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A098)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church to recognize the efforts of the COP 28 [Conference of the Parties (COP)] regarding fossil fuel non-proliferation and to begin the process of planning in support of this work as reiterated by The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in October 2023; and be it further *Resolved*, That this General Convention reiterate its engagement in the work of The Episcopal Church, and international organizations to which it is connected, to turn back the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, recognizing the urgent, concentrated action in this present moment that is needed to prevent the suffering of life on this planet, in the near term and the future; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention acknowledge the work of the nations of Vanuatu and Tuvalu, along with other Pacific Island nations, to forge the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, which has been endorsed by the World Health Organization and the European Parliament, along with thousands of civil society organizations and individuals committed to the mitigation of climate change and the factors that contribute to it; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that the Treaty is calling the people of the world not just to make technical adjustments to negative impacts on the planet, but to transform lives by phasing out fossil fuel production and the reliance on fossil fuels by the parties to the Paris Accords; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty as it is set before the United Nations Climate Summit, held in Dubai in December, 2023; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church be strongly encouraged to create a plan for phasing out fossil fuels over the next 10 years, post the plan on its websites, present an annual update report at the annual meeting of the diocese and/or ministry, and provide plan and annual updates to the Office of Creation Care; 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 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.

**Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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,

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-Do81, 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.

~~That the 81st General Convention authorize Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church to recognize the efforts of the COP 28 [Conference of the Parties (COP)] regarding fossil fuel non-proliferation and to begin the process of planning in support of this work as reiterated by The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in October 2023; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this General Convention reiterate its engagement in the work of The Episcopal Church, and international organizations to which it is connected, to turn back the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, recognizing the urgent, concentrated action in this present moment that is needed to prevent the suffering of life on this planet, in the near term and the future; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this General Convention acknowledge the work of the nations of Vanuatu and Tuvalu, along with other Pacific Island nations, to forge the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, which has been endorsed by the World Health Organization and the European Parliament, along with thousands of civil society organizations and individuals committed to the mitigation of climate change and the factors that contribute to it; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the Treaty is calling the people of the world not just to make technical adjustments to negative impacts on the planet, but to transform lives by phasing out fossil fuel production and the reliance on fossil fuels by the parties to the Paris Accords; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That this General Convention endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty as it is set before the United Nations Climate Summit, held in Dubai in December, 2023; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church be strongly encouraged to create a plan for phasing out fossil fuels over the next 10 years, post the plan on its websites, present an annual update report at the annual meeting of the diocese and/or ministry, and provide plan and annual updates to the Office of Creation Care; 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 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.~~

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #11 on Resolution D050 (Resolution to Complete the Journey to Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030) and moved an adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D050)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledges the immediate and serious threat that climate change poses to humanity, including “the disproportionate impacts of climate change on low-income communities and communities of color around the world, the people and places least responsible for the problem” (according to the University of California Center for Climate Justice), a situation that is antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church, as an institution that owns and manages properties and buildings, has an ethical obligation to make those properties and buildings part of the solution to our climate crisis, through concrete actions that will reduce or eliminate the use of fossil fuels, with the goal of becoming net carbon neutral; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention direct dioceses, congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church to identify and adopt processes that will lead to the development of site-specific plans for achieving net carbon neutrality by 2030, and that these plans and processes may include: the formation of local green teams; the completion of energy-efficiency assessments; the development of plans to reduce or eliminate reliance on fossil fuels, including transition to renewable energy sources; and purchasing offsets from duly investigated, responsible, and ethical partners; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these plans be reported to the Creation Care Ministry of The Episcopal Church as they are developed; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Creation Care Ministry of The Episcopal Church will support the development and implementation of these plans through the creation of a robust resource hub connecting individuals and organizations as they work on their carbon reduction plans, including the sharing of best practices, funding sources, and information about green energy technology; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention request a budget allocation of \$225,000 to pay for the staffing needed to develop and manage the resource hub.

### **Committee Substitution**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.*

~~That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledges the immediate and serious threat that climate change poses to humanity, including “the disproportionate impacts of climate change on low income communities and communities of color around the world, the people and places least responsible for the problem” (according to the University of California Center for Climate Justice), a situation that is antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further~~

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~~*Resolved*, That General Convention request a budget allocation of \$225,000 to pay for the staffing needed to develop and manage the resource hub.~~

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Diocese of California made a motion to add the following paragraph  
*“Resolved, that the Executive Council Budget Committee is directed to consider an allocation of \$90,000*

(\$30,000/year of the triennium) to support the formation of a locally-staffed, locally directed Creation Care Network serving a locally-determined portion of Province IX.”

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

The Rt. Rev. Kathryn Ryan, Diocese of Texas made a motion to add the following paragraph “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.”

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on the amended Resolution D050.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #125)

### **Announcements**

Dispatched invited several Bishops who made announcements to the House floor. The Assistant Secretary and Dispatch added additional announcements.

### **Recess**

The Presiding Bishop made a motion to recess with prayer from the Chaplains at 5:05 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

### **Prayers**

The Chaplains provided a prayer and song to close the session.

**Fourth Day****Wednesday June 26, 2024****AFTERNOON SESSION****Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 4:06 p.m. with the Vice President in the Chair.

**Devotions**

Devotions were led by chaplains, the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey and Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Announcements**

Dispatch announced the Vice President has special guests in the House. Bishop Perry from the Diocese of Michigan introduced the youth working at the Cathedral this week during convention, learning about gathering and having a voice as friends of Bishops United Against Gun Violence.

**Consent Calendar**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved adoption of the Consent Calendar Day 3.

**Consent Calendar****Constitution & Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #11 on Resolution A051 (Amend Canons I.2.4.a Data Collection for the Church) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A051)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**



(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #139)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #14 on Resolution A047 (Amend Canons I.2.4.a Data Collection for the Church) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A047)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

*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.*

**Motion Carried  
Referred to an Interim Body**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #141)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #18 on Resolution D065 (Study Canons on Canonical Residence) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D065)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, 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 to prepare canonical amendments which promote the good order and reputation of the Church on these matters; 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.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

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**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #134)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #19 on Resolution A063 (Amend Canons I.2.2 : Term of Office of the Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A063)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

- 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.1.14.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.

**Committee Amendment**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

- 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.2.2~~ ~~Canon I.1.14-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.*

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #138)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #26 on Resolution A003 (Amend Canon III.11.1 regarding Screening of Nominees for Episcopal Elections) and moved the resolution recommending rejection.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A003)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

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 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.~~ 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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #131)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #28 on Resolution A148 (Amend Canons to Underscore Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A148)

That Canon 1.1.8 is hereby amended by adding new subsection b and renumbering the remaining subsection as follows:

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.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon 1.4.6 be amended to add a new subsection k. to read as follows:

Canon 1.4.6.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 1.1.8. other than the Executive Council's determination of the annual draw from unrestricted trusts and endowment funds.*

**Motion Carried****Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #142)

**Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #21 on Resolution D021 (Support for Child Labor Protections) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D021)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #140)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #28 on Resolution D017 (Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D017)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, 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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #168)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #30 on Resolution D027 (Addressing Traffic Fatalities) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D027)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #169)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #31 on Resolution A081 (Combat Rising Religious Nationalism) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A081)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81st General Convention acknowledge the urgent, *troubling, and issue of rising religious nationalism as a* deeply rooted issue of *religious nationalism, the intersection of religious extremism and nationalist ideologies*, both domestically and globally, ~~as it rises to the forefront as a continued and troubling phenomenon~~; and be it further,

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

*Resolved*, That General Convention encourage individuals, congregations, dioceses and other communities within the Church to educate themselves ~~more thoroughly~~ 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 in ~~partnership with inter-religious, ecumenical, and Anglican Communion partners~~ by reporting associated incidents of violence and intimidation to the public and to the appropriate authorities.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #171)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #32 on Resolution D067 (Support Temporary Protected Status) and moved concurrence.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D067)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #177)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #33 on Resolution A166 (Registration of Firearms; Licensing of Firearm Sellers, Buyers, and Users; Use of Taggants) and moved concurrence.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A166)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #172)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #34 on Resolution A167 (Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A167)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #173)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #35 on Resolution D057 (Advocate for Housing Solutions) and moved concurrence.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D057)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #176)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #36 on Resolution C035 (End the Practice of Labor Trafficking of Migrant Youth) and moved concurrence.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(C035)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #174)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #37 on Resolution D028 (Close Guantánamo Bay Prison) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D028)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 ~~the sixteen~~ men who have already been cleared for transfer, and for justice to be served for those ~~the five~~ 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.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #175)

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #18 on Resolution A126 (Transfer dates of commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A126)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize 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

Simeon Bachos: Transfer from August 27 to August 26

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

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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

~~Simeon Bachos: Transfer from August 27 to August 26~~

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

### **Motion Carried**

#### **Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #133)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #19 on Resolution B001 (Experimental Creation Care Language for the Baptismal Covenant) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B001)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the following two alternative additions to the Baptismal Covenant will be made available for trial use in the Episcopal Church following General Convention 81 in Louisville, Kentucky in June, 2024:

1) *Will you strive for justice and peace among all, and respect the dignity of the Earth and of every human being.*

*I will, with God's help.*

2) *Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?*

*I will, with God's help.*

And be it further

Resolved, that dioceses of the Episcopal Church will report to the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music regarding the trial use of the alternative expressions for the Baptismal Covenant by April 2027; and be it further

Resolved, that the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music will include a report and recommendation on the suggested language for the Baptismal Covenant in its Blue Book report before General Convention 82.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

That the following two alternative

~~Covenant (BCP p. 305), from the Book of Alternative Services 1984 of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Baptismal Covenant will be made available for trial use under Article X.b in the Episcopal Church following General Convention 81 the 81st General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in June, 2024:~~

~~1) *Will you strive for justice and peace among all, and respect the dignity of the Earth and of every human being.*~~

~~*I will, with God's help.*~~

~~2) *Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?*~~

~~*I will, with God's help.*~~

~~And be it further~~

~~Resolved, that dioceses of the Episcopal Church will report to the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music regarding the trial use of the alternative expressions for the Baptismal Covenant by April 2027; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music develop a process for dioceses to report on their use of this addition to the Baptismal Covenant.~~

~~Resolved, that the Standing Committee Commission on Liturgy and Music include a report and recommendation on the suggested language for the Baptismal Covenant in its Blue Book report to the 82nd General Convention 82.~~



**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #135)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #23 on Resolution D041 (Support the Adoption of an Ecumenical Feast Day of Creation in our Liturgical Calendar) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D041)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, 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 September 1, 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 \$30,000 for implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, 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 ~~September 1~~, *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 \$130,000 for implementation of this resolution.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #145)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #24 on Resolution B003 (The Tree of Life: an Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B003)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, 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 – Adapted from the Rite of the Armenian Orthodox Church,” and that such a rite be brought before the 82nd General Convention for its consideration.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, 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 —Adapted from the Rite of the Armenian Orthodox Church.*” ~~and that such a rite be brought before the 82nd General Convention for its consideration.~~

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #144)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #25 on Resolution C011 (Add Howard W. Thurman to The Episcopal Church Calendar) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C011)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention designate April 10 or another 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 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 Howard W. Thurman.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.*

~~That the 81st General Convention designate April 10 or another 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 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 Howard W. Thurman.~~

### **Motion Carried Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #143)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #26 on Resolution C023 (Commemorating The Philadelphia Eleven in the Church Calendar) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(C023)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention include and enter The Philadelphia Eleven to the Lesser Feasts & Fasts Calendar of the Church Year to be celebrated on July 29.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 Servant 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.

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #136)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #27 on Resolution C036 (The Peace of the Lord Be With You) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message # 178)

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #8 on Resolution D059 (Addressing Antisemitism in the Church and the World) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D059)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That this General Convention confess antisemitism is one of the most pernicious forms of religious prejudice, and that some Episcopalians have at times been guilty of antisemitic words and actions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention lament the current rise in antisemitism across the globe; 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 commit itself to resisting antisemitism as we strive for lasting justice and peace among all people, and we engage in loving 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 focusing on combating antisemitism in the Church in the following triennium as a sign of this commitment, 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 misinterpreted 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 in our parish churches, 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;
4. 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 after significant study; and
5. Consultation with Jewish leadership in such a way that a diversity of voices across different movements and communities may help inform The Episcopal Church in its word and actions.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.*

~~*That this General Convention confess antisemitism is one of the most pernicious forms of religious prejudice, and that some Episcopalians have at times been guilty of antisemitic words and actions; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That this General Convention lament the current rise in antisemitism across the globe; 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 commit itself to resisting antisemitism as we strive for lasting justice and peace among all people, and we engage in loving 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 focusing on combating antisemitism in the Church in the following*~~

~~triennium as a sign of this commitment, 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 misinterpreted 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 in our parish churches, 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;~~
- ~~4. 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 after significant study; and~~
- ~~5. Consultation with Jewish leadership in such a way that a diversity of voices across different movements and communities may help inform The Episcopal Church in its word and actions.~~

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #137)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #9 on Resolution A048 (Adoption of the Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and moved adoption with Amendment.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A048)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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, which is attached.

#### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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, ~~which is attached.~~

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #132)



**Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Bishops Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #9 on Resolution A050 (Publishing and Sharing Resources for Disability Access and Inclusion) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #170)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A050)

**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.**

**Privilege and Courtesy/HOB**

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #1 on Resolution A195 (The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Welby) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A195)

*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.*

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #147)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #2 on Resolution A196 (The Diocese of Kentucky) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A196)

*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.

**Motion Carried****Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #150)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #4 on Resolution A198 (The City and People of Louisville) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A198)

*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.

**Motion Carried****Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #153)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #5 on Resolution A199 (The Right Reverend Anthony Poggo and the ACO) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A199)

*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 Poggo, 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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #154)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #6 on Resolution A222 (The Prime Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church and the IFI) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A222)

*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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #146)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #7 on Resolution A200 (The Most Reverend Ian Earnest and the Anglican Centre in Rome) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A200)

*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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #155)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #9 on Resolution A201 (The Archbishop of Utrecht and the Old Catholic Church) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A201)

*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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #156)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #12 on Resolution A202 (The Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church and the MTC) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A202)

*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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #157)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #14 on Resolution A203 (The Right Reverend Dr Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A203)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #159)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #16 on Resolution A204 (The Leadership of the Moravian Church USA, Northern and Southern Provinces) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A204)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #152)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #17 on Resolution A216 (The Patriarchs and Heads of Local Churches of the Holy Land) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A216)

*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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #162)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #18 on Resolution A205 (The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A205)

*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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #151)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #19 on Resolution A215 (The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem and Mrs. Rafa Nauom) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A215)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #163)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #20 on Resolution A206 (The General Secretary of the National Council of Churches) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A206)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #161)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #21 on Resolution A214 (Mrs. Patti Browning) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A214)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #165)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #22 on Resolution A207 (The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Episcopal-Roman Catholic Dialogue) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A207)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #149)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #23 on Resolution A213 (The Right Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold III, 25th Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A213)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #166)



The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #24 on Resolution A208 (The Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A208)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #148)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #25 on Resolution A212 (The Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A212)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #158)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #26 on Resolution A209 (Archbishop Elpidophoros and the 47th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress June 30-July 4, 2024) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A209)

*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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #160)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #27 on Resolution A211 (The Armenian Apostolic Church Eastern Diocese) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A211)

*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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #167)

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #28 on Resolution A210 (The Delegates of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches in America) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A210)

*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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #164)

### **End of Consent Calendar**

A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar.

**Motion Carried**

### **Agenda of the Day**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Agenda adopted**

### **Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Motion Carried**

### **Consent Calendar**

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for Day Four of Legislation.

### **Messages from the House of Deputies**

Announcement of Resolution A165, confirmation of the new Presiding Bishop Elect.

### **Constitution & Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #27 on Resolution D038 (Amend Canon II.3 to Remove Copyright Restrictions from Non-English Books of Common Prayer) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D038)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

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<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.

**Motion Carried**

**Referred to an Interim Body**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #126)

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report 25 on Resolution A041 (Create a Task Force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion Relationships) and moved concurrence.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #127)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A041)

*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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report 28 on Resolution D020 (A Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #128)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D020)

*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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report 30 on Resolution D063 (On Mandatory Diocesan Assessment) and moved concurrence to refer the resolution to an interim body.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #126)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D063)

*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*.

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Bishops Committee #5, Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Robert	Chair	2024	Atlanta, IV
Gallagher, The Rt. Rev. Carol	Vice-Chair	2024	Massachusetts, I
Hughes, The Rt. Rev. Carlye	Secretary	2024	Newark, II
Rodman, The Rt. Rev. Samuel	Member	2024	North Carolina, IV
Shin, The Rt. Rev. Allen	Member	2024	New York, II
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #12 on Resolution A031 (Translate Reconciliation Resources into Spanish) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #130)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A031)

**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.**

### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Bishops Committee #23, Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #30 on Resolution A226 (The Nominees for Election as Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption – House of Bishops Only.

The Vice President recommended that House stand and applaud their acclimation and thanksgiving.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #250)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A226)

*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.

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #39 on Resolution A224 (Repeal of Article X with clarifying amendments (post 2024-A072)) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A224)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church repeal Article X 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.

**Sec. 3.** No first reading of any alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless it has previously been authorized for Trial Use by a prior General Convention. 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 and other jurisdictions 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.

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**<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.*

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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.

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**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.

#### 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.~~

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~~**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.~~

### Committee Amendment

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

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**<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.~~

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #180)

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #34 on Resolution Boo6 (Include the Episcopal Church in Micronesia in the Diocese of Hawai'i) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #181)

### Final Text of Resolution

(Boo6)

**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.**

### Accessibility & Inclusion

The House of Bishops Committee #17, Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

Name	Position	Term ends	Diocese, Province
Bell, The Rt. Rev. Patrick	Chair	2024	Eastern Oregon, VIII
Gardner, The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Bonforte	Vice-Chair	2024	Nevada, VIII
Richards, The Rt. Rev. Daniel	Secretary	2024	Upper South Carolina, IV
Heyd, The Rt. Rev. Matthew	Member	2024	New York, II
León Lozano, The Rt. Rev. Cristobal	Member	2024	Litoral Ecuador, IX
Schofield-Broadbent, The Rt. Rev. Carrie	Member	2024	Maryland, III
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Accessibility & Inclusion presented its Report #10 on Resolution Co10 (Access to Prison Ministries) and moved adoption with amendment.

### Original Text of Resolution

(Co10)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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 urge any prison ministry program in which members of The Episcopal Church volunteer hold policies consistent with our spiritual teachings and stated policies, asking such programs to change their policies if they conflict with our nondiscrimination canons; and be it further

*Resolved*, That if such ministries refuse to change such policies, 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.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia, Armed Forces and Federal Ministries stated that paragraph four conflicts with paragraph five. The Bishop made an amendment to the Resolution to strike out paragraph four and amend the first line of paragraph five as such, “~~Resolved, That this Convention urge any prison ministry program in which members of The Episcopal Church volunteer hold policies consistent with our spiritual teachings and stated policies, asking such programs to change their policies if they conflict with our nondiscrimination canons; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved, That if such ministries refuse to change such policies.”*~~

A vote on the amendment was taken.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on the amended Resolution C010.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #182)

**Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #37 on Resolution D053 (Amend Title IV to require timely appointments to church-wide disciplinary boards) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #183)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D053)

*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.

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**<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.

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**<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.

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**<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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #41 on Resolution A052 (Amend Canon IV.2, Canon IV.4.1.d, and Canon IV.10.3 to add Restorative Covenant as a possible outcome of Conciliation) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #186)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A052)

**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.

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<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.

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

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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;

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<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.

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**<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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #42 on Resolution A057 (Amend Canon IV.17.6 Regarding Suspension of a Bishop) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #184)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A057)

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.

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<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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #43 on Resolution A107 (Amend Canon IV.19.12) and moved concurrence.

Dispatch asked for the House not consider Resolution A107 at this time and move to A053 instead.

**Consideration postponed**

[Ed. Note: Consideration of resolution A107 occurred on June 27, 2024 (Day 5).]

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #35 on Resolution A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A053)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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; or (c) any person that holds an office, is employed by, or maintains a compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending in which such employment, office, or other compensation

relationship includes responsibility for the deployment of Clergy or pastoral care of members of the Clergy.

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

**Canon IV.2**

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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.

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

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And be it further.

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

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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.

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<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.

### Amendment

The Rt. Rev. Frank Louge, Diocese of Georgia made a motion to amend the resolution to read, Every Diocese shall have at least one Intake Officer who is not employed by or other compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending; ~~or (c) any person that holds an office, is employed by, or maintains a compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending in which such employment, office, or other compensation relationship includes responsibility for the deployment of Clergy or pastoral care of members of the Clergy.~~

### Amendment to the Amendment

The Rt. Rev. Sally French, Diocese of New Jersey made an amendment to the amendment adding the word directly prior to employed. ~~“or (c) any person that holds an office, is employed by, or maintains a compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending in which such employment, office, or other compensation relationship includes responsibility for the deployment of Clergy or pastoral care of members of the Clergy.~~ Every Diocese shall have at least one Intake Officer who is not directly employed by or other compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending.”

**Motion Carried  
Amendment to the Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on the Amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on Amended Resolution A053.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #186)

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #44 on Resolution A142 (Amend Canon IV.6.7 – copy of notice) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #187)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A142)

*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.

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**<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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #45 on Resolution A139 (Amend Canon IV.6.4 -Intake Timeline) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #188)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A139)

**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.

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**<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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #46 on Resolution A147 (Referring Lay Disciplinary Canon Issue to Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #189)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A147)

**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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #47 on Resolution A140 (Amend Canon IV.6.8 - Reference Panel) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #190)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A140)

*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.

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<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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #48 on Resolution A141 (Amend Canon IV.6.9 - Monthly Reports) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #191)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A141)

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

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**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.

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**Privilege and Courtesy/HOB**

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HOB presented its Report #29 on Resolution A197 (The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A197)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #192)

**Announcements**

The Secretary announced that today is Allen Shin's birthday.

The Secretary made announcements.

**Prayers**

The Rev. Ricardo Bailey provided a prayer to close the session

**Recess**

The Presiding Bishop asked Dispatch to make a motion to recess at 5:11 p.m.

**Fifth Day****Thursday June 27, 2024****MORNING SESSION****Devotions**

Morning Prayers were led by chaplains, the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey, and Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 9:32 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

**Announcements**

The Presiding Bishop welcomed the Rev. Julie Whitworth, Bishop Elect, Diocese of Massachusetts. The Presiding Bishop asked The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick, Vice-President of the College Boards to come forward to present the Living Our Vows awards to the recent graduates.

**Presentation of Living Our Vows Awards**

The Living Our Vows awards were presented to: Bishop Glenda Curry, Bishop Craig Loya, Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop Ketlen Solak, Bishop Betsy Monnot, Bishop Daniel Richards, Bishop Matthew Cowden, Bishop Elizabeth Gardener, Bishop Paula Clark, and Bishop Brian Burgess.

**Consent Calendar**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved adoption of the Consent Calendar Day 3.

**Consent Calendar****Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #30 on Resolution A223 (Create Alternative Working Group to Review Canons and Implement Changes Related to Revised Article X of the Constitution) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A223)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

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

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #194)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #31 on Resolution A064 (Amend Canon I.1.6.d Capturing Clergy Records) and moved adoption.

### Original Text of Resolution

(A064)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

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<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.

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<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.*

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #203)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #14 on Resolution 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) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #216)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A034)

*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.*

[Ed note: Dispatch later moved to reconsider this resolution]

### **Evangelism and the Future Church**

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and the Future Church presented its Report #3 on Resolution A045 (Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Worshiping Communities) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #204)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A045)

**Resolved, That the 81st General Convention and the Episcopal Church continue churchwide support for the planting of new worshiping 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 Worshiping 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.**

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution A122 (Withdraw the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #209)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #29 on Resolution A123 (Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions -- First Reading) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #210)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #30 on Resolution A124 (Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Lili'uokalani of Hawai'i -- First Reading) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #211)



The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #31 on Resolution A120 (Authorize the Commemoration of Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch -- Second Reading) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #208)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #32 on Resolution A119 (Authorize the Commemoration of Frederick Howden, Jr. -- Second Reading) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #207)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #33 on Resolution A090 (Authorization of 1979 Book of Common Prayer) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #198)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #34 on Resolution C021 (Second General Convention Reading to add Élie Naud, Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #214)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #35 on Resolution D033 (Add George of Lydda, martyr, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Took No Further Action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #213)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #36 on Resolution D035 (Authorize The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D035)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #205)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #37 on Resolution C012 (Add Howard W. Thurman to the Episcopal Church Calendar) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #201)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #38 on Resolution C020 (Add Ilia Chavchavadze of Georgia to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #212)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #39 on Resolution D036 (Sacrament of healing within the context of worship services) and moved the resolution recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D036)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Covention 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.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #200)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #40 on Resolution A118 (Authorize the Commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman – Second Reading) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #199)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #41 on Resolution D070 (Prayers for Haiti) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D070)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention direct all Episcopal parishes to include the people of Haiti in their intercessory prayers each Sunday

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention ~~direct~~ *encourage* all Episcopal ~~parishes~~ *congregations and other worshipping communities* to include the people of Haiti in their intercessory prayers ~~each Sunday~~ *regularly*.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #206)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #42 on Resolution A127 (Establish a Working Group to Update Biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A127)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize the creation of a small working group of 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; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the working group also examine any role that figures commemorated on the calendar might have had in issues 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 two triennia to fully complete its work.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorize the creation of a ~~small~~ 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 ~~issues~~ *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.*

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #197)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #44 on Resolution A121 (Authorize the Commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris -- Second Reading) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A121)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 81st General Convention authorize the addition of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris to the Calendar of the Church.

### **Committee Substitute**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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 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 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.

~~That the 81st General Convention authorize the addition of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris to the Calendar of the Church.~~

### **Motion Carried Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #202)

### **Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #9 on Resolution D076 (Supporting Reparative Investment Vehicles) and moved adoption of a substitute.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D076)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That The 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms our commitments to reparations for slavery, to community development, and to the role of the church in leading the nation towards racial reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention remembers the 1969 Special General Convention, wherein, the Rev. Paul M. Washington, and then lay delegate from Pennsylvania Barbara C. Harris, spoke to The Episcopal Church's inadequate response to reparations, and called on all Black delegates to walk out in protest, and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention reaffirms our commitment to support, incubate, and explore opportunities that allow the Church to invest its resources in reparative capital vehicles, such as the

AGENDA Fund, which has been born of an Episcopal collaboration with the Bishop Barbara C. Harris Center; and be it further;

*Resolved*, That this Convention calls upon the Church Pension Group and the Executive Council to study investing in the AGENDA Fund and other reparative capital vehicles that fulfill the Church's reparations commitments; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention recommends other church-affiliated institutions explore moving Church assets into other reparative capital vehicles.

### **Committee Substitute**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

*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.

~~That The 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms our commitments to reparations for slavery, to community development, and to the role of the church in leading the nation towards racial reconciliation; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, That this Convention remembers the 1969 Special General Convention, wherein, the Rev. Paul M. Washington, and then lay delegate from Pennsylvania Barbara C. Harris, spoke to The Episcopal Church's inadequate response to reparations, and called on all Black delegates to walk out in protest, and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, That this Convention reaffirms our commitment to support, incubate, and explore opportunities that allow the Church to invest its resources in reparative capital vehicles, such as the AGENDA Fund, which has been born of an Episcopal collaboration with the Bishop Barbara C. Harris Center; and be it further;~~

~~*Resolved*, That this Convention calls upon the Church Pension Group and the Executive Council to study investing in the AGENDA Fund and other reparative capital vehicles that fulfill the Church's reparations commitments; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, That this Convention recommends other church-affiliated institutions explore moving Church assets into other reparative capital vehicles.~~

**Motion Carried  
Substitute Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #217)

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #17 on Resolution B009 (Observing the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea 325 CE) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(Bo09)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the Episcopal Church, together with all Churches that uphold the historic faith, affirms 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,” continues to guide the work of The Episcopal Church in its ecumenical conversations and dialogue; and be it further*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention commends to the whole Church the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 2025 and encourages dioceses and congregations to find suitable ways to mark this historic anniversary; and be it further*Resolved*, That this General Convention calls 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.**Committee Amendment***Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,That the Episcopal Church, together with all Churches that uphold the historic faith, ~~affirms~~ *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,” ~~continues~~ continue to guide the work of The Episcopal Church in its ecumenical conversations and ~~dialogue~~ dialogues; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention ~~commends~~ commend to the whole Church the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 2025 and ~~encourages~~ encourage dioceses and congregations to find suitable ways to mark this historic anniversary; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention ~~calls~~ 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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #215)

#### **End of Consent Calendar**

A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar.

**Motion Carried**  
**Consent Calendar Adopted**

#### **Agenda of the Day**

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

**Motion Carried**  
**Agenda adopted**

#### **Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary asked the Youth from the Diocese of to West of Missouri stand and be present.

The Secretary entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Motion Carried**

#### **Consent Calendar**

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for Day four of Legislation.

#### **Messages from the House of Deputies**

The Secretary announced that messages 177-228 had been received from the House of Deputies.

- HD Message #177: A046 (Support Starting New Bi-Cultural and Multi-Cultural Ministries) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #178: D025 (Amend Canon IV.6 regarding Intake Officers) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #179: D040 (Amend Canon IV.13.13 to Provide for Notice of Dismissal) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #180: A145 (Urging Pastoral Compassion and Discretion for Clergy and Laity Who Disclose Diverse Family and Household Structures) Take No Further Action



- HD Message #181: C003 (On Affordable Housing) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #182: A089 (Address Violence Against Women and Girls) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #183: C017 (Amend Canon III.7 to Provide for the Transfer of Deacons to Churches in Communion) Concur
- HD Message #184: A028 (Support for Freedom to Consider Ethical Issues in Investing) Concur
- HD Message #185: A029 (Divest from Fossil Fuels) Concur
- HD Message #186: A163 (Affirming the Ongoing Work across the Episcopal Church in Consideration of Ethical Issues in Investing) Concur
- HD Message #187: C008 (Review Diocesan Assessments) Recommit to Committee
- HD Message #188: D007 (Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine) Concur
- HD Message #189: D013 (Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #190: A143 (Amend IV.17.3.b and IV.17.5 - Disciplinary Board for Bishops) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #191: D052 (Amend Canon IV.10.3) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #192: D071 (Governance support for the Diocese of Haiti and leadership for Dioceses in Crisis) Adopt Substitute
- HD Message #193: 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) Concur
- HD Message #194: A049 (Affirming the Goal of Full Communion between The Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church) Concur
- HD Message #195: A037 (Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria) Concur
- HD Message #196: A038 (Practical Guidance for Interreligious Relations) Concur
- HD Message #197: A039 (Practical Guidance for Episcopal-Jewish Relations) Concur
- HD Message #198: A040 (Practical Guidance for Christian-Muslim Relations) Concur
- HD Message #199: A042 (Commend PCUSA-TEC Dialogue) Concur
- HD Message #200: A036 (Amend Canons to Use Approved Common Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work) Concur
- HD Message #201: A093 (Add provisions of 2018-B012 to canons) Concur
- HD Message #202: A103 (Amend Canon III.11.8) Concur
- HD Message #203: C016 (Amend Canon III.12 to Provide for the Transfer of Bishops to Churches in Communion) Concur
- HD Message #204: D045 (Task Force for Reviewing Intellectual Property of the Church) Concur
- HD Message #205: A130 (Developing alternative hymn texts) Concur
- HD Message #206: D077 (Celebrating and Continuing the Work and Witness of the Church of the Advocate, Site of the Ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #207: A059 (Create an Official List of Recognized Religious Orders and Christian Communities) Concur
- HD Message #208: A065 (Amend Canon III.1.3) Concur
- HD Message #209: A070 (Research needs for the General Board of Examining Chaplains) Concur

- HD Message #210: D032 (Raising the Clergy Mandatory Retirement Age to 75) Concur
- HD Message #211: D023 (Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #212: A109 (Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery) Concur
- HD Message #213: A111 (Develop resources and models for online/in person hybrid worship) Concur
- HD Message #214: A110 (Clarify Distinction Between Biblical and Modern Israel) Concur
- HD Message #215: C002 (On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land) Concur
- HD Message #216: C031 (Migration with Dignity) Concur
- HD Message #217: D006 (Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism) Concur
- HD Message #218: D009 (Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza) Concur
- HD Message #219: D012 (Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace) Concur
- HD Message #220: D019 (Justice and Peace in Ukraine) Concur
- HD Message #221: D037 (Encourage All Ministries of The Episcopal Church to Assess Intersections with Migration) Concur
- HD Message #222: D062 (Support and Solidarity with Armenia) Concur
- HD Message #223: D075 (The Immediate Release of Ms. Layan Nasir, 24 from Administrative Detention in Israel) Concur
- HD Message #224: D061 (Creating Space for Difference) Take No Further Action
- HD Message #225: D079 (Nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #226: D024 (Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers) Concur
- HD Message #227: D056 (Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza) Concur
- HD Message #228: A072 (Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church [Of the Book of Common Prayer -- Second Reading]) Concur

### **Announcements**

The Vice President asked for the Bishops to make some space for the issues going on in Palestine and have discussion.

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #30 on Resolution A223 (Create Alternative Working Group to Review Canons and Implement Changes Related to Revised Article X of the Constitution) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A223)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

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

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #194)

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #36 on Resolution A002 (Site for the 83rd General Convention) and moved concurrence.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A002)

*Resolved*,

<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.>

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). And be it further

*Resolved*, that the 81st General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Planning Arrangements and the Office of the General Convention to take into consideration the legal protections and safe guards for vulnerable members of our community attending General Convention. These legal protections should include, but are not limited to, the legality of life-saving medical care for persons who are or may be pregnant, legal protections for People of Color, and legal protections for LGBTQ+ individuals. And be it further

*Resolved*, that the aforementioned bodies prayerfully and seriously consider current rates of violence against the LGBTQ+ Community and Communities of Color when selecting potential host sites for General Convention.

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

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). And be it further

Resolved, that the 81st General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Planning Arrangements and the Office of the General Convention to take into consideration the legal protections and safe guards for vulnerable members of our community attending General Convention. These legal protections should include, but are not limited to, the legality of life-saving medical care for persons who are pregnant, legal protections for People of Color, and legal protections for LGBTQ+ individuals. And be it further

Resolved, that the aforementioned bodies prayerfully and seriously consider current rates of violence against the LGBTQ+ Community and Communities of Color when selecting potential host sites for General Convention.

Discussion ensued.

### **Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Diocese of West Missouri made a motion to return it to its original form. “Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, 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).”

A vote was taken on the Amendment

**Motion Carried  
Amendment Adopted**

A vote was taken on the Amended Resolution.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #195)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #38 on Resolution D071 (Governance support for the Diocese of Haiti and leadership for Dioceses in Crisis) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #196)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D071)

**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.*

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #42 on Resolution A127 (Establish a Working Group to Update Biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A127)

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*That the 81st General Convention authorize the creation of a small working group of 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; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the working group also examine any role that figures commemorated on the calendar might have had in issues 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 two triennia to fully complete its work.*

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

*That the 81st General Convention authorize the creation of a ~~small~~ 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 ~~issues~~ *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.*

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #197)

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Bishops Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #11 on Resolution Do66 (Creating a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+) and moved to take no further action.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(Do66)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

Discussion ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry, Diocese of Michigan made a motion to refer the Resolution back to Committee.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Referred to Committee**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #218)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #53 on Resolution D025 (Amend Canon IV.6 regarding Intake Officers) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #219)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D025)

*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.

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<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.**

### Special Order of Business

The Presiding Bishop invited Bishop Mark Andrus to present a video presentation by Dr. Jane Goodall.

The Rt. Rev. Cathleen Bascom, Diocese of Kansas thanked Bishop Andrus for his mentorship and the way he has raised the awareness.

### Point of Privilege

The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero, Diocese of New Jersey wanted to have it on the record that his son, who is also a Bishop, are both present at a General Convention.

### Recess

The Presiding Bishop announced a fifteen-minute break and to return at 10:30 a.m.

### Reconvene

The Presiding Bishop called the House back to order at 10:46 a.m.

### Announcements

The Secretary made an announcement.

### Special Order of Business



Dispatch asked for Jess Elfring Roberts and Bronwyn Skoaf be permitted to the floor. Jess Roberts was presented the Hero of Camping Ministry Honor Award to Bronwyn Skoaf for her work in helping the Camp and Conference centers through her advocacy and their work with Safe Church.

This presentation was followed by a video about our Camp and Conference Centers across the Episcopal Church.

### **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #20 on Resolution A099 (Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A099)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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, equal number of presbyters, deacons, and 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 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 \$30,000 to primarily identify and support the media and cultural education necessary to be effective.

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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, ~~equal number of~~ 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 General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance Executive Council Budget Committee allocate \$10,000 to consider a budget allocation (excluding meeting expense already in GCO budget) of \$30,000 to support this work primarily identify and support the media and cultural education necessary to be effective.~~

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #220)

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #58 on Resolution B011 (Commemoration of Harriet Tubman) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B011)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #221)

### **Dispatch of Business**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #09 on Resolution A164 (2025-2027 Budget for The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #222)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A164)

***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.**

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #57 on Resolution A143 (Amend IV.17.3.b and IV.17.5 - Disciplinary Board for Bishops) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #223)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A143)

**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.

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**<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.

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**<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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #56 on Resolution D052 (Amend Canon IV.10.3) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #224)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D052)

**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.

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**<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.*

### **Title III Ministry**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title III Ministry presented its Report #13 on Resolution D023 (Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons) and moved concurrence.

Discussion ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Terry White, Diocese of Kentucky made a motion to end debate

A vote was taken on the motion.

**Motion Carried**

A vote was taken on the resolution.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #225)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D023)

**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.**

### **Announcements**

The Secretary made announcements.

The Secretary announced the birthdays of Bishop Susan Haynes and Bishop Greg Rickel.

Today was the fifteenth anniversary of Bishop Michael and Beth Hunn.

**Prayers**

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Diocese of Rhode Island led the House in Noon Day Prayers.

**Recess**

The Presiding Bishop asked Dispatch to make a motion to recess at 11:34 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION

**Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:09 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

**Devotions**

Devotions were led by chaplains, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey and Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Special Business of Meeting**

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolfe was called to lead the House in a special blessing for the women Bishops of the Episcopal Church in honor of the Philadelphia 11.

**Messages from the House of Deputies**

The secretary announced that messages 229-248 had been received from the House of Deputies:

- HD Message #229:* A100 (Adopt Cost Controls in Denominational Health Plan) Take No Further Action
- HD Message #230:* D050 (Resolution to Complete the Journey to Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030) Concur
- HD Message #231:* A066 (Amend Canon V.1 to create a Custodian for the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church) Concur
- HD Message #232:* B007 (Standing Committees and Ecclesiastical Authority) Concur
- HD Message #233:* A021 (Create a Care of Creation Loan Program for Episcopal Dioceses) Concur
- HD Message #234:* A084 (Join The Communion Forest Initiative) Concur
- HD Message #235:* A098 (Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation) Concur
- HD Message #236:* B002 (Build Eco-Region Creation Networks for Crucial Impact) Concur
- HD Message #237:* D030 (Create a Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry) Concur
- HD Message #238:* C029 (Supporting a Clean Energy Future) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
- HD Message #239:* D029 (Commit to the 30x30 Initiative for Biodiversity) Concur
- HD Message #240:* B010 (Direct Executive Council to Create a task force to revise the disciplinary process of Title IV) Refer to an Interim Body
- HD Message #241:* A159 (Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues and Membership in Ecumenical/Interfaith Organizations) Concur
- HD Message #242:* D060 (Support For a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti) Concur
- HD Message #243:* A152 (Resolution Submission Deadline in House of Deputies Rules of Order) Adopt Substitute - HD Only
- HD Message #244:* A156 (House of Deputies Rules of Order on Written Comments) Adopt - HD Only
- HD Message #245:* A157 (House of Deputies Rules on Legislative Committee Report Deadline) Adopt with Amendment - HD Only
- HD Message #246:* D048 (Length of Future General Conventions) Take No Further Action

*HD Message #247:* A180 (Express gratitude for the life and ministry of the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner) Adopt - HD Only

*HD Message #248:* A188 (Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven) Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes - HD Only

### **Special Business of Meeting**

The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry and The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddell had special gifts for the new Presiding Bishop -Elect to let him know they were ready to “do the dishes with him”. (Referring back to his sermon references that doing church is like doing the dishes.)

### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #31 on Resolution A020 (Establish a Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A020)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion carried  
The House Concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #226)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #32 on Resolution A073 (A Standing Commission for Human Health and Wellness) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A073)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #227)

### Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee #11, Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Skirving, The Rt. Rev. Rob	Chair	2024	East Carolina, IV
Folts, The Rt. Rev. Jonathan	Vice-Chair	2024	South Dakota, VI
Holcomb, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin	Secretary	2024	Central Florida, IV
Harris, The Rt. Rev. Gayle	Member	2024	Virginia, III
Murray, The Rt. Rev. Santosh	Member	2024	Easton, III
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #10 on Resolution A136 (Translating the Catechism) and moved to not concur.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Defeated**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #228)

### Agencies and Boards

The House of Bishops Committee #12, Agencies and Boards presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Stebbins, The Rt. Rev. Martha E.	Chair	2024	Montana, VI
Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence	Vice-Chair	2024	Long Island, II
Nichols, The Rt. Rev. Kevin	Secretary	2024	Bethlehem, III
Burgess, The Rt. Rev. Brian	Member	2024	Springfield, V
Prior, The Rt. Rev. Brian N.	Member	2024	Alabama, IV
Snook, The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown	Member	2024	San Diego, VIII
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Agencies and Boards presented its Report #18 on Resolution A135 (Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #229)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A135)

*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.*

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Bishops Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #12 on Resolution A133 (Establishing a Taskforce for the Study of Fair Hiring Policies within The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A133)

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,*

*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.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Concurred**  
**Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #230)

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #58 on Resolution B010 (Direct Executive Council to Create a task force to revise the disciplinary process of Title IV) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(B010)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #231)

### **Table Conversations**

Dispatch called upon the Vice President, The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves to facilitate table conversations on the Holy Land.

Thirty minutes were given for table discussion.

Fifteen minutes were allowed for feedback

### **Special Order of Announcement**

The Presiding Bishop welcomed The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings in the House galley.

### **Recess**

Dispatch called for a 20-minute break at 3:28 p.m. The Presiding Bishop asked the House to return in 20 minutes.

### **Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:52 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

### **Motion to Reconsider Resolution A034.**

Dispatch made a motion to reconsider Resolution A034. Dispatch explained there was an error on the way the House initially voted on Resolution A034 and the need to reconsider it.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Reconsidered**

A vote was taken on A034.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #240)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved that the House create a Committee of Conference for consideration of D013.

**Motion Carried**

[Ed note: The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez, The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor, and The Rt. Rev. Sally French are the committee for this House.]

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing**

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing presented its Report #15 on Resolution A035 (Establish Model Policies for Anti/Racism/Racial Reconciliation Work) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #233)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A035)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing presented its Report #16 on Resolution D016 (Continued Funding of The Beloved Community) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #236)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D016)

*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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing presented its Report #17 on Resolution D074 (Renouncing the Theology of Slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, 11th President of the House of Deputies) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #234)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D074)

*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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing presented its Report #18 on Resolution D077 (Celebrating and Continuing the Work and Witness of the Church of the Advocate, Site of the Ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven) and moved concurrence.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion Carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #235)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D077)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing presented its Report #19 on Resolution A015 (Owning a Commitment to Reparations) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #237)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A015)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing presented its Report #20 on Resolution A027 (Increase recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in church positions) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #238)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A027)

**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.**

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #54 on Resolution A107 (Amend Canon IV.19.12) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

#### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A107)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

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<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.

**Motion Carried  
Referred to an Interim Body**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #239)

### **Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #38 on Resolution C003 (On Affordable Housing) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #241)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(C003)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #39 on Resolution D011 (The Prohibition of Assault Weapons) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #242)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D011)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #40 on Resolution D034 (Support and Advocacy for Restorative Justice and a Moral Commitment to Abolition of Prisons and Policing) and moved concurrence.

Discussion ensued.

**Amendment**

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo, Upper South Carolina proposed an amendment to add after the final Resolve:

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.

A vote was taken on the Amendment.

**Motion Defeated  
Amendment Defeated**

Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken on the Resolution.

**Motion Defeated  
Resolution Rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #243)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #41 on Resolution D039 (Condemning Censorship) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #244)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D039)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #42 on Resolution D042 (Ending Child and Forced Marriage) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #245)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D042)

**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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #43 on Resolution D054 (A Resolution to Address The Issue of Black Maternal Mortality Rate) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #246)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D054)

*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.*

### **Announcements**

The Secretary made announcements.

The Secretary announced that today was the ordination and consecration of Glenda Curry.

The Secretary announced that yesterday was Jose and Laurel McLoughlin's 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

**Prayers**

The Chaplains were called to provide a prayer to close the session.

**Announcements**

Dispatch offered a few additional announcements.

**Recess**

The House recessed at 5:18 p.m.



**Sixth Day**

Friday June 28, 2024

**MORNING SESSION****Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 11:06 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

**Devotions**

Morning Prayers were led by chaplains, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey and Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Consent Calendar**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved adoption of the Consent Calendar#1 Day 5.

**Consent Calendar****Joint Rules of Order**

The House of Bishops Committee on Joint Rules of Order presented its Report #6 on Resolution D079 (Nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried****The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #254)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D079)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Joint Rules of Order presented its Report #7 on Resolution D022 (Create a Task Force on the Legislative Process) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried****The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #253)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D022)

**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.**

### **Evangelism and the Future Church**

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and the Future Church presented its Report #4 on Resolution A046 (Support Starting New Bi-Cultural and Multi-Cultural Ministries) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #252)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A046)

**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.**

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #19 on Resolution D078 (Combating Anti-Muslim Bias) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D078)

**Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,**

**That this General Convention confess anti-Muslim bias is a pernicious sin besetting Christians and non-Christians alike; and be it further**

**Resolved, That this General Convention repent of the ways our Church historically as well as contemporaneously, has created or been complicit in furthering anti-Muslim bias in teaching and practice; 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. *Distribute and offer trainings on its document "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 as well as with the EDEIO network, and*
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.*

### **Committee Amendment**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,*

~~*That this General Convention confess anti-Muslim bias is a pernicious sin besetting Christians and non-Christians alike; and be it further*~~

*That this General Convention commit to addressing anti-Muslim bias in The Episcopal Church; and be it further*

~~*Resolved, That this General Convention repent of the ways our Church historically as well as contemporaneously, has created or been complicit in furthering anti-Muslim bias in teaching and practice; 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. ~~*Distribute and offer trainings on its document "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 as well as with the EDEIO network, and*~~
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.*~~

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.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #247)

**Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #52 on Resolution D040 (Amend Canon IV.13.13 to Provide for Notice of Dismissal) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**  
**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #249)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(D040)

**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.

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**<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.

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #7 on Resolution X003 (Appointments to the Archives Advisory Committee) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #251)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(X003)

**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)**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #8 on Resolution X004 (Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #255)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(X004)

**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)**

### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on Resolution D001 (Commend the Episcopal Communicators Organization and Celebrate their 50th Anniversary) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #248)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D001)

*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.*

### **Privilege and Courtesy/HoB**

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy/HoB presented its Report #30 on Resolution A226 (The Nominees for Election as Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

*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

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #250)

### End of Consent Calendar

A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar.

**Motion Carried**

### Agenda of the Day

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

**Motion Carried  
Agenda adopted**

### Reading of the Minutes

The Secretary entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Motion Carried**

### Messages from the House of Deputies

The Secretary announced that messages 249-292 had been received from the House of Deputies.

- HD Message #249:* A074 (Completing Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for Clergy) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #250:* A083 (Affirm Anglican Connections) Concur
- HD Message #251:* A085 (Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network) Concur
- HD Message #252:* D080 (Direct Executive Council to Create Committee on Disability and Deaf Inclusion) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #253:* A113 (Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies) Concur
- HD Message #254:* A125 (Add Optional Fast Days to Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
- HD Message #255:* A080 (Create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset) Concur
- HD Message #256:* A087 (Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals) Concur
- HD Message #257:* A088 (Consult with the Office of Global Partnerships) Concur
- HD Message #258:* A161 (The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States) Concur



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<i>HD Message #259:</i>	Do26 (Enable Episcopal Migration Ministries to More Fully Live Out its Mission) Concur
<i>HD Message #260:</i>	Do47 (Response to the crisis in Sudan and support for the Episcopal Church of Sudan) Concur
<i>HD Message #261:</i>	A094 (Communion Across Difference) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #262:</i>	A086 (Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission) Adopt Substitute
<i>HD Message #264:</i>	Do74 (Renouncing the Theology of Slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, 11th President of the House of Deputies) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #266:</i>	A096 (Task Force on Equipping a Church Grounded in Justice as Christian Ministry) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #267:</i>	Do34 (Support and Advocacy for Restorative Justice and a Moral Commitment to Abolition of Prisons and Policing) Adopt Substitute
<i>HD Message #268:</i>	Do69 (Advocating for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #269:</i>	A095 (Continue the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy) Adopt with Amendment
<i>HD Message #270:</i>	A092 (Access to ordination and deployment) Concur
<i>HD Message #271:</i>	A091 (Definition of doctrine) Not Concur
<i>HD Message #272:</i>	A071 (Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses [Of Admission of New Diocese -- Second Reading]) Concur
<i>HD Message #273:</i>	Do49 (Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese.) Concur
<i>HD Message #274:</i>	A044 (Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries) Concur
<i>HD Message #275:</i>	C032 (A Prayer to Remember the Innocents) Concur
<i>HD Message #276:</i>	C004 (The Episcopal Church Diocesan Assessment) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #277:</i>	C019 (Adjusting Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #278:</i>	C024 (Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #279:</i>	C028 (Adjusting Assessments for Mission) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #280:</i>	C033 (Adjusting Diocesan assessments to the Wider Church) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #282:</i>	Do46 (The Commemoration of Sister Sophi and her companions, the Deaconesses of The Order of St. Katherine, of the Appleton Church Home) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
<i>HD Message #283:</i>	Do38 (Amend Canon II.3 to Remove Copyright Restrictions from Non-English Books of Common Prayer) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
<i>HD Message #284:</i>	C008 (Review Diocesan Assessments) Take No Further Action
<i>HD Message #285:</i>	A112 (Authorize use of the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings") Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes

<i>HD Message #286:</i>	A114 (Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C) Concur
<i>HD Message #287:</i>	A115 (Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy) Concur
<i>HD Message #288:</i>	A117 (Withdraw Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar -- Second Reading) Concur
<i>HD Message #289:</i>	A129 (Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Concur
<i>HD Message #290:</i>	A228 (Express Gratitude to Paul Neuhauser) Adopt - HD Only
<i>HD Message #291:</i>	A225 (Express Gratitude to Steve Hutchinson) Adopt - HD Only
<i>HD Message #292:</i>	Do81 (Childcare at General Convention) Adopt with Amendment

### **Election of the Vice President**

The Chair of the House of Dispatch called for the vote of the Vice President of the House of Bishops. With nominees being:

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Diocese of Indianapolis

The Rt. Rev. Jose McLoughlin, Diocese of Western North Carolina

Ballot was taken electronically.

### **Ballot #1 Taken**

Dispatch announced the winner, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as Vice President of the House of Bishops elected.

### **Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #56 on Resolution A233 (Amend Article I, Section 7. [Second Reading]) and moved adoption.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(A233)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

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 by Canon.*

### **Motion Carried**

### **Resolution Adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #256)

### **Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #41 on Resolution D013 (Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State) and moved adoption with amendment.

### **Committee Amendment**

(D013)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

**<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.>**

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm: 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 the current government in Israel, in effectively ruling out a Palestinian state, continues to pursue an apartheid policy against the Palestinian people; and that for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, there must be a Palestinian state, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention affirm 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; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention acknowledge 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.

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**<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact change being made:>**

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm: 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 the current government in Israel, in effectively ruling out a Palestinian state, continues to pursue an apartheid policy against the Palestinian people; and that for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, there must be a Palestinian state, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further

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*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

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*Resolved*, That the General Convention acknowledge 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.

Report of the Conference Committee discussed the work they completed to bring forth this amendment.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #257)

### **Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing**

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing presented its Report #21 on Resolution A095 (Continue the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #258)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A095)

**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.**

Committee #5 on Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Healing asked to be discharged.

### **Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music presented its Report #70 on Resolution A112 (Completing Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for Clergy) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #259)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A112)

**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.**

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The House of Bishops Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion presented its Report #16 on Resolution Do80 (Direct Executive Council to Create Committee on Disability and Deaf Inclusion) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #260)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(Do80)

**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.**

### **Formation & Discipleship**

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation & Discipleship presented its Report #11 on Resolution A086 (Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #261)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A086)

**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.*

### **Formation & Discipleship**

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation & Discipleship presented its Report #11 on Resolution A096 (Task Force on Equipping a Church Grounded in Justice as Christian Ministry) and moved to not concur.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Defeated**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #262)

Committee #11 on Formation & Discipleship asked to be discharged.

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Bishops Committee #16, Governance and Structure presented its Report #1 informing the House that it was organized and prepared for business. The committee membership consists of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Diocese, Province</b>
Duncan-Probe, The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe	Chair	2024	Central New York, II
Owensby, The Rt. Rev. Jake	Vice-Chair	2024	Western Louisiana, VII
Hirschfeld, The Rt. Rev. A. Robert	Secretary	2024	New Hampshire, I
Spiegel, The Rt. Rev. Phyllis	Member	2024	Utah, VIII
Tharakan, The Rt. Rev. Jos	Member	2024	Idaho, VIII
Curry, The Most Rev. Michael	Ex Officio	2024	North Carolina, IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #21 on Resolution A074 (Completing Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for Clergy) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #263)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A074)

*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.**

Committee #16 on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health asked to be discharged.

### **Dispatch of Business/HOB**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business/HOB presented its Report #1 on Resolution X016 (Confirmation of Election of Treasurer of the General Convention) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(X016)

**Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election of N. Kurt Barnes as Treasurer of the General Convention.**

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #264)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business/HOB presented its Report #2 on Resolution X015 (Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Deacons)) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(X015)

**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.**

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #265)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business/HOB presented its Report #3 on Resolution X014 (Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy)) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.



**Original Text of Resolution**

(X014)

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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #266)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business/HOB presented its Report #4 on Resolution X013 (Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay)) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(X013)

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.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #267)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business/HOB presented its Report #5 on Resolution X012 (Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Clergy)) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(X012)

*Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election of Lester Mackenzie and Stannard Baker, Deacon to the Executive Council in the clergy order.*

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #268)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business/HOB presented its Report #6 on Resolution X011 (Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Lay)) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(X011)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
 Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #269)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business/HOB presented its Report #7 on Resolution X010 (Confirmation of Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(X010)

*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.

**Motion Carried  
 Resolution Adopted – HB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #270)

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #10 on Resolution A001 (General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message 271)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A001)

*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**

**Announcements**

The Secretary made announcements.

**Devotions**

Devotions were led by chaplains, the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey, and Mr. Dent Davidson.

**Recess**

Dispatch made a motion to recess at 11:48 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION****Reconvene**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:08 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

**Devotions**

Chaplains, the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, the Rev. Ricardo Bailey and Mr. Dent Davidson, led the House in song and prayer.

**Consent Calendar**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved adoption of the Consent Calendar.

**Consent Calendar****Joint Rules of Order**

The House of Bishops Committee on Joint Rules of Order presented its Report #5 on Resolution A068 (Amend Joint Rules of Order V.1) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #276)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A068)

**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.

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

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  - 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.

### Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #9 on Resolution A132 (Establishing an Online Hub for Continuing Formation and Ministry Resources) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #277)

### Final Text of Resolution



(A132)

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

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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.

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**<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.

### **Agencies & Boards**

The House of Bishops Committee on Agencies & Boards presented its Report #15 on Resolution A016 (Reaffirm and Commit to the Goal of a Permanent Location of an Archives for the Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #279)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A016)

**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.***

The House of Bishops Committee on Agencies & Boards presented its Report #16 on Resolution A006 (Feasibility Study of a Fund to Pay Congregations' Future Benefit Obligations) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #278)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A006)

***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.***

The House of Deputies Committee on Agencies & Boards presented its Report #17 on Resolution D010 (The Creation of a Clergy Compensation Contribution Fund) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion Carried  
The House Took No Further Action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #282)

The House of Bishops Committee on Agencies & Boards presented its Report #19 on Resolution A102 (Churchwide Education Efforts to Control Healthcare Costs) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #280)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A102)

**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.**

**Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #13 on Resolution A082 (Support the Episcopal Veterans Network) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried****The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #286)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A082)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #14 on Resolution A079 (Mental Health Sunday) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #285)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A079)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #15 on Resolution A089 (Address Violence Against Women and Girls) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #287)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A089)

**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.***

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #16 on Resolution A078 (Promote Equity and to Reduce Differences in Mental Health Outcomes) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #284)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A078)

***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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #17 on Resolution D031 (Addressing the Ongoing Harm of Coercive and Abusive Christian Ministries) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #288)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D031)

**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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #18 on Resolution A023 (Authorize and Support the use of the Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #283)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A023)

*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.*

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #19 on Resolution A019 (Create a Task Force on Senior Wellness and Positive Aging) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #281)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A019)

*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.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #20 on Resolution Do68 (Addressing the Increase in Gambling) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #289)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A068)

**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.

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

Joint Rule V.1

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  - 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.

**Title IV Disciplinary**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #38 on Resolution D064 (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) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(D064)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #272)

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #39 on Resolution A025 (Amending Canon IV.13.4) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A025)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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

&lt;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.&gt;

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.

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&lt;Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:&gt;

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #274)

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #40 on Resolution A026 (Establishing a Database for Title IV Outcomes on the Office of Transitional Ministry Profiles of Clergy) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A026)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

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.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #273)

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary presented its Report #51 on Resolution D015 (Examine the disparity in treatment in the adjudication of Clergy under Title IV Disciplinary Process by Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

### **Original Text of Resolution**

(D015)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

That the 81th 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.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred  
Resolution Referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #275)

**End of Consent Calendar**

A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar.

**Motion Carried**

**Messages from the House of Deputies**

The Secretary announced that messages 293-329 had been received from the House of Deputies.

- HD Message #293 A104 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) Take No Further Action
- HD Message #294 A134 (Establishing a Task Force for the Funding and Study of Compensation and Benefits for Deacons and Non-Stipendiary Priests) Take No Further Action
- HD Message #295 A075 (A Directive for Clergy Mental Health Ministry Training) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #296 A076 (Strengthening of Churchwide Training in Mental Health First Aid) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #297 D043 (Support and Advocacy for Iraqi Christians) Concur
- HD Message #298 D055 (Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #299 A043 (Amend Constitution Article VIII regarding Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships) Concur
- HD Message #300 A108 (Proposal of Changes to Title I, Canon 17) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #301 A047 (Amend Title I regarding Local Ecumenical Partnerships) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
- HD Message #302 A051 (Amend Canons I.2.4.a Data Collection for the Church) Concur
- HD Message #303 A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) Adopt with Amendment
- HD Message #304 X005 (Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Bishops)) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #305 X006 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Lay)) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #306 X007 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Clergy)) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #307 X008 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Faculty)) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #308 X009 (Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Bishops)) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #309 D059 (Addressing Antisemitism in the Church and the World) Concur
- HD Message #310 A048 (Adoption of the Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Concur
- HD Message #311 A063 (Amend Canons I.2.2 : Term of Office of the Presiding Bishop) Concur

- HD Message #312 Do65 (Study Canons on Canonical Residence) Concur
- HD Message #313 A148 (Amend Canons to Underscore Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice) Concur
- HD Message #314 Do76 (Supporting Reparative Investment Vehicles) Concur
- HD Message #315 A064 (Amend Canon I.1.6.d Capturing Clergy Records) Concur
- HD Message #316 C010 (Access to Prison Ministries) Concur
- HD Message #317 A099 (Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries) Concur
- HD Message #318 B009 (Observing the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea 325 CE) Concur
- HD Message #319 Do70 (Prayers for Haiti) Concur
- HD Message #320 Do41 (Support the Adoption of an Ecumenical Feast Day of Creation in our Liturgical Calendar) Concur
- HD Message #321 B003 (The Tree of Life: an Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day) Concur
- HD Message #322 X017 (Appointment to the Archives Advisory Committee) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #323 X018 (Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #324 X019 (Nomination by the Presiding Bishop for Historiographer) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #325 X020 (Nomination by the Presiding Bishop for Recorder of Ordinations) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #326 A107 (Amend Canon IV.19.12) Concur with Referral to an Interim Body
- HD Message #327 A002 (Site for the 83rd General Convention) Concur
- HD Message #328 X021 (Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop)) Adopt HD Only
- HD Message #329 C025 (Juncture of The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan) Adopt

### Constitution & Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution & Canons presented its Report #58 on Resolution A108 (General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #290)

### Final Text of Resolution

(A108)

*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.

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

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**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.

### **Formation and Discipleship**

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #13 on Resolution D055 (50th Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried**

**The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #291)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D055)

**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.*

### **Safety, Wellness and Mental Health**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness and Mental Health presented its Report #22 on Resolution A075 (A Directive for Clergy Mental Health Ministry Training) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #292)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A075)

*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.*

### **Safety, Wellness & Mental Health**

The House of Bishops Committee on Safety, Wellness & Mental Health presented its Report #23 on Resolution A076 (General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #293)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A076)

**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.**

### **Accessibility & Inclusion**

The House of Bishops Committee on Accessibility & Inclusion presented its Report #17 on Resolution D081 (Childcare at General Convention) and moved concurrence.

### **Amendment**

Brown Maine made a motion to refer this Resolution to an interim body.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Referred to an Interim Body**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #305)

### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D081)

**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.

#### **Title IV Disciplinary Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Title IV Disciplinary Canons presented its Report #60 on Resolution A053 (Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #294)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A053)

*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.

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<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.

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

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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.

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**<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.

### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution A221 (The Leadership of the Bishops' Spouses and Partners Community) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #296)



**Final Text of Resolution**

(A221)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on Resolution A220 (The Interpreters) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried****Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #295)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A220)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on Resolution A219 (The Chaplains to the House of Bishops) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried****Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #297)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A219)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on Resolution A218 (The Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption with a standing ovation - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #298)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A218)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #15 on Resolution A217 (The General Convention Secretariat, the Presiding Bishop's Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Support Leaders) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #299)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A217)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #31 on Resolution A236 (Our Guests from the Anglican Communion, Churches in Full Communion, other Christian Churches, and other Faith Communities) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #300)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A236)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #32 on Resolution A237 (The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #301)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A237)

*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;

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The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #33 on Resolution A238 (The Archbishop of Uppsala and the Church of Sweden) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #302)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A238)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #34 on Resolution A239 (The President of the Council of Bishops of the UMC and Episcopal-United Methodist Dialogue) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #303)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A239)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #35 on Resolution A240 (The Stated Clerk and Episcopal-Presbyterian Dialogue) and moved adoption - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #304)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A240)

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.

**Election of the Secretary**

The Chair nominated the Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas, Bishop Diocesan of Colorado, as Secretary of the House of Bishops. The Chair motioned to close nominations.

**Motion carried  
Nominations closed**

The Chair motioned to elect the Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas, Bishop Diocesan of Colorado, as Secretary of the House of Bishops.

**Motion carried  
Secretary of the House of Bishops elected.**

**Appointment of Assistant Secretary**

The Secretary moved to appoint the Rt. Rev. David Reed, West Texas Resigned, as Assistant Secretary of the House of Bishops.

**Motion carried  
Assistant Secretary of the House of Bishops appointed**

**Recess**

The Presiding Bishop announced a twenty-minute break and to return at 2:55 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The Presiding Bishop called the House back to order at 3:40 p.m.

**Special Order****Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #40 on Resolution C025 (Juncture of The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #306)

Deputations and Members of Eastern and Western Michigan were welcomed to the front of the House.

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(C025)

**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.**

#### **Executive Session**

The Presiding Bishop moved the House of Bishops go into Executive Session 3:47 p.m.

**Motion Carried  
House in Executive Session**

The House of Bishops exited from Executive Session at 3:53 p.m.

#### **Recess**

The Presiding Bishop announced a fifteen-to-twenty-minute break.

#### **Reconvene**

The Presiding Bishop called the House back to order at 4:15p.m.

#### **Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #35 on Resolution C009 (Petition of the Episcopal Church In Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #307)

Members from the Navajoland were greeted and welcomed to the front of the House.

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(C009)

**Resolved, That the 81st General Convention grant the Petition of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese.**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #41 on Resolution D051 (The Reunion of the Diocese of Wisconsin) and moved concurrence.

**Motion Carried  
The House Concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #308)

Deputations and Members of Wisconsin were welcomed to the front of the House.

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(D051)

**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.**

#### **Announcements**

Dispatch announced the 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of the Rt. Rev. Thomas and Tom Brown.

#### **Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #36 on Resolution A241 (The Bishop of Spokane) and moved adoption with a standing ovation - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried  
Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #309)

#### **Final Text of Resolution**

(A241)

**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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #37 on Resolution A242 (The General Convention Coordinators and the Volunteers in the House of Bishops) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #310)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A242)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #38 on Resolution A243 (Ms. Elise Keddie General Convention Coordinator) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #311)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A243)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #40 on Resolution A245 (The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**



(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #313)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A245)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #39 on Resolution A244 (The Right Reverend Sean Rowe Presiding Bishop-elect 2024) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message 312)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A244)

*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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #41 on Resolution A247 (The Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Sharon Curry) and moved adoption with applause - House of Bishops Only.

**Motion Carried**  
**Resolution Adopted – HOB Only**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #314)

**Final Text of Resolution**

(A247)

*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.

House is at ease at 4:52 p.m.

House called back to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Committee Chair of Privilege and Courtesy asked to read Resolution A196 for the Diocese of Kentucky that was previously passed.

### **Final Announcements**

The Secretary made final announcements.

### **Adjournment**

Dispatched moved for adjournment following the Presiding Bishop's Benediction.

**Motion Carried**

### **Benediction by the Presiding Bishop**

### **Adjourn Sine Die**

Dispatch announced adjournment at 5:40 p.m.

## House of Bishops Appendix A: Make Up of the House of Bishops

Diocesan Bishops	92
Diocesan Pro Tem Bishops	2
Coadjutor Bishops	1
Suffragan Bishops	7
Presiding Bishop	1
Assistant Bishop	8
Assisting Bishops	6
Resigned Bishops	163
Special Ministries	2
Total Membership	282

Note: A quorum is defined by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution: "A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdictions or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business." Out of 282 total bishops 273 were entitled to vote. Of those entitled to vote, 163 were resigned, thus the present quorum is 55.

## House of Bishops Appendix B: Legislative Committees

### 1 Rules of Order

Jennifer Brooke-Davidson (North Carolina, IV)  
Matthew Cowden (West Virginia, III)  
Sean Rowe (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)

### 2 Constitution & Canons

Kathryn Ryan (Texas, VII)  
Phoebe Roaf (West Tennessee, IV)  
Mark Edington (Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, II)  
Mark Cowell (Western Kansas, VII)  
Shannon Rogers Duckworth (Louisiana, IV)

### 3 Governance & Structure

Jeff Fisher (Texas, VII)  
Michael C.B. Hunn (Rio Grande, VII)  
J. Russell Kendrick (Central Gulf Coast, IV)  
Elizabeth Monnot (Iowa, VI)  
Melissa Skelton (Olympia, VIII)

### 4 World Mission

Lucinda Ashby (El Camino Real, VIII)  
Mark Koevering (Lexington, IV)  
George R. Jr. (Dallas, VII)  
Hector Monterroso (Texas, VII)  
Juan Carlos Quiñonez (Central Ecuador, IX)

### 5 Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning, & Healing

Robert Wright (Atlanta, IV)  
Carol Gallagher (Massachusetts, I)  
Carlye Hughes (Newark, II)  
Samuel Rodman (North Carolina, IV)  
Allen Shin (New York, II)

### 6 Social Justice & International Policy

Daniel Gutiérrez (Pennsylvania, III)  
John Harvey Taylor (Los Angeles, VIII)  
Mark Bourlakas (Southwestern Virginia, III)  
Barry Beisner (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)  
Moises Mota (Dominican Republic, IX)

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- 7 Social Justice & United States Policy**  
Diana Akiyama (Oregon, VIII)  
Mark Lattime (Alaska, VIII)  
Shannon Brown (Vermont, I)  
Paula Clark (Chicago, V)  
Mary Glasspool (New York, II)
- 8 Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives**  
Mariann Budde (Washington, III)  
Craig Loya (Minnesota, VI)  
Sally French (New Jersey, II)  
J. Scott Mayer (Northwest Texas, VII)  
Megan Traquair (Northern California, VIII)
- 9 Evangelism & the Future Church**  
Frank Logue (Georgia, IV)  
Deon Johnson (Missouri, V)  
Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows (Indianapolis, V)  
Poulson C. Reed (Oklahoma, VII)  
Gretchen Rehberg (Spokane, VIII)
- 10 Prayer Book, Liturgy, & Music**  
Glenda Curry (Alabama, IV)  
Matthew A. Gunter (Wisconsin, V)  
C. Andrew Doyle (Texas, VII)  
Rafael Morales (Puerto Rico, II)  
Jennifer Reddall (Arizona, VIII)
- 11 Formation & Discipleship**  
Rob Skirving (East Carolina, IV)  
Jonathan Folts (South Dakota, VI)  
Justin Holcomb (Central Florida, IV)  
Gayle Harris (Virginia, III)  
Santosh Marray (Easton, III)
- 12 Agencies & Boards**  
Martha E. Stebbins (Montana, VI)  
Larry Provenzano (Long Island, II)  
Kevin D. Nichols (Bethlehem, III)  
Brian K. Burgess (Springfield, V)  
Brian N. Prior (Alabama, IV)  
Susan Brown Snook (San Diego, VIII)

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- 13 Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing**  
Ruth Woodliff-Stanley (South Carolina, IV)  
Douglas Fisher (Western Massachusetts, I)  
Thomas Brown (Maine, I)  
Gregory Rickel (Olympia, VIII)  
Ketlen Solak (Pittsburgh, III)
- 14 Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations**  
Douglas Sparks (Northern Indiana, V)  
Kevin Brown (Delaware, III)  
John Bauerschmidt (Tennessee, IV)  
Lloyd Allen (Honduras, IX)  
R. William Franklin (Western New York, II)
- 15 Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation**  
Cathleen C. Bascom (Kansas, VII)  
David Rice (San Joaquin, VIII)  
Jeffrey Mello (Connecticut, I)  
Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang (Taiwan, VIII)  
Douglas Scharf (Southwest Florida, IV)
- 16 Safety, Wellness & Mental Health**  
DeDe Duncan-Probe (Central New York, II)  
Jake Owensby-Owensby (Western Louisiana, VII)  
A. Robert Hirschfeld-Hirschfeld (New Hampshire, I)  
Phyllis Spiegel-Spiegel (Utah, VIII)  
Jos Tharakan-Tharakan (Idaho, VIII)
- 17 Accessibility & Inclusion**  
Patrick Bell (Eastern Oregon, VIII)  
Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner (Nevada, VIII)  
Daniel Richards (Upper South Carolina, IV)  
Matthew Heyd (New York, II)  
Cristobal León Lozano (Litoral Ecuador, IX)  
Carrie Schofield-Broadbent (Maryland, III)
- 18 Title IV Disciplinary Canons**  
Sean Rowe (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)  
Susan Haynes (Southern Virginia, III)  
W. Nicholas Knisely (Rhode Island, I)  
Robert Fitzpatrick (Hawaii, VIII)  
Audrey Scanlan (Central Pennsylvania, III)

- 19 Title III Ministry**  
J. Scott Barker (Nebraska, VI)  
Bonnie Perry (Michigan, V)  
Ann Ritonia (Washington, III)  
Laura Ahrens (Connecticut, I)  
Rayford Ray (Northern Michigan, V)  
Brian Thom (Idaho, VIII)
- 21 Dispatch of Business**  
Wendell Gibbs (Michigan, V)  
Terry White (Kentucky, IV)  
José McLoughlin (Western North Carolina, IV)  
Jennifer Brooke-Davidson (North Carolina, IV)  
Brian Cole (East Tennessee, IV)  
Anne Jolly (Ohio, V)  
E. Mark Stevenson (Virginia, III)
- 22 Certification of Minutes**  
Wendell Gibbs (Michigan, V)  
Terry White (Kentucky, IV)  
José McLoughlin (Western North Carolina, IV)  
Jennifer Brooke-Davidson (North Carolina, IV)  
Brian Cole (East Tennessee, IV)  
Anne Jolly (Ohio, V)  
E. Mark Stevenson (Virginia, III)
- 23 Privilege & Courtesy**  
Peter Eaton (Southeast Florida, IV)



## House of Bishops Appendix C: Remaining Messages Sent from the House of Deputies

**Day 7 | June 29, 2024**

### **Messages from the House of Deputies**

The following messages were sent from the House of Deputies on June 28, 2024:

<i>HD Message #367</i>	C001 (On the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry) Adopt Substitute – HD Only
<i>HD Message #368</i>	A176 (Commend the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton) Adopt with Amendment – HD Only

House of Bishops  
Interim Meeting Minutes

**House of Bishops Interim Meeting****Camp McDowell March 12, 2023**

The business meeting was called to order at 2:00 by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. The Rev. Ricardo Bailey opened the meeting with prayer.

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the registration list of the meeting suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 120 bishops and 1 bishop elect. The number still present more than constituted a quorum. It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff was recognized as the Senior Bishop present.

**Changes of Status of Bishops in the House****New Consecrations / Elections**

1. **Paula E. Clark**, Bishop of Chicago, September 17, 2022
2. **Phyllis Spiegel**, Bishop of Utah, September 17, 2022
3. **Douglas Scharf**, Bishop of Southwest Florida, September 24, 2022
4. **Jeffrey Mello**, Bishop of Connecticut, October 15, 2022
5. **Shannon Duckworth**, Bishop of Louisiana, November 19, 2022
6. **E. Mark Stevenson**, Bishop of Virginia, December 3, 2022
7. **Melissa Skelton**, Bishop Provisional of Olympia, effective March 1, 2023
8. **Pastor Elias Garcia Cardenas**, Bishop of Colombia, February 18, 2023
9. **Anne Jolly**, Bishop of Ohio, consecration scheduled for April 29, 2023
10. **Matt Heyd**, Bishop Coadjutor of New York, consecration scheduled for May 20, 2023
11. **Charlie Holt**, Bishop of Florida, consecration scheduled for June 3, 2023, pending consents
12. **Justin Holcomb**, Bishop of Central Florida, consecration scheduled for June 10, 2023
13. **Sally French**, Bishop of New Jersey, consecration scheduled for June 24, 2023, pending consents
14. **David Read**, Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas, consecration scheduled for July 8, 2023, pending consents

**Necrology since last meeting**

1. **Charles L. Keyser**, resigned Bishop Suffragan of Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, July 31, 2022
2. **William F. Carr**, resigned Bishop Suffragan of West Virginia, August 7, 2022
3. **Mary Adelia McLeod**, resigned Bishop of Vermont, October 12, 2022
4. **George N. Hunt III**, resigned Bishop of Rhode Island, October 23, 2022
5. **John P. Croneberger**, resigned Bishop of Newark, February 23, 2023
6. **Frank T. Griswold III**, XXV Presiding Bishop, March 5, 2023

**Resignations since last meeting**

1. **Scott Hayashi**, resigned Bishop of Utah, effective September 17, 2022
2. **Francisco Duque**, resigned Bishop of Colombia, effective September 18, 2022
3. **W. Michie Klusmeyer**, resigned Bishop of West Virginia, effective October 13, 2022
4. **Ian Douglas**, resigned Bishop of Connecticut, effective October 15, 2022
5. **Morris Thompson**, resigned Bishop of Louisiana, effective November 19, 2022
6. **Susan Goff**, resigned Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, effective December 31, 2022
7. **Anne Hodges-Copple**, resigned Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina, effective December 31, 2022
8. **Gregory Rickel**, resigned Bishop of Olympia, effective December 31, 2022
9. **Dabney Smith**, resigned Bishop of Southwest Florida, effective December 31, 2022

**Changes in Status**

1. **W. Michie Klusmeyer**, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Within TEC, effective October 17, 2022
2. **Melissa Skelton**, Bishop Provisional of Olympia, effective January 1, 2023
3. **Carol Gallagher**, Assistant Bishop of Massachusetts, effective February 1, 2023
4. **Jennifer Brooke-Davidson**, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, effective February 22, 2023

**Communications from the Presiding Bishop**

No communications were offered by the Presiding Bishop.

**Special Business of Meeting**

Clarification of membership and those eligible to vote was offered by the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley of the Pastoral Development Committee.

Balloting for the election of the Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley put the names of The Rev. Jerome Hinson, the Rev. Ann Ritonia and the Very Rev. Michael Sniffen into nomination for the Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries on behalf of the Search and Nominating Committee for Bishop Suffragan of AFFM. Meet and greets of the three nominees were held earlier in the meeting on March 8, 2023.

The Rt. Rev. Terry White outlined the process for voting.

Balloting for the Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries was conducted.

*The results of ballot # 1 was as follows:*

110 Ballots cast, 56 votes needed to elect

The Rev. Jerome Hinson 48

The Rev. Ann Ritonia 46

The Very Rev. Michael Sniffen 16

A Second ballot was cast.

*The results of ballot #2 was as follows:*

111 Ballots cast, 56 votes needed to elect

The Rev. Jerome Hinson 52

The Rev. Ann Ritonia 54

The Very Rev. Michael Sniffen 5

A Third ballot was cast.

*The results of ballot #3 was as follows:*

111 Ballots cast, 56 votes needed to elect

The Rev. Jerome Hinson 47

The Rev. Ann Ritonia 62

The Very Rev. Michael Sniffen 2

A phone call was placed to the nominee by the Presiding Bishop. The Rev. Ann Ritonia accepted the election as the Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. The other candidates were notified. The bishops present signed the testimonials.

It was discovered after all the testimonials were signed that one bishop who should *not* have voted *had* voted. The election was voided and a new ballot was taken.

109 Ballots cast, 55 votes needed to elect

The Rev. Jerome Hinson 37

The Rev. Ann Ritonia 69

The Very Rev. Michael Sniffen 3

New testimonials were signed.

Balloting for the Bishop Provisional of Navajoland

The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley put the name of the Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner in nomination on behalf of the Standing Committee of Navajoland for Bishop Provisional of Navajoland. The Presiding Bishop called for a voice vote and the Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner was elected by acclamation.

### **Suspension of the Rules of Order, Rule V.N.12**

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Parliamentarian, noted that a number of items for consideration on the agenda were not received within the time requirement of the House of Bishops Rules of Order, Rule V.N.12 (30 days in advance). Rowe MOVED to invoke the provision in Rule V.N.12 so that the House could consider these matters. A vote was taken, with over two thirds of the House agreeing take up these items.

### **Reports of Special Committees**

#### **Report from the Committee on Resignations**

The Presiding Bishop noted that one resignation will be emailed to the House. That resignation is that of the Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, Bishop of Cuba.

#### **Status on work with the Sudanese**

The Rt. Rev. Martin Field offered an update on the status of the task force with the Sudanese community. The mandate of this committee was to open a dialogue with the South Sudanese who live in this country. (attach the report?)

The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh asked if there are gleanings or learnings that the church can learn from the work of the task force. The Rt. Rev. Martin Field acknowledged that the task force has struggled with this very thing. Listening to their stories is critical in building relationships which can support a mutual learning exchange.

#### **Theology Committee report**

The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin offered the report from the Theology Committee on Christian Nationalism. He asked the House to read the report and offered some background to the work of the group. In addition, Bishop Shin asked the House to use the information to not only educate our churches but to also offer a counter narrative to Christian Nationalism.

#### **Theological Education Committee**

The Rt. Rev. William Franklin asked the House to consider the issue of a crisis in Theological Education in view of the growth of hybrid and non-residential seminary offerings. The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes raised issues around the changes in education and the challenges of these new educational models. Bishops Franklin and Hughes invited the bishops with interest in talking about this and working on this to let them know.

#### **Framing the Bishop Consent process and table discussion**

The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley shared comments around the consent process for a Bishop. Bishop Ousley oversees the work of the church addressed in Title III canon 11. Bishop Ousley noted what it means that bishops are asked to give or withhold consent. Standing Committee are required to state that there is no impediment to ordination.

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan asked what percentage of consents are withheld or not sent in by Bishops and Standing Committees. Bishop Ousley noted that there are some that occur. Some Standing Committees do not meet regularly. For the bishops, consents are 50% +1 of the bishops with jurisdiction voting. The same is true for Standing Committees.

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson asked about how the objection process works. What is the canonical process for the objection to the election. Bishop Ousley explained the process per the canons. Table discussion ensued.

#### **Courtesy Resolution (Appendix A)**

The Presiding Bishop asked the Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas to read the resolution penned by Peter Eaton on the death of former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswald. The Presiding Bishop closed the resolution by offering a prayer. The Resolution PASSED by acclamation.

#### **Statement of Support for Transgender persons and Transgender children and their families (Appendix B)**

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan noted that last year this house authored a resolution regarding Transgender persons and Transgender children. Bishop Ryan offered a resolution to reaffirm

Bishop Ryan MOVED and read the resolution to the House. The Motion was SECONDED. Ryan spoke to the resolution. The resolution PASSED.

#### **Presentation and discussion by the Joint Budget Committee for TEC**

Vice President of the House the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves invited the Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook and the Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher to speak to the house on the work of the Joint Budget Committee. Bishop Brown Snook and Bishop Fisher explained the new budget process of the Joint Budget committee. The Committee is made up of 10 deputies and 3 bishops.

Bishop Brown Snook addressed the revenue side of the budget. She noted the committee anticipates a significant shortfall in income including noting that some dioceses are seeking to pass resolutions to reduce the assessments to TEC. The stock market reduction, the current triennium's budget includes a surplus from pandemic issues which will not reoccur, and the portion of the investment income for racial reckoning will cause a reallocation from other areas of the budget.

Bishop Fisher spoke to the expense side of the budget, and summarized major categories:

Evangelism Initiatives & Starting New Congregations

Racial Equity & Social Justice Initiatives  
 Indigenous Ministries – including a review of history of Boarding Schools  
 Asian American Ministries  
 African Descent Ministries  
 Hispanic / Latino Ministries  
 Support for Historic Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)  
 New Director of LGBTQI & Women’s Ministries  
 Creation Care Initiatives  
 The Office of the Presiding Bishop  
 Pastoral Development Office  
 Armed Forces & Federal Ministries  
 Communications & Multi-Media  
 Formation & Transition Ministries  
 Block Grants – Aid to Dioceses within TEC & Dioceses beyond (Anglican Communion)  
 Ecumenical Relations  
 General Convention Office  
 FLOG (Finance, Legal, Operations, Governance) or, rearranged as GOLF!

Bishops Fisher and Brown Snook passed out questions to each of the tables for the bishops to work in table groups. The table groups submitted their responses to Bishops Fisher and Brown Snook.

### **Other Business**

#### **SCLM**

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall made a report on the work of the Standing Commission of Liturgy and Music. [episcopalcommonprayer.org](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org) is now the official website of resources, including all the approved liturgies along with what categories they were approved. It also has links to other liturgical resources that are not official but helpful.

#### **ACC**

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton reported on the meeting of the ACC, which he along with Fr. Ranjit Matthews and Canon Annette Buchanan attended. Bishop Sutton described the structure of the ACC and the principals involved. Bible study, discussion of the 5 marks of mission and engagement across difference were part of the work of the members of the ACC at this meeting. Four main issues were discussed: safeguarding all members of the church, structure and decision making within the Anglican Communion, reparations and restorations, gender identity and sexual orientation.

### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session at this meeting.



**Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary noted that the minutes of the prior meeting are available on the College for Bishop's website. It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

**Adjournment**

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Attested,

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce  
Secretary

The Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas  
Assistant Secretary

**Appendix A**

## Resolution of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold III

1937-2023

25<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop 1998-2006

Resolved, that the House of Bishops, gathered at Camp McDowell in the Diocese of Alabama, gives thanks to Almighty God for the life and episcopal ministry of the Right Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold III, who entered into eternal life on March 5, and who so gracefully embodied, with cultured humanity and holiness of life, the qualities of a Catholic bishop in the Anglican tradition, having served this Church faithfully and with distinction as the 25<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop from 1997 to 2006;

and further marks his devoted service as Bishop Coadjutor of Chicago from 1985 to 1987, and Bishop of that diocese from 1987 until his election to the primacy at the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Convention in Philadelphia;

and further celebrates the depth of theological wisdom and spiritual insight, as well as a generosity of spirit, along with his understanding, following Saint Anthony the Great, that our life and death are with our neighbor, binding us thereby in baptism to the journey of the discernment of truth in communion, all of which he brought to his life and work both as a bishop and as our Primate;

and further recognizes his enduring contribution to the liturgical renewal of the Church, especially his influence on the composition of Eucharistic Prayer B in *The Book of Common Prayer*;

and further recalls his commitment to the unity of the Churches and deeper dialogue with other religions, especially in his role as Anglican Co-Chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission from 1999 to 2003, during which time the ground-breaking report, *Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ* was drafted, and in his championing of the agreement *Called to Common Mission* between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, inaugurated in 2001, which continues to bear important fruit in our own day;

and further values his careful and sacrificial leadership as Primate during a sensitive and unsettled season in our history as a Church, *making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace* (Eph. 4:3);

and further remembers with gratitude his selfless ministry in his pensioned years as a pastor, teacher, spiritual director, retreat leader, and friend to many of us in this House and to others, who, rooted in

the fullness of the human experience, encouraged us, in tracking down the Holy Ghost and in gathering up the fragments, to pray all our days, that we might grow more deeply into the love of, and longing for, God, and so might become prayer itself;

and further extends to his wife, Phoebe, to their daughters, Hannah and Eliza, and their family the assurance of our condolences and our prayers.

## Appendix B

### Statement of Support for Transgender persons and Transgender children and their families

In light of the baptismal covenant's promises to see Christ in all persons and to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being, and in response to the rapidly expanding numbers of proposed and enacted legislation by elected officials in forty-one states in the United States (Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming), and any other states, countries in which our Episcopal Church ministers, municipalities, and school districts targeting transgender persons and transgender children and their families, seeking to limit access to healthcare, educational opportunities, public accommodations, free speech, and civil rights, we, the Bishops of The Episcopal Church gathered at Camp McDowell, Alabama, in March 2023, reaffirm our March 2022 expression of our love and continued support for all persons who identify as transgender or non-binary and their families. We decry legislative initiatives and governmental actions targeting our transgender siblings and their families. We urge all in our Church in all the countries in which the Episcopal Church is found to create safe spaces and shield all people from harassment based on gender identity, and to join in advocacy to protect them from discriminatory laws.

LAST NAME	FIRST	DIOCESE	PROV
Ahrens	Laura	Connecticut	I
Akiyama	Diana	Oregon	VIII
Allen	Lloyd	Honduras	IX
Allotey	Daniel	Long Island	II
Andrus	Marc	California	VIII
Ashby	Lucinda	El Camino Real	VIII
Barker	Scott	Nebraska	VI
Bascom	Cathleen	Kansas	VII
Baskerville-Burrows	Jennifer	Indianapolis	V
Bauerschmidt	John	Tennessee	IV
Bell	Pat	Eastern Oregon	VIII
Benfield	Larry	Arkansas	VII
Bourlakas	Mark	Southwestern Virginia	III
Brewer	Greg	Central Florida	IV
Brooke-Davidson	Jennifer	North Carolina	IV
Brown	Thomas	Maine	I
Brown	Kevin	Delaware	III
Bruce	Diane	West Missouri	VII
Budde	Mariann Edgar	Washington	III
Burgess	Brian	Springfield	V
Chandler	Paul-Gordon	Wyoming	VI
Chang	Lennon	Taiwan	VIII
Clark	Paula	Chicago	V
Cole	Brian	East Tennessee	IV
Cowden	Matthew	West Virginia	III
Curry	Michael	Presiding Bishop	
Curry	Glenda	Alabama	IV
Dietsche	Andy	New York	II
Doyle	Andy	Texas	VII
Duckworth	Shannon	Louisiana	IV
Duncan-Probe	DeDe	Central New York	II
Edington	Mark	Europe	II
Ely	Tom	North Dakota	VI
Fisher	Doug	Western Massachusetts	I
Fisher	Jeff	Texas	VII
Fitzpatrick	Bob	Hawaii	VIII
Folts	Jonathan	South Dakota	VI
Franklin	Bill	Long Island	II
Garcia	Pastor	Colombia	IX

Gardner	Elizabeth	Nevada	VIII
Gates	Alan	Massachusetts	I
Glasspool	Mary	New York	II
Goff	Susan	Virginia	III
Gray-Reeves	Mary	College for Bishops	
Gunter	Matt	Fond du Lac / Eau Claire	V
Gutiérrez	Daniel	Pennsylvania	III
Harris	Gayle	Massachusetts	I
Haynes	Susan	Southern Virginia	III
Hirschfeld	Rob	New Hampshire	I
Hodges-Copple	Anne	North Carolina	IV
Hollingsworth	Mark	Ohio	V
Hougland	Whayne	Eastern MI / Western MI	V
Howard	John	Florida	IV
Hughes	Carlye	Newark	II
Hunn	Michael	Rio Grande	VII
Ihloff	Bob	Maryland	III
Johnson	Deon	Missouri	V
Jolly	Anne	Ohio	V
Kendrick	Russell	Central Gulf Coast	IV
Klusmeyer	Mike	Canon to the PB	III
Knisely	Nick	Rhode Island	I
Knudsen	Chilton	Maine	I
Lane	Steve	Rochester	II
Lattime	Mark	Alaska	VIII
Lawton	Fraser	Dallas	VII
León	Cristobal	Ecuador Litoral	IX
Loya	Craig	Minnesota	VI
Lucas	Kym	Colorado	VI
MacVean-Brown	Shannon	Vermont	I
Magness	Jay	Armed Forces & Fed Ministries	
Marray	San	Easton	III
Mayer	J. Scott	Northwest Texas	VII
McLoughlin	José	Western North Carolina	IV
Mello	Jeffrey	Connecticut	I
Monnot	Betsey	Iowa	VI
Monterroso	Hector	Texas	VII
Morales	Rafael	Puerto Rico	II
Nichols	Kevin	Bethlehem	III
Owensby	Jacob	Western Louisiana	VII

Perry	Bonnie	Michigan	V
Powell	Neff	Southwestern Virginia	III
Prior	Brian	Alabama	IV
Provenzano	Larry	Long Island	II
Quezada	Moises	Dominican Republic	IX
Quiñonez	Juan Carlos	Ecuador Central	IX
Ray	Rayford	Northern Michigan	V
Reddall	Jennifer	Arizona	VIII
Reed	Poulson	Oklahoma	VII
Reed	David	West Texas	VII
Rice	David	San Joaquin	VIII
Richards	Daniel	Upper South Carolina	IV
Roaf	Phoebe	West Tennessee	IV
Rodman	Sam	North Carolina	IV
Rowe	Sean	Northwestern PA / Western NY	III
Ryan	Kai	Texas	VII
Scharf	Doug	Southwest Florida	IV
Seage	Brian	Mississippi	IV
Shin	Allen	New York	II
Singh	Prince	Eastern MI / Western MI	V
Skelton	Melissa	Olympia	VIII
Skirving	Rob	East Carolina	IV
Smith	Wayne	Missouri	V
Smith	Kirk	Arizona	VIII
Snook	Susan Brown	San Diego	VIII
Solak	Ketlen	Pittsburgh	III
Sparks	Doug	Northern Indiana	V
Spiegel	Phyllis	Utah	VIII
Stebbins	Marty	Montana	VI
Stevenson	Mark	Virginia	III
Stokes	Chip	New Jersey	II
Sumner	George	Dallas	VII
Sutton	Eugene	Maryland	III
Taylor	John Harvey	Los Angeles	VIII
Tharakan	Jos	Idaho	VIII
Thom	Brian	Idaho	VIII
Traquair	Megan	Northern California	VIII
Van Koevening	Mark	Lexington	IV
Waldo	Andy	Upper South Carolina	IV
White	Terry	Kentucky	IV

Wolf	Gerry	Long Island	II
Wolfe	Dean	New York	II
Woodliff-Stanley	Ruth	South Carolina	IV
Wright	Robert	Atlanta	IV



## House of Bishops Interim Meeting

### Virtual via ZOOM September 22, 2023

The business meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM ET by the Vice President of the House of Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves. The Rev. Ricardo Bailey opened the meeting with prayer.

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the registration list of the meeting suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 138 bishops and 1 bishop elect. The number still present more than constituted a quorum. It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Russ Jacobus was recognized as the Senior Bishop present.

### Changes of Status of Bishops in the House

#### New consecrations/elections since 2023 Spring Meeting

1. **Anne Jolly**, Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio, April 29, 2023
2. **Matthew Heyd**, Bishop Coadjutor of New York, May 20, 2023
3. **Justin Holcomb**, Bishop of Central Florida, June 10, 2023
4. **Sally French**, Bishop of New Jersey, June 24, 2023
5. **David Read**, Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas, July 8, 2023
6. **Carrie Schofield-Broadbent**, Bishop Coadjutor of Maryland, September 16, 2023
7. **Ann Ritonia**, Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces & Federal Ministries, consecration scheduled for September 30, 2023
8. **John Harmon**, Bishop of Arkansas, consecration scheduled for January 26, 2024
9. **Jeremiah Williamson**, Bishop of Albany, consecration scheduled for February 24, 2024

#### Necrology since 2023 Spring Meeting

1. **David B. Reed**, resigned Bishop of Kentucky and Colombia, March 11, 2023
2. **R. Stewart Wood, Jr.**, resigned Bishop of Michigan, July 30, 2023
3. **Daniel Herzog**, former bishop of Albany, August 4, 2023
4. **Clarence Coleridge**, resigned Bishop of Connecticut, August 10, 2023
5. **Roy F. Cederholm**, resigned Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, August 27, 2023

#### Resignations since 2023 Spring Meeting

1. **Griselda Delgado del Carpio**, resigned Bishop of Cuba, effective March 23, 2023
2. **Gayle Harris**, resigned Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, effective March 31, 2023
3. **David Bailey**, resigned Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission, effective May 20, 2023
4. **Gregory Brewer**, resigned Bishop of Central Florida, effective June 10, 2023
5. **William Stokes**, resigned Bishop of New Jersey, effective June 24, 2023
6. **Mark Hollingsworth**, resigned Bishop of Ohio, effective July 1, 2023
7. **Prince Singh**, resigned Bishop Provisional of Eastern and Western Michigan, effective September 8, 2023

**Changes of Status since 2023 Spring Meeting**

1. **Gayle Harris**, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, effective April 1, 2023
2. **Barry Beisner**, Bishop Provisional of Navajoland, May 20, 2023
3. **Robert Ihloff**, resigned Assistant Bishop of Maryland, effective June 30, 2023
4. **Anne Jolly**, Bishop of Ohio, effective July 1, 2023
5. **Jeffrey Lee**, resigned Bishop Provisional of Milwaukee, effective July 26, 2023
6. **Rayford High**, resigned Assistant Bishop of West Texas, effective July 31, 2023
7. **Cristobal Leon**, Bishop Provisional of Venezuela, effective August 19, 2023
8. **Rafael Morales**, Bishop Provisional of Cuba and Assistant Bishop of the Virgin Islands – June 24, 2023
9. **Prince Singh**, resigned Bishop Provisional of Eastern and Western Michigan, restriction of ministry effective September 7, 2023

**Communications from the Vice President**

No communications were offered by the Vice President.

**Special Business of Meeting.****Suspension of the Rules of Order, Rule V.N.12**

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Parliamentarian, noted that one item for consideration on the agenda was not received within the time requirement of the House of Bishops Rules of Order, Rule V.N.12 (30 days in advance). The Rt. Rev. Susan Haynes MOVED to invoke the provision in Rule V.N.12 so that the House could consider this matter. A vote was taken, with over two thirds of the House agreeing take up this item.

**Reports of Special Committees****Report from the Committee on Resignations**

The Vice President announced that there is no report from the Committee on Resignations for the House.

**Other Business****Statement from the House of Bishops (Appendix A)***Comments from the House:*

The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya offered a background to the work the writing committee undertook.

The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook spoke on behalf of the original group who crafted the first letter that came to the House.

The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry noted the lack of acknowledgement of the pain the people of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan given the Title IV process involving bishops there.

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows asked for the word LAMENT be added any time the word acknowledged. Also noted that the committee name is not accurate in paragraph 4. It should be *Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons*.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller suggested a change from the naming of the Intake Officer to the generic use of the title Intake Officer.

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan noted that it would be most helpful to not name additional dioceses in the document, and add *and in particular dioceses in which misconduct by a bishop has been alleged* to the second paragraph.

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall, asked to change the paragraph referring the matter to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to invite the Presiding Bishop Designate(s) in the recent actions to meet with that Commission to share more specific details that would enable them to make more informed recommendations for any necessary changes. She also added the following: *The pain is absolutely real and urgent, both in the dioceses specifically affected by recent cases, and in cases where the recent complaints have recalled prior traumas elsewhere.*

The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan offered gratitude to the committee that brought this letter to us, and questioned the closing statement of commitment.

The Rt. Rev. Terry White questioned the use of the word *alleged*.

The Rt. Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler noted if we keep the Commitment section of the letter be changed. *...respecting the dignity of every human being. And when a transgression needs to be addressed, it will be with the goal of healing and restoration for all parties as Christ's way of love models for us.*

The Rt. Rev. Charles Bennison stated that he supports the letter but questions the timing of letter insofar as the Title IV process has not been completed.

The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool noted that the statement was written to be not a response to one Title IV or another, it is about the system in general.

The Rt. Rev. Matt Gunter noted the letter is part of a larger story of the impression that bishops are not being held accountable.

The Rt. Rev. William Gregg thanked The Rt. Rev. Glasspool asked her to write down her words so that it could be substituted in paragraph 2.

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton noted the time is right to release this statement. Sutton asked that we name the statement *A statement on Episcopal Accountability from the House of Bishops*.

General discussion ended.

***The Statement was brought to the floor of the House:***

The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya MOVED that the HOB adopt the statement. The motion was SECONDED. Discussion ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan MOVED in the second paragraph last line after The Episcopal Church add *and in any diocese*. The motion was SECONDED. The Motion PASSED.

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas MOVED The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton's suggestion that we name the statement *A statement on Episcopal Accountability from the House of Bishops*. The motion was SECONDED. Discussion ensued. The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas spoke to the title change. The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley noted that the Singh family website regarding Bishop Singh is called Episcopal Accountability. The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley suggested not changing the title. The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall MOVED an amendment to change the title to *On the Accountability of Bishops*. The motion was SECONDED. The amendment to the amendment PASSED. The MOTION as Amended was discussed. The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas supported the amendment. The motion PASSED.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Edington MOVED an amendment to paragraph 4. The motion was SECONDED *We are thankful that the Presiding Bishop has called on the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the Title IV disciplinary process, listen to the concerns and hopes of the church, identify what has worked and what needs improvement, and make recommendations to the next General Convention*. The amendment PASSED.

The Rt. Rev. Gerry Wolf MOVED an amendment to paragraph 5 *We are called to be wholesome examples to the flock*. The motion was SECONDED. No discussion. The motion PASSED.

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd MOVED to add a new paragraph between paragraphs 2 and 3 *The pain in our Church is absolutely real and urgent, both in the dioceses specifically affected by recent cases, and in cases where the recent complaints have recalled prior traumas elsewhere*. SECONDED.

The Rt. Rev. Steve Lane MOVED the previous question on the amendment and the main motion. The motion FAILED.

The House again took up the amendment moved by the Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd. There was no further discussion. The motion PASSED.

The Statement was ADOPTED.

#### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session at this meeting.

#### **Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary noted that the minutes of the prior meeting are available on the College for Bishop's website. It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

#### **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested,

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce  
Secretary

The Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas  
Assistant Secretary

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Andrus	Marc	California	VIII	
Ashby	Lucinda	El Camino Real	VIII	
Barker	Scott	Nebraska	VI	
Bascom	Cathleen	Kansas	VII	
Baskerville-Burrows	Jennifer	Indianapolis	V	
Beauvoir	Oge	Haiti	II	
Beisner	Barry	Navajoland	VIII	
Bell	Pat	Eastern Oregon	VIII	
Benfield	Larry	Arkansas	VII	
Bennison	Charles	Pennsylvania	III	
Bourlakas	Mark	Southwestern Virginia	III	
Brooke-Davidson	Jennifer	North Carolina	IV	
Brown	Kevin	Delaware	III	
Brown	Thomas	Maine	I	
Bruce	Diane	West Missouri	VII	
Budde	Mariann Edgar	Washington	III	
Burgess	Brian	Springfield	V	
Chandler	Paul-Gordon	Wyoming	VI	
Clark	Paula	Chicago	V	
Cole	Brian	East Tennessee	IV	
Cowden	Matthew	West Virginia	III	
Cowell	Mark	Western Kansas	VII	
Curry	Michael	Presiding Bishop		
Curry	Glenda	Alabama	IV	
Daniel	Clifton	East Carolina	IV	
Dietsche	Andy	New York	II	
Douglas	Ian	Connecticut	I	
Doyle	Andy	Texas	VII	
Duckworth	Shannon	Louisiana	IV	
Duncan-Probe	DeDe	Central New York	II	
Eaton	Peter	Southeast Florida	IV	
Edington	Mark	Europe	II	
Ely	Tom	North Dakota	VI	
Fisher	Doug	Western Massachusetts	I	

Fisher	Jeff	Texas	VII	
Fitzpatrick	Bob	Hawaii	VIII	
Folts	Jonathan	South Dakota	VI	
Franklin	Bill	Long Island	II	
French	Sally	New Jersey	II	
Gallagher	Carol	Massachusetts	I	
Garcia	Pastor	Colombia	IX	
Gardner	Elizabeth	Nevada	VIII	
Gates	Alan	Massachusetts	I	
Gibbs	Wendell	Michigan	V	
Glasspool	Mary	New York	II	
Goff	Susan	Virginia	III	
Gray-Reeves	Mary	College for Bishops		
Gregg	Bill	Eastern Oregon	VIII	
Gunter	Matt	Fond du Lac / Eau Claire	V	
Gutiérrez	Daniel	Pennsylvania	III	
Harris	Gayle	Massachusetts	I	
Hayashi	Scott	Utah	VIII	
Haynes	Susan	Southern Virginia	III	
Heyd	Matthew	New York	II	
Hirschfeld	Rob	New Hampshire	I	
Holcomb	Justin	Central Florida	IV	
Hollingsworth	Mark	Ohio	V	
Houglund	Whayne	Eastern MI / Western MI	V	
Howard	John	Florida	IV	
Howe	Barry	West Missouri	VII	
Hughes	Carlye	Newark	II	
Hunn	Michael	Rio Grande	VII	
Jacobus	Russell	Fond du Lac	V	
Johnson	Deon	Missouri	V	
Jolly	Anne	Ohio	V	
Kendrick	Russell	Central Gulf Coast	IV	
Klusmeyer	Mike	Canon to the PB	III	
Knisely	Nick	Rhode Island	I	
Knudsen	Chilton	Maine	I	
Konieczny	Edward	Oklahoma	VII	
Lambert	Jay	Eau Claire	V	
Lane	Steve	Rochester	II	
Lattime	Mark	Alaska	VIII	
León	Cristobal	Ecuador Litoral	IX	

Logue	Frank	Georgia	IV	
Loya	Craig	Minnesota	VI	
Lucas	Kym	Colorado	VI	
MacVean-Brown	Shannon	Vermont	I	
Marray	San	Easton	III	
Mayer	J. Scott	Northwest Texas	VII	
McLoughlin	José	Western North Carolina	IV	
Mello	Jeffrey	Connecticut	I	
Miller	Steven	Milwaukee	V	
Monnot	Betsey	Iowa	VI	
Monterroso	Hector	Texas	VII	
Morales	Rafael	Puerto Rico	II	
Nichols	Kevin	Bethlehem	III	
Ousley	Todd	Pastoral Development	V	
Owensby	Jacob	Western Louisiana	VII	
Perry	Bonnie	Michigan	V	
Powell	Neff	Southwestern Virginia	III	
Price	Ken	Southern Ohio	V	
Prior	Brian	Alabama	IV	
Provenzano	Larry	Long Island	II	
Quezada	Moises	Dominican Republic	IX	
Quiñonez	Juan Carlos	Ecuador Central	IX	
Ray	Rayford	Northern Michigan	V	
Read	David	West Texas	VII	
Reddall	Jennifer	Arizona	VIII	
Reed	Poulson	Oklahoma	VII	
Rehberg	Gretchen	Spokane	VIII	
Rice	David	San Joaquin	VIII	
Richards	Daniel	Upper South Carolina	IV	
Rickel	Greg	Southeast Florida	IV	
Ritonia	Ann	Armed Forces		
Roaf	Phoebe	West Tennessee	IV	
Rodman	Sam	North Carolina	IV	
Rowe	Sean	Northwestern PA / Western NY	III	
Ryan	Kai	Texas	VII	
Scanlan	Audrey	Central Pennsylvania	III	
Scharf	Doug	Southwest Florida	IV	
Schofield-Broadbent	Carrie	Maryland	III	
Seage	Brian	Mississippi	IV	



Shin	Allen	New York	II	
Skelton	Melissa	Olympia	VIII	
Skirving	Rob	East Carolina	IV	
Smith	Wayne	Missouri	V	
Smith	Kirk	Arizona	VIII	
Snook	Susan Brown	San Diego	VIII	
Solak	Ketlen	Pittsburgh	III	
Spiegel	Phyllis	Utah	VIII	
Stebbins	Marty	Montana	VI	
Stevenson	Mark	Virginia	III	
Sumner	George	Dallas	VII	
Sutton	Eugene	Maryland	III	
Taylor	John Harvey	Los Angeles	VIII	
Tharakan	Jos	Idaho	VIII	
Thom	Brian	Idaho	VIII	
Thompson	Morris	Louisiana	IV	
Traquair	Megan	Northern California	VIII	
Van Koevening	Mark	Lexington	IV	
Waldo	Andy	Upper South Carolina	IV	
Whalon	Pierre	Europe	II	
White	Terry	Kentucky	IV	
Wolf	Gerry	Long Island	II	
Wolfe	Dean	New York	II	
Woodliff-Stanley	Ruth	South Carolina	IV	
Wright	Robert	Atlanta	IV	

## House of Bishops Interim Meeting

### Camp Allen February 29, 2024

The business meeting was called to order at 3:07 by the Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Michigan (resigned). The Rev. Ricardo Bailey opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary read the roll of the meeting. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 123 bishops and 1 bishop elect. The number still present more than constituted a quorum. It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf was recognized as the Senior Bishop present. The Secretary also noted that when she started in the House 14 years ago about 10% of the Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Suffragan, Bishops Provisional, Bishops Assistant and Bishops Assisting were women. There was a drop a few years later as some women retired. Today in the House of Bishops, given the most recent election, 36% of the members of the House of Bishops are women.

### Changes of Status of Bishops in the House

#### New consecrations/elections since 2023 Fall Meeting

1. **Ann Ritonia**, Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces & Federal Ministries, September 30, 2023
2. **John Harmon**, Bishop of Arkansas, January 26, 2024
3. **Kristin White**, Bishop of Southern Ohio, February 17, 2024
4. **Jeremiah Williamson**, Bishop of Albany, February 24, 2024
5. **Austin K. Rios**, Bishop of California, consecration scheduled for May 4, 2024
6. **Kara Wagner Sherer**, Bishop of Rochester, consecration scheduled for July 13, 2024
7. **Dorothy Sanders Wells**, Bishop of Mississippi, consecration scheduled for July 20, 2024

#### Necrology since the Fall 2023 Meeting

1. **Russell E. Jacobus**, resigned Bishop of Fond du Lac, October 24, 2023
2. **David B. Joslin**, resigned Bishop of Central New York, October 25, 2023
3. **Charlie F. McNutt**, resigned Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, October 25, 2023

#### Resignations since 2023 Fall Meeting

1. **Rayford High**, obispo auxiliar jubilado del Oeste de Texas, efectivo el 1 de octubre de 2023
2. **S. Johnson Howard**, resigned Bishop of Florida, effective October 31, 2023
3. **David M. Reed**, resigned Bishop of West Texas, effective January 1, 2024
4. **Larry R. Benfield**, resigned Bishop of Arkansas, effective January 6, 2024
5. **Thomas Ely**, resigned Bishop Provisional of North Dakota, effective January 7, 2024
6. **Andrew M.L. Dietsche**, resigned Bishop of New York, effective February 10, 2024
7. **Patrick Bell**, resigned Bishop of Eastern Oregon, effective March 1, 2024

**Changes of Status since 2023 Fall Meeting**

1. **Cristóbal León**, Bishop Provisional of Venezuela, effective September 29, 2023
2. **Paul-Gordon Chandler**, administrative leave, effective October 16, 2023
3. **W. Michie Klusmeyer**, resigned Canon to the PB for Ministry within TEC, effective November 1, 2023
4. **Gladstone ‘Skip’ Adams** Assisting Bishop of Eastern and Western Michigan, effective November 18, 2023
5. **Scott Benhase**, Assisting Bishop of Florida, effective December 8, 2023
6. **Dabney Smith**, Assisting Bishop of Central Florida, effective January 1, 2024
7. **James J Shand**, Assisting Bishop of Virginia, effective January 1, 2024
8. **Brian J. Thom**, Bishop Provisional of North Dakota, effective January 8, 2024
9. **Matthew Heyd**, Bishop of New York, effective February 10, 2024

**Communications from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed the Rt. Rev. Sally French to the meeting as she had pressing business and could not attend the prior days of the gathering of the House of Bishops.

**Special Business of Meeting**

**Constituting Group for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice.** The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, the Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas and the Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman addressed the bishops as they serve on the Constituting Group for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice called into being by resolution A125 of the 2022 General Convention (Appendix A).

They reported that the Constituting Group has been hard at work and they anticipate inaugurating and kicking off the Coalition in 2024. The Constituting Group shared information on where they are with various related groups and agencies across The Episcopal Church (Appendix B).

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher inquired regarding the thoughts on how monies would be spent. Bishop Douglas stated that there are “no strings attached” – the Coalition decides how to spend the money it is given.

**Update on Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.**

The Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia shared that currently there are 104 active chaplains (94 Armed Forces, 7 Veterans Administration, 3 Federal Prisons) with 11 in process and 4 coming from other denominations. Bishop Ritonia noted that Baptists pastors in this work number over 2,000. Given their stance on LGBTQ+ this is especially hard on the LGBTQ+ community in the military.

Bishop Ritonia shared that the requirement to enter the military is that the applicant must be under 42. The Navy is currently waving this, and you can join under 57. For Federal Ministries the maximum age is 37. The Veterans Administration requires 4 quarters of CPE for its chaplains.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn talked about a process that was created to bring a chaplain from another denomination into the Episcopal Church. The Diocese of the Rio Grande handles the Anglican formation in conjunction with Bishop Ritonía. The Diocese of the Rio Grande takes responsibility of the Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee for these candidates.

Bishop Ritonía noted that ACNA is actively recruiting Baptist pastors who are chaplains, or those who are coming out of Baptist seminaries.

#### **Update on the situation in the diocese of Cuba.**

The Rt. Rev. Rafael Morales Maldonado reported that the Diocese of Cuba is going through a process. The Bishop has done 18 pastoral visits in the last year.

The people of Cuba have a great spirit and a strong faith but they need help. There are currently 23 priests and 6 in process for ordination to the priesthood. The diocese has various lay people who are in charge of congregations. There are 14 people studying for the diaconate.

The Diocese of Cuba needs more financial assistance from The Episcopal Church.

### **Reports of Special Committees**

#### **Report from the Committee on Resignations**

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick, on behalf of the Committee on Resignations noted that there is no report for this meeting.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business for this meeting.

### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session at this meeting.

### **Reading of the Minutes**

The Secretary noted that the minutes of the prior meeting are available on the College for Bishop's website. It was *MOVED* and *APPROVED* that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

**Adjournment**

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Attested,

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce  
Secretary

The Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas  
Assistant Secretary

## Appendix A

### **A125 A Resolution Extending and Furthering the Beloved Community**

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church affirms that striving to become the Beloved Community of Jesus is central to our baptismal vocation in God's mission, and every Episcopalian is called to a lifelong vocation of racial justice and equity and the dismantling of white supremacy; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the 80th General Convention establish the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice as a voluntary association of Episcopal dioceses, parishes, organizations, and individuals dedicated to the work of becoming the Beloved Community; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice be charged with facilitating, coordinating, encouraging, supporting, and networking efforts of Episcopal dioceses, parishes, organizations, and individuals for racial justice and equity, and the dismantling of white supremacy, in collaboration with the work of the Executive Council and staff of the Episcopal Church Center; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies appoint a Constituting Group for the development, implementation, and creation of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice, whose work includes determining and proposing all necessary organizational, canonical, legal, and other actions necessary to constitute formally and oversee said Coalition; and be it further

**Resolved**, that once the Coalition is constituted, it shall be funded with an annual draw on one-tenth of the trusts and endowment funds available for general use in the Episcopal Church's budget, the income of which is currently found on Line 5 of the Episcopal Church budget; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the draw percentage applied to fund the Coalition be the same percentage as that applied to fund the Episcopal Church's budget; and be it further

**Resolved**, that to support the development of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equality and Justice, the Constituting Group be funded during the biennial 2023-2024 at the level of \$200,000 a year.

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## Appendix B

### Constituting Group for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice Update to the House of Bishops March 2024

In 2022, The Presiding Officers' Working Group on Truth-Telling, Reckoning, and Healing was established and charged with developing a plan and pathway for a process of truth and reconciliation regarding The Episcopal Church's complicity in racism and white supremacy. The Working Group presented multiple resolutions to the 80th General Convention, including "A125: Extending and Furthering the Beloved Community."  
[https://www.episcopalarchives.org/sites/default/files/gc\\_resolutions/2022-A125.pdf](https://www.episcopalarchives.org/sites/default/files/gc_resolutions/2022-A125.pdf)  
Resolution A125 underscored the imperative for Episcopalians to embrace racial justice and equity, and actively dismantle white supremacy, as core elements of our baptismal calling. The resolution established the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice (Coalition) as a voluntary network of dioceses, parishes, organizations, and individuals dedicated to facilitating, coordinating, encouraging, supporting, and networking The Episcopal Church's work in racial justice and equity and the dismantling of white supremacy. To support this work, the resolution committed annual income from a tithe of the financial holdings of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and asked the Presiding Officers of The Episcopal Church to appoint a board to take all organizational and legal actions necessary to constitute and oversee said Coalition. This "Constituting Group" Chaired by Ryan Kusumoto, Lay Deputy from the Diocese of Hawaii, and comprised of a majority of lay and clergy people of color has been working actively since early 2023 to advance the development of the Coalition. <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2023/02/07/episcopal-church-leaders-begin-work-on-creating-coalition-for-racial-equity-and-justice/>

Meeting online and in person, the Constituting Group has developed:

- the legal documents, including bylaws and a certificate of incorporation, necessary to constitute the Coalition as an independent non-profit within The Episcopal Church,
- a social media strategy and platform, see: <https://episcopalcoalition.org>,
- plans for an inaugural church-wide gathering of all Episcopalians dedicated to dismantling racism and white supremacy in late 2024 or early 2025

As called for in Resolution A125, income from 10% of the unrestricted endowment of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, totaling \$2,315,000 for the triennium 2025-2027, has been allocated, in part, for the work of the Coalition.

Members of the Coalition, including Bishops Kym Lucas, Sam Rodman, and Ian Douglas, and Chaplain Lina Howell, will update the House of Bishops in both Self-Select and Business Sessions at the Spring 2024 Meeting. All bishops are encouraged to attend these sessions to learn how your diocese can more effectively work for racial justice and equity and the dismantling of white supremacy through participation in the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice.

LAST NAME	FIRST	DIOCESE	PROVINCE
Adams	Skip	Eastern MI / Western MI	V
Akiyama	Diana	Oregon	VIII
Allen	Lloyd	Honduras	IX
Allotey	Daniel	Long Island	II
Andrus	Marc	California	VIII
Ashby	Lucinda	El Camino Real	VIII
Barker	Scott	Nebraska	VI
Bascom	Cathleen	Kansas	VII
Baskerville-Burrows	Jennifer	Indianapolis	V
Bauerschmidt	John	Tennessee	IV
Beisner	Barry	Navajoland	VIII
Bell	Pat	Eastern Oregon	VIII
Benhase	Scott	Florida	IV
Bourlakas	Mark	Southwestern Virginia	III
Brooke-Davidson	Jennifer	North Carolina	IV
Brown	Kevin	Delaware	III
Brown	Thomas	Maine	I
Bruce	Diane Jardine	West Missouri	VII
Budde	Mariann Edgar	Washington	III
Burgess	Brian	Springfield	V
Chang	Lennon	Taiwan	VIII
Clark	Paula	Chicago	V
Cole	Brian	East Tennessee	IV
Cowden	Matthew	West Virginia	III
Cowell	Mark	Western Kansas	VII
Curry	Glenda	Alabama	IV
Douglas	Ian	Connecticut	I
Doyle	Andy	Texas	VII
Duckworth	Shannon	Louisiana	IV
Duncan-Probe	DeDe	Central New York	II
Eaton	Peter	Southeast Florida	IV
Edington	Mark	Europe	II
Fisher	Doug	Western Massachusetts	I
Fisher	Jeff	Texas	VII
Fitzpatrick	Bob	Hawaii	VIII
Folts	Jonathan	South Dakota	VI
Franklin	Bill	Long Island	II



French	Sally	New Jersey	II
Gallagher	Carol	Massachusetts	I
Garcia	Pastor	Colombia	IX
Gardner	Elizabeth	Nevada	VIII
Gates	Alan	Massachusetts	I
Gibbs	Wendell	Michigan	V
Glasspool	Mary	New York	II
Gunter	Matt	Fond du Lac / Eau Claire	V
Gutiérrez	Daniel	Pennsylvania	III
Harmon	John	Arkansas	VII
Harris	Gayle	Virginia	III
Haynes	Susan	Southern Virginia	III
Heyd	Matthew	New York	II
Hirschfeld	Rob	New Hampshire	I
Hodges-Copple	Anne	North Carolina	IV
Holcomb	Justin	Central Florida	IV
Houglund	Whayne	Chicago	V
Hughes	Carlye	Newark	II
Hunn	Michael	Rio Grande	VII
Johnson	Deon	Missouri	V
Jolly	Anne	Ohio	V
Kendrick	Russell	Central Gulf Coast	IV
Knisely	Nick	Rhode Island	I
Knudsen	Chilton	Maine	I
Konieczny	Edward	Oklahoma	VII
Lane	Steve	Rochester	II
Lattime	Mark	Alaska	VIII
Lawton	Fraser	Dallas	VII
León	Cristobal	Ecuador Litoral	IX
Logue	Frank	Georgia	IV
Loya	Craig	Minnesota	VI
Lucas	Kym	Colorado	VI
MacVean-Brown	Shannon	Vermont	I
Marray	San	Easton	III
Mayer	J. Scott	Northwest Texas	VII
McLoughlin	José	Western North Carolina	IV
Mello	Jeffrey	Connecticut	I
Monnot	Betsey	Iowa	VI
Monterroso	Hector	Texas	VII
Morales	Rafael	Puerto Rico	II

Nichols	Kevin	Bethlehem	III
Ousley	Todd	Pastoral Development	V
Owensby	Jacob	Western Louisiana	VII
Perry	Bonnie	Michigan	V
Prior	Brian	Alabama / Olympia	IV
Provenzano	Larry	Long Island	II
Quezada	Moises	Dominican Republic	IX
Ray	Rayford	Northern Michigan	V
Read	David	West Texas	VII
Reddall	Jennifer	Arizona	VIII
Reed	Poulson	Oklahoma	VII
Rice	David	San Joaquin	VIII
Richards	Daniel	Upper South Carolina	IV
Rickel	Greg	Southeast Florida	IV
Rios	Austin	California	VIII
Ritonia	Ann	Armed Forces	III
Roaf	Phoebe	West Tennessee	IV
Rodman	Sam	North Carolina	IV
Rowe	Sean	Northwestern PA / Western NY	III
Ryan	Kai	Texas	VII
Scanlan	Audrey	Central Pennsylvania	III
Scharf	Doug	Southwest Florida	IV
Schofield-Broadbent	Carrie	Maryland	III
Seage	Brian	Mississippi	IV
Shin	Allen	New York	II
Skelton	Melissa	Olympia	VIII
Skirving	Rob	East Carolina	IV
Smith	Dabney	Central Florida	IV
Snook	Susan Brown	San Diego	VIII
Solak	Ketlen	Pittsburgh	III
Sparks	Doug	Northern Indiana	V
Spiegel	Phyllis	Utah	VIII
Stebbins	Marty	Montana	VI
Stevenson	Mark	Virginia	III
Sumner	George	Dallas	VII
Sutton	Eugene	Maryland	III
Taylor	John Harvey	Los Angeles	VIII
Tharakan	Jos	Idaho	VIII

Thom	Brian	Idaho	VIII
Traquair	Megan	Northern California	VIII
Van Koevening	Mark	Lexington	IV
Whalon	Pierre	Europe	II
White	Kristin	Southern Ohio	V
White	Terry	Kentucky	IV
Williamson	Jeremiah	Albany	II
Wolf	Gerry	Long Island	II
Wolfe	Dean	New York	II
Woodliff-Stanley	Ruth	South Carolina	IV
Wright	Robert	Atlanta	IV