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The Rev. Susan Eaves  Mr. Russell Palmore
The Rev. Robert Prichard  Ms. Cynthia Bartol
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The Rev. Paul Abernathy  Ms. Iris Harris
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The Rev. Steven Wilson  Mr. Channing Horner
The Ven. John McCann  Dr. Ann Marie Shannon
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The Rev. David Read  Mrs. Susan Hardaway
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The Rev. Cheryl Winter  Ms. Amy Seitz
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The Rev. Guido Verbeck  
The Rev. Morgan Allen  
Mr. Bradley Drell  
Mr. Michael Millard  
Mr. John Robert  
Mr. Don Palombo

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The Ven. William Coyne  
The Rev. Sarah Shofoeff  
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The Rev. Dr. Eugene McDowell*  
The Rev. Brian Cole  
The Rev. William Whisenthunt  
The Rev. Augusta Anderson  
Ms. Diane Mance  
Mrs. Matilda Kistler  
Ms. Becky Whelan  
Mr. Cobb Milner, Jr.

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The Rev. Ann Fontaine*  
The Rev. Mary Jellison  
The Rev. Cliff Moore  
The Rev. Warren Murphy  
Ms. Mary Ellen Honsaker*  
Mr. Daniel Land  
Mr. John Sullivan  
Ms. Linda Fleming
GENERAL CONVENTION 75th SESSION
MORNING SESSION

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 6 of the Constitution, for the Seventy-fifth Regular Meeting of the General Convention, the House of Bishops assembled in the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio, in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Call to Order
The Presiding Bishop called the House of Bishops to order at 11:01 a.m.

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

Recognition of the Senior Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Frederick Warren Putnam, retired Bishop Suffragan of Oklahoma, was recognized by the House.

Quorum
Following the roll call, the Secretary announced that the current membership of the House, pursuant to Article 1, Section 2, was 281 bishops entitled to vote, of which number 156 being resigned are not to be counted in computing a quorum. (See Appendix A–Day 1 for Make-Up of the House of Bishops). On the basis of 125 members, therefore, a quorum was 63 active bishops entitled to vote. There being 123 such bishops present, an undoubted quorum existed, and the Secretary so certified.

House Organized
The Secretary of the House moved that the House of Deputies be notified that the House of Bishops was organized and ready to proceed to business, with the Most
Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Primate, in the Chair, with the Bishop of Hawaii as Vice-Chair, and with the Bishop in Southern Ohio as Secretary.

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #1)

A delegation of the Bishop of California and Bishop Barbara Harris delivered the House of Bishops Message #1 to the House of Deputies.

Message from the House of Deputies
The Presiding Bishop announced the arrival of a delegation from the House of Deputies, and introduced Deputy Tyler-Scott of Indianapolis and Deputy Kelly from Rio Grande, who addressed the House and informed the House of Bishops that the House of Deputies has been duly organized with the Very Rev. George L. Werner of the Diocese of Pittsburgh as President, Ms. Bonnie Anderson of the Diocese of Michigan as Vice-President, and the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub of the Diocese of Easton as Secretary and that it is now ready to proceed to business.

The deputies then withdrew.

Dispatch of Business
The Secretary of the House moved the minutes of the Spring Meeting of 2006 be accepted as distributed.

Motion carried

Appointment of Assistant Secretaries
The Secretary of the House appointed the following Assistant Secretaries:
  Bishop Waynick, Indianapolis
  Bishop Smith, North Dakota

Introduction of Visiting Bishops
The Presiding Bishop introduced the visiting bishops:
  The Rt. Rev. Philip Baji, Bishop of Tanga, Tanzania
  The Rt. Rev. Tom Frame, Anglican Bishop of the Australian Defense Force
  The Most Rev. Clive Hanford, President Bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf
  The Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster
  The Rt. Rev. Carlos Lopez-Lozano, Bishop of Spain
  The Rt. Rev. Godfrey Mdimi Mhogolo, Bishop of Central Tanganyika
  The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama
  The Rt. Rev. Edward Neufville, Bishop of Liberia
  The Rt. Rev. John Paterson, Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council
The Rt. Rev. William Rukirande, Bishop of Uganda
The Most Rev. Carlos Touche-Porter, Primate and Bishop of Mexico

Necrology
The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, Panama, announced the death of:
June 12, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Wally Hayes
Retired Bishop of Panama

The Presiding Bishop announced members who died since the preceding meeting:
April 30, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Adrian Caceres
Retired Bishop of Ecuador
May 8, 2006
The Rt. Rev. William Davidson
Retired Bishop of Western Kansas

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop appointed the Rev. Dr. Mark McIntosh and the Rev. Dr. Michael Battle as chaplains of the House.

Constitution
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #4 on Resolution A019 (Amend Article I.7 [Meeting of General Convention-Second Reading]) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A019)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: Section 7. The General Convention shall meet not less than once in each three years, at a time and place determined in accordance with the Canons. Appointed by a preceding Convention, but if there shall appear to the Presiding Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Church or of a successor canonical body having substantially the powers now vested in the Executive Council, sufficient cause for changing the place or date so appointed, the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of such body, shall appoint another place or date, or both, for such meeting. Special meetings may be held as provided for by Canon.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #2)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #6 on Resolution A078 (Liturgical Development and Episcopal Authority) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A078)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Liturgy and Music to invite bishops and the larger church into dialogue about the relations between local liturgical initiatives and ordered authority; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM be directed to develop frameworks for resolving the theological, pastoral, canonical and liturgical issues involved in the creation of new rites, and to provide facilitated conversations at the meetings of Provincial Synods in which bishops and the larger church enter into dialogue about the relation between liturgical initiative and ordered authority; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons examine canons and rubrics that govern the development and use of liturgical materials and propose amendments authorizing appropriate local and regional liturgical initiatives; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM report its findings with recommendations to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #3)

Committee on Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #1 on Resolution A041 (University Ministry) recommending discharge, and the re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Evangelism.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #4)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #2 on Resolution A038 (Diocesan Development Initiative) recommending discharge, and the re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Evangelism.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #5)
Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #2 on Resolution A117 (Seminarian Cross-cultural Formation) recommending discharge, and the re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on World Mission.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #6)

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #3 on Resolution A114 (Young Adult Service Corps) recommending discharge, and the re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on World Mission.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #7)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #1 on Resolution A121 (CPF: An Instrument of Mission) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A121)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge and affirm the efforts of the Church Pension Group to establish appropriate formulae for pensions which meet the existing and future needs of clergy in the overseas dioceses where compensation for service has been limited by standards and costs of living, and asks that the cooperative work with overseas dioceses be continued.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #8)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #2 on Resolution A147 (Church-wide Healthcare Feasibility Study) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A147)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention endorse the Church Pension Group’s proposal to conduct a church-wide study of the costs and issues surrounding the provision of healthcare benefits to all clergy and lay employees serving churches, dioceses and other church institutions and to report their findings to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses, parishes and other church institutions are urged to cooperate with the conduct of this study by responding to requests for data regarding employee census and healthcare costs; and be it further

Resolved, That this study will include an analysis of the potential for a mandated denominational healthcare benefits program and other viable alternatives, culminating in a recommended solution and an actionable implementation plan.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #9)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #3 on Resolution B003 (Church Pension Fund and Chaplains to the Retired) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B003)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention express appreciation to the Church Pension Fund for the initiative through its Department of Pastoral Care and Education, in the creation of a network of Diocesan Chaplains to the Retired Clergy, Spouses, and Surviving Spouses; and be it further

Resolved, That every diocese of the Church be encouraged to make provision to support and enhance this ministry through bishops appointing Chaplains, to extend the bishops’ pastoral ministry to a growing and significant part of the Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #10)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #4 on Resolution A125 (Employment Policies and Practices Task Force) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A125)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the Task Force to Study Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal Church during the coming triennium with the intention of offering a resolution to the 2009 General Convention that will address the issues of employment, striving to make The Episcopal Church a fair and just workplace; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention authorize and request the Church Pension Group to conduct a survey of lay employees concentrating on employee demographics, the exercise of authority in the employment setting, and compensation and benefits. The
Bishop or other ecclesiastical authority of each diocese shall be requested to supply relevant data for each employing unit in the diocese to the Church Pension Group. The findings of the survey and any recommendations for action, if appropriate, shall be reported to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Ministry Development take the lead in determining the best way to conduct a feasibility study examining whether pension benefits for lay employees should be made compulsory and be administered by a single provider. The results of said study shall be reported, along with recommendations for action, if appropriate, to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the attached statement on Workplace Values be commended to the Church as a worthy statement reflecting our values for work and the worker in the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #11)

Noonday Prayers
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplain McIntosh.

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:15 p.m.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Afternoon Session
The House reconvened at 4:17 p.m. and was called to order by the Presiding Bishop.

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop introduced Dr. Robert Radtke, Director of Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. Dr. Radtke addressed the House.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Assistant Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

*HD Message # 1:* (Secretary of House of Deputies Made Secretary of General Convention) Adopted.
*HD Message # 2:* (Election of Treasurer of General Convention) Adopted.
*HD Message # 4:* (Election of Secretary of the House of Deputies) Adopted.

Dispatch of Business
The Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #4 on HD Message #3 on Resolution A002 (2006 General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved concurrence.

*The House concurred*  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #12)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A002)  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention function through the following activities:

1. formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. a joint session for the nomination of a Presiding Bishop;
3. a joint session for the presentation of the budget proposal;
4. meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
5. open hearings to be conducted as needed by all legislative committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 75th General Convention held in Columbus, Ohio in 2006, be:

*Saturday, June 10, 2006*  
11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Volunteer Supervisors Gathering  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Secretariat & Dispatch Orientation

*Sunday, June 11, 2006*  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Secretariat & Dispatch Meeting  
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deputy Certification  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Officers Orientation

*Monday, June 12, 2006*  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Legislative Committees  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deputy Certification  
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PB&F Hearing: Budget Priorities  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presiding Bishop & President, House of Deputies Presentation
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Orientation
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Legislative Committees

Tuesday, June 13, 2006 – First Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Legislative Session
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Legislative Committees
4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Legislative Committees

Wednesday, June 14, 2006 – Second Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Legislative Session
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Legislative Committee Hearings
3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
5:00 p.m.  Resolution Filing Deadline
7:30 p.m.  PB&F Hearings and Other Hearings

Thursday, June 15, 2006 – Third Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
7:30 p.m.  PB&F Hearings and Other Hearings
8:00 p.m.  Presiding Bishop’s Forum Toward Reconciliation

Friday, June 16, 2006 – Fourth Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Deputy Certification
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  Legislative Committee Chairs Lunch
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
8:00 p.m.  Episcopal Church Women Event

Saturday, June 17, 2006 – Fifth Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees
10:00 a.m.  UTO Ingathering & Eucharist
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Joint Session: Presiding Bishop Nomination
5:00 p.m.  Special Order: To Honor George Werner
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Bishop Dinner
8:00 p.m.  “A Tribute to the 25th Presiding Bishop”

Sunday, June 18, 2006 – Sixth Legislative Day
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Legislative Session
10:30 a.m.  House of Bishops Election
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Seminary Dinners

Monday, June 19, 2006 – Seventh Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Joint Session: Program, Budget and Finance
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Suggested Time for Provincial Gatherings
8:00 p.m.  Reserved for Legislative Session

Tuesday, June 20, 2006 – Eighth Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Provincial Caucuses
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
8:00 p.m.  Reserved for Legislative Session

Wednesday, June 21, 2006 – Ninth Legislative Day
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Deputy Certification
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Closing Eucharist
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session
6:00 p.m.  Joint Adjournment – Sine Die
Message from the House of Deputies
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #5 on HD Message #1 informing the House of the Election of the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub as the Secretary of General Convention and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #13)

Rules of Order
The House of Bishops Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on Resolution A003 (Amend Joint Rules 11) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A003)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Rules be amended to read as follows:
11. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to the Audit Committee of the Executive Council. The Audit Committee shall, on a regular basis, report annually to and consult with the General Convention through the Joint Standing Committee, which shall report to the General Convention. The Joint Standing Committee shall present the reports of its actions on audit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Rules be amended to read as follows:
11. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to the Audit Committee of the Executive Council. The Audit Committee is required to report to the General Convention or the Executive Council when the General Convention is not in session, through the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) at each PB&F Executive Committee meeting and each PB&F committee meeting of the whole. PB&F shall present the reports of its actions on audit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to House of Deputies in HB Message #14)

Welcome from Host Bishop
The Presiding Bishop introduced the Bishop in Southern Ohio, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr., the host bishop, and Deputy Debby Stokes, local chair. Each addressed the House.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #12 on Resolution C023 (Anti-Semitism) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #15)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #13 on Resolution A068 (Enriching our Worship Daily Office) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #16)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #15 on Resolution C001 (Anti-Jewish Prejudice in Liturgical Texts) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C001)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare a report on the problem of liturgical texts of The Episcopal Church which can function to promote or maintain anti-Jewish prejudice, with proposed alternate texts for trial use, and to present these materials to the 76th General Convention.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to collect and develop materials to assist members of the Church to address anti-Jewish prejudice expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts, with suggestions for preaching, congregational education, and lectionary use, and to report to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #17)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #16 on Resolution A074 (Authorize Enriching Our Worship 3) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A074)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention approve the publication by Church Publishing, Inc. of Enriching Our Worship 3 the liturgical resource whose texts accompany this report.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize continuing use of Enriching Our Worship Volume 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Eucharist, and Enriching Our Worship Volume 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying, and Burial of a Child, during the 2006–2009 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #6 on Resolution (Affirm Creation and Evolution) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A129)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm that God is Creator, in accordance with the witness of Scripture and the ancient Creeds of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the theory of evolution provides a fruitful and unifying scientific explanation for the emergence of life on earth, and that an acceptance of evolution in no way diminishes the centrality of Scripture in telling the stories of the love of God for the Creation and is entirely compatible with an authentic and living Christian faith; and be it further
Resolved, That Episcopalians strongly encourage state legislatures and state and local boards of education to establish standards for science education based on the best available scientific knowledge as accepted by a consensus of the scientific community; and be it further
Resolved, That Episcopal dioceses and congregations seek the assistance of scientists and science educators in understanding what constitutes reliable scientific knowledge.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm that God is Creator, in accordance with the witness of Scripture and the ancient Creeds of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the theory of evolution provides a fruitful and unifying scientific explanation for the emergence of life on earth, that many theological interpretations of origins can readily embrace an evolutionary outlook, and that an acceptance of evolution is in no way diminishes the centrality of Scripture in telling the stories of the love of God for the Creation and entirely compatible with an authentic and living Christian faith; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians strongly encourage state legislatures and state and local boards of education to establish standards for science education based on the best available scientific knowledge as accepted by a consensus of the scientific community; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopal dioceses and congregations seek the assistance of scientists and science educators in understanding what constitutes reliable scientific knowledge.

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

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #1 on Resolution A100 (Christian Formation) moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A100)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct all Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards (CCABs) to respond to the crisis in Christian formation in The Episcopal Church by including in their deliberations and work during the next triennium the task of nurturing the selfless, responsible, and faithful use of resources for the growth, health, and mission of the church and report on their work to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the following CCABs give special focus to this work: the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to provide collects and special forms of prayers of the people and other resources to emphasize formation; the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to design strategies for incorporating formation into all areas of parish life; and be it further

Resolved, That program areas, particularly Ministries with Young People, Congregational Development, and Ethnic Congregational Development, report their work in formation to the Executive Council for inclusion in its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church provide a comprehensive report on formation (as defined in this resolution) throughout The Episcopal Church and present its report to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #20)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #2 on Resolution A102 (Culture of Debt) moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A102)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct each diocese, over the course of the next triennium, to offer training, education, and resources that promote the healthy role of money in our lives, biblical teachings about financial matters, and the faithful habits of budgeting, sharing, saving, responsible handling of debt, and life and estate planning. The Office of Stewardship is directed to train a team of trainers capable of leading these diocesan events; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct each diocese, over the course of the next triennium, to offer training, education, and resources that promote the healthy role of money in our lives, biblical teachings about financial matters, and the faithful habits of budgeting, sharing, saving, responsible handling of debt, and life and estate planning; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Stewardship be directed to train a team of trainers capable of leading these diocesan events; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses be directed to designate February of each year as “Debt Awareness Month,” and that the Office of Stewardship be directed to prepare suitable multi-generational materials for use in congregations, paying special attention to children and youth; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The Bishop of Long Island moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the word “direct” and add the word “urge” in its place. In the third resolve clause, delete the word “directed” and add the word “urged” in its place.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A102 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #21)

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #1 on Resolution A054 (Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A054)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the “Guidelines for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations” formulated by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations and proposed for all churches of the Anglican Communion, be hereby adopted as the standard to be followed by this Church in all situations in which Anglican bishops and priests are invited to participate in ordinations outside the Anglican Communion, or in which clergy of other churches are invited to participate in Anglican ordinations; and be it further
Resolved, That all Bishops and Standing Committees of every diocese of The Episcopal Church be forthwith informed of the decision to follow these Guidelines henceforward as the standard for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations when such questions arise.
The Guidelines follow:
1a. It is appropriate for Anglican bishops, when invited, to participate in Episcopal ordinations or consecrations in churches with which their own churches are in communion, including the laying on of hands. Within this ecclesial context, the laying on of hands is an indication of the intent to confer holy orders, and a sign of the communion that we share.
1b. Anglican bishops should refrain from participating in the laying on of hands at the ordination or consecration of a bishop for a church with which their own church is not in communion. Ordination is always an act of God in and through the church, which from the Anglican perspective means that bishops are representative ministers of their own churches. Ordination is not the individual act of bishops in their own persons.
1c. Similarly, bishops from other churches not in communion should not take part in the laying on of hands at the ordination or consecration of Anglican bishops, for the collegial and sacramental sign of the laying on the hands by bishops belongs within the context of ecclesial communion.
1d. Anglicans welcome the participation of bishops from other churches in the Liturgy of the Word and elsewhere in celebrations of Episcopal ordination or consecration. Their very presence and prayers are valued ecumenical signs, even when the present state of ecclesial relations does not permit the interchangeability of sacramental ministries.

2a. It is appropriate for Anglican priests, when invited, to participate in ordinations of presbyters in churches with which their church is in communion, including the laying on of hands. Such acts are a sign of the communion that we share.

2b. Anglican priests should not take part in the laying on of hands in the ordinations of ministers of word and sacrament in churches with which their own church is not in communion, because such an act belongs within the context of ecclesial communion.

2c. Similarly, ministers from churches not in communion should not take part in the laying on of hands at the ordination of Anglican priests, because this too belongs within the context of ecclesial communion.

2d. Anglicans welcome the participation of presbyters and other ministers of word and sacrament from other churches in the Liturgy of the Word and elsewhere in celebrations of priestly ordination. The very presence and prayers of such ministers are valued ecumenical signs, even when the present state of ecclesial relations does not permit the interchangeability of sacramental ministries.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the “Guidelines for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations” formulated by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations and proposed for all churches of the Anglican Communion, be hereby adopted as the standard to be followed by this Church in all situations in which Anglican bishops and priests are invited to participate in ordinations outside the Anglican Communion, or in which clergy of other churches are invited to participate in Anglican ordinations; and be it further

Resolved, That all Bishops and Standing Committees of every diocese of The Episcopal Church be forthwith informed of the decision to follow these Guidelines henceforward as the standard for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations when such questions arise.

The Guidelines follow:

1a. It is appropriate for Anglican bishops, when invited, to participate in Episcopal ordinations or consecrations in churches with which their own churches are in communion, including the laying on of hands. Within this ecclesial context, the laying on of hands is an indication of the intent to confer holy orders, and a sign of the communion that we share.

1b. Anglican bishops should refrain from participating in the laying on of hands at the ordination or consecration of a bishop for a church with which their own church is not in communion. Ordination is always an act of God in and through the church, which from the Anglican perspective means that bishops are representative ministers of their own churches. Ordination is not the individual act of bishops in their own persons.

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2b. Anglican priests should not take part in the laying on of hands in the ordinations of ministers of word and sacrament in churches with which their own church is not in communion, because such an act belongs within the context of ecclesial communion.

2c. Similarly, ministers from churches not in communion should not take part in the laying on of hands at the ordination of Anglican priests, because this too belongs within the context of ecclesial communion.

2d. Anglicans welcome the participation of presbyters and other ministers of word and sacrament from other churches in the Liturgy of the Word and elsewhere in celebrations of priestly ordination. The very presence and prayers of such ministers are valued ecumenical signs, even when the present state of ecclesial relations does not permit the interchangeability of sacramental ministries.

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #2 on Resolution A014 (Interfaith Dialogue on Nonviolent Conflict) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A014)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention request the Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer to continue in dialogue with Jewish, Muslim, and Christian partners, working for support of nonviolent resolution of conflict; and to keep these matters before the Church.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention request the Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer, Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, to
continue in dialogue with Jewish, Muslim, and Christian partners, working for support of nonviolent resolution of conflict; and to keep these matters before the Church.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #23)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #3 on Resolution A053 (Affirm Membership in CCT-USA) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A053)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm the action of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, which during its meeting in Austin, TX, February 11-14, 2005, committed The Episcopal Church to be a founding member of a new ecumenical organization known as Christian Churches Together in the United States of America (CCT-USA).

Motion carried

Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #24)

Recess

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 10:45 a.m. on the Second Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:14 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Battle.
Appendix A
Day One

Make-Up of the House of Bishops

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Note: A quorum is defined by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution as “a majority of all bishops entitled to vote (281), exclusive of bishops who have resigned their jurisdictions or positions (156)” Thus the present quorum is 63.
Appendix B
Day One

House of Bishops Legislative Committees

01 Dispatch of Business
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P., Chair (Delaware, III)
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E., Vice-Chair (West Tennessee, IV)
Daniel III, The Rt. Rev. Clifton, Secretary (East Carolina, IV)
Price Jr., The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. (Southern Ohio, V)

02 Certification of Minutes
Mathes, The Rt. Rev. James R., Chair (San Diego, VIII)

03 Rules of Order
Powell, The Rt. Rev. F. Neff, Chair (Southwest Virginia, III)
Chang, The Rt. Rev. Richard S.O., Vice-Chair (Hawaii, VIII)
Price Jr., The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L., Secretary (Southern Ohio, V)
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E. (West Tennessee, IV)
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. (Delaware, III)

04 Constitution
Sauls, The Rt. Rev. Stacy F., Chair (Lexington, IV)
Moody, The Rt. Rev. Robert M., Vice-Chair (Oklahoma, VII)
Scruton, The Rt. Rev. Gordon P., Secretary (Western Massachusetts, I)
Robertson, The Rt. Rev. Creighton L. (South Dakota, VI)

05 Canons
Rowley Jr., The Rt. Rev. Robert D., Chair (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)
McKelvey, The Rt. Rev. Jack M., Vice-Chair (Rochester, II)
Waynick, The Rt. Rev. Catherine M., Secretary (Indianapolis, V)
Croneberger, The Rt. Rev. John P. (Newark, II)
Jenkins III, The Rt. Rev. Charles E. (Louisiana, IV)
Ohl Jr., The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis (Northwest Texas, VII)

06 Structure
Robinson, The Rt. Rev. V. Gene, Chair (New Hampshire, I)
Caldwell, The Rt. Rev. Bruce, Vice-Chair (Wyoming, VI)
Curry, The Rt. Rev. James Elliot, Secretary (Connecticut, I)
Curry, The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce (North Carolina, IV)
Whitmore, The Rt. Rev. Keith B. (Eau Claire, V)

07 Consecration of Bishops
Talton, The Rt. Rev. Chester L., Chair (Los Angeles, VIII)
MacPherson, The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce, Vice-Chair (Western Louisiana, VI)
Michel, The Rt. Rev. Rodney R., Secretary (Long Island, II)
Jacobus, The Rt. Rev. Russell E. (Fond Du Lac, V)
Lai, The Rt. Rev. David Jung-Hsin (Taiwan, VIII)

08 World Mission
Roskam, The Rt. Rev. Catherine S., Chair (New York, II)
Skilton, The Rt. Rev. William J., Vice-Chair (South Carolina, VI)
Bainbridge III, The Rt. Rev. Harry B., Secretary (Idaho, VIII)
Duncan Jr., The Rt. Rev. Robert W. (Pittsburgh, III)
Duque, The Rt. Rev. Francisco (Colombia, IX)
Duracin, The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache (Haiti, II)
Frade, The Rt. Rev. Leopold (Southeast Florida, IV)

09 National and International Concerns
Shaw III, SSJE, The Rt. Rev. M. Thomas, Chair (Massachusetts, I)
Lipscomb, The Rt. Rev. John B., Vice-Chair (Southwest Florida, VI)
Ramos-Orench, The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido, Secretary (Connecticut, I)
Itty, The Rt. Rev. Johncy (Oregon, VIII)
Jelinek, The Rt. Rev. James L. (Minnesota, VI)

10 Social and Urban Affairs
Ihloff, The Rt. Rev. Robert W., Chair (Maryland, III)
Adams III, The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B., Vice-Chair (Central New York, II)
Cederholm Jr., The Rt. Rev. Roy Frederick (Massachusetts, I)
Charleston, The Rt. Rev. Steven (Massachusetts, I)
Rivera, The Rt. Rev. Bavi E. (Olympia, VIII)
Walker Jr., The Rt. Rev. Orris G. (Long Island, II)

11 Church in Small Communities
Ely, The Rt. Rev. Thomas Clark, Chair (Vermont, I)
Maze, The Rt. Rev. Larry E., Vice-Chair (Arkansas, VII)
Lillibridge, The Rt. Rev. Gary, Secretary (West Texas, VII)
Ackerman, The Rt. Rev. Keith L. (Quincy, V)
Gumbs, The Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose (Virgin Islands, II)

12 Evangelism
Jones, The Rt. Rev. David C., Chair (Virginia, III)
Burnett, The Rt. Rev. Joe G., Vice-Chair (Nebraska, VI)
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Michael G., Secretary (North Dakota, VI)
Adams Jr., The Rt. Rev. James M. (Western Kansas, VII)
Holguín, The Rt. Rev. Julio Cesar (Dominican Republic, IX)

13 Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
Louittit Jr., The Rt. Rev. Henry, Chair (Georgia, VI)
Howe, The Rt. Rev. Barry R., Vice-Chair (Central Florida, VI)
Smith, The Rt. Rev. George Wayne, Secretary (Missouri, V)
Brookhart Jr., The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin (Montana, VI)
Carranza-Gomez, The Rt. Rev. Sergio (Los Angeles, VIII)
Marshall, The Rt. Rev. Paul V. (Bethlehem, III)

14 Ministry
Wimberly, The Rt. Rev. Don A., Chair (Texas, VII)
Gray III, The Rt. Rev. Duncan M., Vice-Chair (Mississippi, IV)
Leidel Jr., The Rt. Rev. Edwin M. (Eastern Michigan, V)
Parsley Jr., The Rt. Rev. Henry N. (Alabama, IV)

15 Education
Irish, The Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner, Chair (Utah, VIII)
Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley, Vice-Chair (Alabama, IV)
Rabb, The Rt. Rev. John L., Secretary (Maryland, III)
Gallagher, The Rt. Rev. Carol Joy (Newark, II)
Mathes, The Rt. Rev. James (San Diego, VIII)
Taylor, The Rt. Rev. G. Porter (Western North Carolina, IV)
16 **Church Pension Fund**
High Jr., The Rt. Rev. Rayford B., Chair (Texas, VII)
Harris, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E., Secretary (Massachusetts, I)
Beckwith, The Rt. Rev. Peter H. (Springfield, V)
Taylor, The Rt. Rev. E. Don (New York, II)

17 **Stewardship and Development**
Shand, The Rt. Rev. James J., Chair (Easton, III)
Alvarez, The Rt. Rev. David (Puerto Rico, IX)
Gepert, The Rt. Rev. Robert (Western Michigan, V)

18 **Ecumenical Relations**
Duncan II, The Rt. Rev. Philip M., Chair (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Gulick Jr., The Rt. Rev. Edwin F., Vice-Chair (Kentucky, IV)
Whalon, The Rt. Rev. Pierre, Secretary (Europe, II)
Lamb, The Rt. Rev. Jerry A. (Northern California, VIII)

19 **Communications**
Gibbs Jr., The Rt. Rev. Wendell N., Chair (Michigan, V)
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Kirk, Vice-Chair (Arizona, VIII)
Miller, The Rt. Rev. Steven A., Secretary (Milwaukee, V)
Garrison, The Rt. Rev. Michael (Western New York, II)

25 **Program, Budget and Finance**
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Andrew D., Vice-Chair (Connecticut, I)
Allen, The Rt. Rev. Lloyd (Honduras, IX)
Hollingsworth Jr., The Rt. Rev. Mark (Ohio, V)
Klusmeyer, The Rt. Rev. W. Michie (West Virginia, III)
Marble Jr., The Rt. Rev. Alfred C. (North Carolina, IV)
Scarfe, The Rt. Rev. Alan (Iowa, VI)
Waggoner Jr., The Rt. Rev. James Edward (Spokane, VIII)
Wolfe, The Rt. Rev. Dean E. (Kansas, VII)

26 **Special Legislative Committee**
Henderson Jr., The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F., Chair (Upper South Carolina, IV)
Lee, The Rt. Rev. Peter James (Virginia, III)
Little II, The Rt. Rev. Edward S. (Northern Indiana, V)
Wolf, The Rt. Rev. Geralyn (Rhode Island, I)

A  **House of Bishops Pastoral Letter**

[Editor’s Note: Committee was vacant for the 2006 General Convention.]

B  **House of Bishops Committee on the Resignation of Bishops**

Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P., Chair (Delaware, III)
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E., (West Tennessee, IV)
Daniel III, The Rt. Rev. Clifton, (East Carolina, IV)
Price Jr., The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. (Southern Ohio, V)

C  **House of Bishops Committee on Religious Communities**

Michel, The Rt. Rev. Rodney R., Chair (Long Island, II)
Henderson Jr., The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F., (Upper South Carolina, IV)
rish, The Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner, (Utah, VIII)
Lamb, The Rt. Rev. Jerry A. (Northern California, VIII)
Matthews, The Rt. Rev. Clayton F., (Virginia, III)
Williams Jr., The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. (Ohio, V)

D  **House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections**

Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P., Chair (Delaware, III)
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E., (West Tennessee, IV)
Daniel III, The Rt. Rev. Clifton, (East Carolina, IV)
Price Jr., The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. (Southern Ohio, V)
The House reconvened at 11:01 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Introduction of Visiting Bishops
The Presiding Bishop welcomed the Rt. Rev. Hiroshi Ito, Bishop of Sao Paulo.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

HB Message # 6: A022 (Amend Canon I.1.2(i)) Re-referred to Communications.
HB Message # 7: A112 (Directions for the Future) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message # 8: A111 (Criminal Justice to National Concerns) Adopted.

Rules of Order
The House of Bishops Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #2 on Resolution A036 (Amend HBRO XVIII) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Bishops Rule of Order XVIII be amended by lettering the existing paragraph as (a), and adding a new paragraph (b) as follows:

(b) No resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution or Canons of this Church may be presented in the House of Bishops for an initial vote on the last legislative day of General Convention, provided, however, that any such resolution previously considered and voted upon by this House may be considered on the last legislative day in order to consider changes to the resolution approved by the House of Deputies.
Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #27)

The House of Bishops Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #3 on Resolution D015 (Amend Joint Rules of Order IV.15) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D015)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies be amended by striking section 15 under IV Supplemental Money Bills and adding a new section:
15. After the adoption of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, no resolution calling for the expenditure of any moneys (or containing implied funding) shall be in order.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies be amended by striking section 15 under IV Supplemental Money Bills and adding a new section:
15. After the adoption of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, no resolution calling for the expenditure of any moneys (or containing implied funding) shall be in order unfunded.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #26)

Constitution
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #5 on Resolution A085 (Amend Constitution II.2 [First Reading]) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A085)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article II.2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction.
But if the election shall have taken place within three months next before the meeting of the General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of the Standing Committees. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article II.2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction. But if the election shall have taken place within three months next before the meeting of the General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of the Standing Committees. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.

And be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #6 on Resolution A021 (Amend Article VIII [First Reading]) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A021)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:
A bishop may permit an ordained minister in good standing in a Church with which this Church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or a minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that Church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this Church.

An amendment was proposed.

Proposed Amendment:
Add a new resolve clause, Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting.
A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.  

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A021 as amended.  

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #29)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #7 on Resolution D013 (Amend Constitution: Article I, Sec.3-Election of Presiding Bishop) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D013)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the first paragraph of the Article 1, Section 3, of the Constitution be amended to read:
Sec. 3. At the General Convention next before the expiration of the term of office of the Presiding Bishop, it shall elect the Presiding Bishop of the Church. The House of Bishops shall choose one of the Bishops of this Church to be the Presiding Bishop of the Church by a vote of a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, except that whenever two-thirds of the House of Bishops are present a majority vote shall suffice, such choice to be subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies. The Presiding Bishop shall be chosen from among the Bishops of this Church at a Joint Session of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies by concurrent vote of (a) a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, except that whenever two-thirds of the House of Bishops are present a majority vote shall suffice, (b) a majority vote of all of the Clerical Deputies present, and (c) a majority vote of all of the Lay Deputies present. The term and tenure of office and duties and particulars of the election not inconsistent with the preceding provisions shall be prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #30)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #8 on Resolution A020 (Amend Article I.2) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A020)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:
Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Suffragan Bishop, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat, and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

All Bishops of this Church shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Suffragan Bishop, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat, and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop holding an office created by the General Convention shall have seat, voice, and vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business. This amendment to Article 1, Section 2 shall take effect immediately upon passage.

And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting.

The Bishop of Maryland moved to send the resolution back to the committee for refinement.

Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #31)
Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop introduced The Rev. Dr. Cao Shengjie, President of the China Christian Council, who addressed the House.

The Presiding Bishop introduced members of the General Convention Youth Presence. David Pringle of Southeast Florida addressed the House.

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #1 on Resolution A097 (First Responders Network) and moved that the Committee be discharged because Episcopal, Relief and Development has responded to this concern.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #32)

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #3 on Resolution C012 (Episcopal Network for Economic Justice) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C012)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support the use of the Economic Justice Action Manual developed by the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (ENEJ); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request of the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $7,000 annually for implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of Convention send a copy of this resolution to the appropriate officers and committees of General Convention in preparation for the 75th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support the use of the Economic Justice Action Manual developed by the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice in their facilitation of the training of congregations in economic justice (ENEJ); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request of the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $7,000 annually for training in economic justice. Implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of Convention send a copy of this resolution to the appropriate officers and committees of General Convention in preparation for the 75th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #33)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #4 on Resolution C008 (Right of Workers to Organize) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C008)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the right of workers in the United States to organize and form unions as a means to securing adequate wages, benefits, and safety conditions and encourage all levels of the church to be informed about, and act accordingly, when rights of workers to associate is being jeopardized and commend the work of Interfaith Worker Justice in calling upon our religious values in support of issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and working conditions, especially for low-wage workers.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the right of workers in the United States to organize and form unions as a means to securing adequate wages, benefits, and safety conditions for all workers. We especially affirm the right to organize and form unions for seasonal and migrant workers who historically have been deprived of those rights. We support the right to organize and form unions as a means to securing adequate wages, benefits, and safety conditions for all workers. We and encourage all levels of the church to be informed about, and act accordingly, when rights of workers to associate is being jeopardized. We and commend the work of Interfaith Worker Justice in calling upon our religious values in support of issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and working conditions, especially for low-wage workers.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #34)

Church in Small Communities
The House of Bishops Committee on Church in Small Communities presented its Report #1 on Resolution A098 (Small Church Growth and Strategy Handbook) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A098)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Congregational Development to distribute to all Diocesan Bishops the resource *A Handbook for Small Church Growth and Strategy*, including all future revisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Offices of Congregational Development and Communication to develop ways of telling stories of vitality in small churches to assist in their development and use of the Handbook.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Congregational Development to distribute to all Diocesan Bishops the resource *A Handbook for Small Church Growth and Strategy*, including all future revisions; to compile available resources which promote vitality of mission and ministry in small congregations and communicate, disseminate, and provide access to the larger Church in a variety of possible formats; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Offices of Congregational Development and Communication to develop ways of telling stories of vitality in small churches to assist in their development and use of the Handbook, and implement innovative ways of collecting and telling stories of vitality in mission and ministry occurring in small congregations in such ways that those stories offer opportunity, encouragement, challenge, and hope to other congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That in celebrating the vitality of small congregations within the Church, the 75th General Convention acknowledge with thanksgiving the life and ministry of the Rt. Rev. William Davidson who helped lay the cornerstone and shape the building of support for small congregation and rural ministry within The Episcopal Church and that we dedicate ourselves to the continuation of that work.

The Bishop of Milwaukee moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

Replace the word “congregations” with the word “communities” in the resolution.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A098 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #35)
Special Order of Business
Ms. Bonnie Anderson, Michigan, the new President-Elect of the House of Deputies, was escorted to the House by the Bishop of Michigan and Bishop McGehee, retired Bishop of Michigan. Ms. Anderson addressed the House.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #14 on Resolution A136 (Enriching Our Worship Support) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A136) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention strongly encourage regular use of the liturgical resources in “Enriching Our Worship I” for Sunday worship.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention strongly encourage regular use of the liturgical resources in the “Enriching Our Worship” series for Sunday worship as appropriate.

The Bishop of Springfield moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the words “strongly” and “regular.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Fond du Lac moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the word “Sunday.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A136 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #36)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #17 on Resolution A066 (Multi-sensory Resources) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A066)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to
Further develop and collect multi-sensory resources that reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity, and
Further develop networks for sharing these resources, and
Prepare theological statements for assisting the church in the introduction of these resources, and
Develop ways to train congregations in the use of these resources; 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 implantation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to
Further develop and collect multi-sensory resources that engage younger generations in the collection and development of liturgical resources appropriate to emergent church context to reflect our Episcopal Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity, and
Further develop networks for sharing these resources, and
Prepare theological and evangelistic materials to assist statements for assisting the church in the introduction of these resources, and
Develop ways to train assist congregations in the use of these resources; 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 $25,000 for the implementation implantation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #37)

The Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #18 on Resolution A058 (Continue Lesser Feasts & Fasts Revision) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A058)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm the work of revision begun in the past triennium, in anticipation of the submission of the completed revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, with accompanying materials, for consideration by the 76th General Convention in 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm the work of revision begun in the past triennium, in anticipation of the submission of the completed revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, with accompanying materials, for consideration by the 76th General Convention in 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #38)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #19 on Resolution A069 (Enriching our Worship Eucharistic Prayers) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A069)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to create additional liturgical materials for inclusion in the *Enriching Our Worship Series*; and be it further
Resolved, That the development of these materials use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM report to the 76th General Convention on its work; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to create additional development of liturgical materials for inclusion in the “Enriching Our Worship Series;” and be it further
Resolved, That the development of these materials use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM report to the 76th General Convention on its work; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 - $40,000 for implementation of this resolution.

The Bishop of Quincy moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, add the word “theological” after the words “reflect our Church's.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A069 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #39)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #20 on Resolution A077 (Revised Common Lectionary) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A077)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct that the Revised Common Lectionary shall be the Lectionary of this Church, effective the First Sunday of Advent, 2007; with the provision for continued use of the previous Lectionary for purposes of orderly transition, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, until the First Sunday of Advent.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct that the Revised Common Lectionary shall be the Lectionary of this Church, replacing the Lectionary on pp. 889-921 of The Book of Common Prayer, effective the First Sunday of Advent, 2007; with the provision for continued use of the previous Lectionary for purposes of orderly transition, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, until the First Sunday of Advent.
Advent, 2007; with the provision for continued use of the previous Lectionary for purposes of orderly transition, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, until the First Sunday of Advent 2010.

The Bishop of Indianapolis moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Replace the word “replacing” with the word, “amending.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A077 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #40)

**Noonday Prayers**
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplain Battle.

**RECESS**
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 3:45 p.m.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:34 p.m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The House reconvened at 4:15 p.m. with the Vice-President in the Chair.

**Consent Calendar**

**Social and Urban Affairs**
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #1 on Resolution A092 (Applaud Anti-Racism Work) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A092)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention applaud the training provided by the Anti-Racism Committee and Church Center staff; the training’s encouragement of the church’s membership to appreciate cultural
differences and assistance in helping us understand the negative effects of racism, prejudice, and other types of oppression; and the committee’s encouragement of the leadership of The Episcopal Church at all levels to become totally inclusive of diverse groups in their midst by the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #41)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #2 on Resolution A131 (Continue HIV/AIDS Standing Committee) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A131)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the continuation of the Executive Council Standing Committee on HIV/AIDS for the 2007–2009 Triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on HIV/AIDS focus on mechanisms for increasing HIV/AIDS awareness in our Church, reducing the effects of stigmatization by HIV/AIDS and continue the process of identifying those whom we are called to serve but may overlook; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee continue identifying the HIV/AIDS ministries and resources at all levels of the church, utilizing the resources of other organizations including but not limited to the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America AIDS Network; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on HIV/AIDS report to the Executive Council of the General Convention on the church’s response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic with attention to pertinent resolutions of General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #42)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #1 on Resolution A070 (Enriching our Worship Adoption of Children) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A070)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to develop liturgical materials
for inclusion in the *Enriching our Worship* series for the pastoral issues in the context of the adoption of children; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the development of these materials use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the SCLM present its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

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

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #43)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #2 on Resolution A071 (Burial & Reconciliation Liturgical Materials) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(A071)

**Resolved,** the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to create additional resources in the areas of Burial of the Dead and Reconciliation of a Penitent for inclusion in the *Enriching Our Worship* series; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the development of these rites use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the SCLM present its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

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

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #44)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #3 on Resolution A072 (Multi-Cultural Musical Resources) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A072)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to gather a collection of music to broaden the cultural breadth of the music of the church, and to make native-language materials available to non-English speaking worshiping communities; and be it further Resolved, That the means of gathering and development of these materials use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender, and ethnic diversity; and be it further Resolved, That the Standing Commission be directed to appoint a Committee to oversee the collection of this music; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $35,000 for implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #45)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #4 on Resolution A073 (Praise & World Music) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A073)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the work begun in the Praise and World Music Hymnal Supplement project; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #46)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #5 on Resolution A079 (Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A079)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention endorse the continuation of the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small
Congregations (LPM), which provides musicians who serve small congregations with continuing education for musical leadership in liturgy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $75,000 for the implementation of this resolution and that this appropriation be administered by the Office for Liturgy and Music.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #47)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #7 on Resolution A081 (International Anglican Liturgical Consultation) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A081)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention appropriate the necessary funds for the Church’s participation in the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee of Program Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #48)

[Editor's Note: The House of Bishops moved to reconsider Resolution A081 on the Fourth Legislative Day, see p. 167.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #8 on Resolution A088 (Daily Life Liturgies) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A088)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgies which recognize and celebrate ministry in daily life for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music carry out this work in collaboration with the Standing Commission on Ministry Development and report on this work to the 76th General Convention.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #49)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #10 on Resolution A103 (Worship Resources) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A103)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That during the first year of the 2007–2009 triennium, the chairs of the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development and the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the Office of Stewardship and the Liturgical Officer, appoint an ad-hoc committee of not more than eight persons, including two members of the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development and two members of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to collect and develop intergenerational worship resources with stewardship themes for presentation to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

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

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #50)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #11 on Resolution A080 (Revise the Catechumenal Materials in the Book of Occasional Services) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A080)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to review the rites of the catechumenate and its parallel rites contained in the *Book of Occasional Services* and propose revisions of those rites to the 76th Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #51)

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #3 on Resolution B005 (Commend the Order of St. John of Jerusalem) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B005)

Whereas, The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem has served in missions of charitable outreach in Jerusalem, the Middle East, and other places in need most especially through the St. John Eye Hospital, under the auspices of the British Crown since the nineteenth century; and
Whereas, 2007 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Foundation of St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of the American Society of the Order of St. John; and
Whereas, 2006 marks the Tenth Anniversary of the constitution of the Priory in the United States of America as the seventh Priory of the Order of St. John and the first outside of the British Commonwealth; and
Whereas, The charitable work of this Order continues unabated in meeting the needs of the sick, the injured and the poor, without regard to their religious affiliation or nationality, in a part of the world held as holy by the Three Great Monotheistic Faiths, but sadly torn by strife and division; therefore be it
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church congratulate the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and commend it for its continued work and witness.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #52)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #4 on Resolution D019 (Pastoral Concern for Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their Families) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D019)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention pray for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan and for all those who are working to bring
peace to those lands, particularly United States military personnel and their families, relief forces from allied nations, and all civilian aid workers from the United States and other countries; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention express its particular concern and support for all Episcopal personnel serving in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urges all Episcopalians and all congregations of The Episcopal Church to join in such prayer and support; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention offer its thanks and gratitude to all Episcopal chaplains serving in the military for their pastoral ministries, particularly those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies to communicate to all Episcopal military chaplains and to the Episcopal service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan these commitments of prayer, concern, support, and thanksgiving.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #53)

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #4 on Resolution A145 (Endorsement of the Digital Archives) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A145)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention recognize the importance of the Digital Archives for access to the Church’s historical texts, documents, and images; acknowledge the extraordinary contribution that the Digital Archives has made to the efficiency of the General Convention’s legislative process; and request the Archives expand and enrich this important vehicle, which includes the Acts of Convention 1976–2003 and the Resolves of Council 1976–2000, as well as news articles, photo archives, catalogs, and other documents from the Church Archives; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention endorse the Archives’ website and the Digital Archives as an official site and electronic archive of The Episcopal Church, created under the supervision of the Board of the Archives and the Canonical Archivist; and that the Archives be charged with responsibility to create an authentic, accurate, and trustworthy record for purposes of communicating historical knowledge about The Episcopal Church and its identity to Episcopalians and those who seek a greater awareness of this Church; and that budgetary funding requested for the Digital
Archives be given priority in support of the mission of reconciliation, evangelism, and education.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #54)

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #5 on Resolution A150 (Continue Forward Movement) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A150)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Presiding Bishop be authorized to continue Forward Movement Publications under his supervision and to appoint such staff members and commission as may be required to maintain its work.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #55)

(End of Consent Calendar)

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

*HD Message # 9:* (Special Order for the Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund) Adopted with amendment.

*HD Message # 10:* (Special Order for the Election of President and Vice-President of House of Deputies) Adopted.


*HD Message # 12:* (Appointment of Parliamentarian) Appointment of Pauline Getz, Esq. as Parliamentarian.

Resignation of Bishops
The House of Bishops Committee on Resignation of Bishops presented its report on bishops whose resignations have been accepted since the last meeting.
April 1, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Richard S. O. Chang, Bishop of Hawaii

October 31, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Bertram N. Herlong, Bishop of Tennessee

January 1, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, Bishop of Northern California

June 21, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr., Bishop of South Carolina  
July 22, 2006  
The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, Bishop of California

**Balloting**
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the bishop members of the Executive Council, the bishop members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains, and the bishop members of the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

**Ballot #1 taken**

**Ministry**
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #5 on Resolution A089 (Pastoral Leadership Search Effort) and moved adoption with amendment.

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**Motion carried**

*Resolution adopted with amendment*  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #56)
Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #7 on Resolution A040 (Developing Young Adult Leaders) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A040)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office for Young Adult Ministry to offer leadership training opportunities for young adults during the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Congregational Development during the next triennium to (a) include awareness of concerns about ministry with Young Adults in training events and (b) develop educational resources for parish and diocesan leaders (of all ages) who seek to provide Young Adult ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese be required to have at least two adults under the age of 30 serving on diocesan governing boards; and be it further
Resolved, That the dioceses communicate widely the availability of these positions to young adults in the diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the names of the young adults filling these positions be added to the annual diocesan parochial report.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Congregational Development Office for Young Adult Ministry to offer leadership training opportunities for young adults during the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Congregational Development during the next triennium to (a) include increased awareness of concerns about ministry with Young Adults in training events and (b) develop and provide mentoring models to parishes and dioceses so that established church leaders can foster leadership in young adults; and (c) develop educational resources for parish and diocesan leaders (of all ages) who seek to provide Young Adult ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult Ministry to develop strategies for young adults for the encouragement and inclusion in leadership roles in the life of the church; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese be required to have at least two adults under the age of 30 serving on diocesan governing boards; and be it further
Resolved, That parishes and dioceses be encouraged to appoint and/or nominate young adults age 18-30 to serve on vestries, boards, commissions and committees; and be it further
Resolved, That the parishes and dioceses communicate widely the availability of these positions to young adults in the diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the statistics related to names of the young adults filling these positions be added to the annual diocesan parochial report.
The Bishop of Eau Claire moved an amendment.

The Committee agreed to an amendment at the suggestion of the Bishop of Eau Claire by adding the words “including deputies to General Convention” to the fourth resolve clause after the words “vestries, boards, commissions and committees.”

The Committee agreed to several suggestions from the floor to replace the word “parishes” in all instances with “parishes, missions and congregations.”

A vote was taken on Resolution A040 as amended. 

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #57)

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #8 on Resolution A134 (HIV Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

### Original Text of Resolution:

**(A134)**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention require that beginning on September 1, 2007 the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, including staff youth ministers working with young people in middle school and high school, and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies, and boards be required to take a basic HIV/AIDS training course and receive certification of such training; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Peace and Justice Ministries of The Episcopal Church, working in collaboration with the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and the Standing Committee on HIV/AIDS develop a HIV training curriculum that will be updated each triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council authorize an appropriate mechanism for this training to be a web-based, self-directed tutorial to be housed on The Episcopal Church’s website, said tutorial being designed to generate a message to a database containing records certifying that the training has been completed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council direct that the database is housed and maintained by The Episcopal Church Center, including the ability to maintain records of those taking the training.

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course and receive certification of such training; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Peace and Justice Ministries of The Episcopal Church,
working in collaboration with the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and
the Standing Committee on HIV/AIDS develop a HIV training curriculum by the 76th
General Convention, thereafter to that will be updated each triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this training curriculum focus on information on the transmission, treatment, and
prevention of HIV/AIDS, addressing the demographic and social implications; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council authorize an appropriate mechanism for this
training to curriculum be offered as a web-based, self-directed tutorial to be housed on
The Episcopal Church’s website, said tutorial being designed to generate a message
to a database containing records certifying that the training has been completed; and
be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council direct that the database is housed and maintained
by The Episcopal Church Center, including the ability to maintain records of those
taking the training. That each diocese will strongly encourage that lay and ordained leadership
complete this training.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #58)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #5
on Resolution A140 (Women Clergy Retirement Needs) and moved adoption with
amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A140)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of
The Episcopal Church request the Church Pension Group to consult with women
clergy to consider ways to respond to the particular needs of ordained women as they
approach retirement.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of
The Episcopal Church request affirm the work of the Church Pension Group to consult
with women clergy to consider in considering ways to respond to the particular needs
of ordained women as they approach retirement and ask that the Church Pension Group consult with the Committee on the Status of Women to further the work.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #59)

Stewardship and Development

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #5 on Resolution C018 (Environmental Stewardship) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C018)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that the use of fossil fuels harms air quality and public health and is contributing to changes in the global climate that threaten the lives and livelihoods of our neighbors around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention affirm that our Christian response to global warming is a deeply moral and spiritual issue; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention reaffirm Resolution 1991–A195, adopted by the 70th General Convention, declaring that Christian Stewardship of God’s created environment, in harmony with our respect for human dignity, requires response from the Church of the highest urgency; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention reaffirm Resolution 2000–D022 (MDGs and the ONE Episcopalian Campaign), adopted by the 73rd General Convention, encouraging all members, congregations, dioceses, and other church institutions to use environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention acknowledge with praise and appreciation the work of Interfaith Power and Light, a non-profit initiative that helps congregations, religious institutions and others work for a more just, sustainable and healthier Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention encourage all members, congregations, dioceses, and other church institutions to consider prayerfully whether to partner with Interfaith Power and Light by incorporating respect and care for Creation into programs of worship and education, by reducing energy use through conservation and increased efficiency, and by replacing consumption of fossil fuels with energy from renewable resources.

Committee Amendment:

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #60)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #1 on Resolution A114 (Young Adult Service Corps) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A114)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations, in collaboration with the Office of Ministries with Young People, to develop resources for the pastoral care and vocational formation of participants in the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to increase the number of placements available in the Young Adult Service Corps from ten to fifteen per year; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $550,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #61)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on Resolution A117 (Seminarian Cross-cultural Formation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A117)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide funding toward cross-cultural and international experience for seminarians; 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 $180,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide funding toward cross-cultural and international experience for seminarians; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Standing Commission on World Mission to consult with the Council of Deans and Seminary Consultation on Mission regarding how allocation of these funds can ensure participation by seminarians beyond the eleven accredited Episcopal seminaries and especially by those seminarians in institutions located in non-United States jurisdictions of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $180,000 $250,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

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

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #2 on Resolution D022 (MDGs and the ONE Episcopalian Campaign) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D022)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the leaders and members of The Episcopal Church, including Episcopal Relief and Development and program ministries of the national Church, for their leadership on behalf of the Millennium Development Goals, both through public advocacy and implementation of MDG programs in the developing world; and commend dioceses, local congregations and others, such as Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and the Micah Challenge, for their support of the implementation of the MDGs; and be it further

Resolved, That the convention endorse “The ONE Campaign,” the U.S. movement for the MDGs, through The Episcopal Church’s “ONE Episcopalian” campaign and call on all dioceses, parishes, and individuals to join the ONE Episcopalian campaign, publicly endorsing The ONE Campaign’s call for the United States government to annually spend an additional one percent of its budget to combat global poverty.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the leaders and members of The Episcopal Church, including Episcopal Relief and Development and program ministries of the national Church, for their leadership on behalf of the Millennium Development Goals, both through public advocacy and implementation of MDG programs in the developing world; and commend dioceses, local congregations, and others, such as like Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and the Micah Challenge, for their support of the implementation of the MDGs in fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant and as an expression of the hunger of this Church for far deeper communion with all of God’s beloved; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium, and that each diocese, congregation and parishioner be urged to commit to 0.7% giving toward these goals by July 7, 2007 (07/07/07); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget line item of no less than an additional 0.7% (circa $900,000) of the non-government revenue of The Episcopal Church for work that supports the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability, and
8. Create a global partnership for development with a focus on debt, aid, and trade.

And be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage diocese and parishes to designate the Feast of Christ the King (the last Sunday of the Church Year), or such days may be designated ecumenically for commendation of the MDGs, as special days of prayer, fasting, and giving in The Episcopal Church toward global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that all dioceses establish a global reconciliation commission or similar body dedicated to mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns report to the 76th General Convention on the progress that has been achieved in implementing this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention endorse “The ONE Campaign,” the U.S. movement for the MDGs, through The Episcopal Church’s “ONE Episcopalian” campaign; and call on all dioceses, parishes, and individuals to join the ONE Episcopalian campaign; and publicly endorse The ONE Campaign’s call for the United States government to annually spend an additional one percent of its budget to combat global poverty.

The Bishop Suffragan of Alabama moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the final resolve clause, after the words “combat global poverty,” add the words “and to be active advocates for the achievement of this work.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Chicago moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fourth resolve clause, add a “s” to the word “diocese” and after the words, “or such day,” add the word, “as.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Quincy moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “in fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant and as an expression of the hunger of this Church for far deeper communion with all of God’s beloved.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, add the words “parishes, missions, congregations, dioceses” after the word “commend.” In the fifth resolve clause, add the words “parishes, missions, congregations, and dioceses,” after the word “encourage” and delete the words “dioceses and parishes.” In the final resolve clause, add the words “parishes, missions, congregations, dioceses” after the words “call on all” and delete the words “dioceses, parishes.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Milwaukee moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fourth resolve clause, delete the words “Feast of Christ the King (the last Sunday of the Church Year)” and after the words “designate the,” add the words “Last Sunday after Pentecost.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Milwaukee moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the word “national” and add the word “Episcopal” in its place.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D022 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #63)

Special Order of Business
The Rev. Dr. Richard H. Schmidt, Editor and Director of Forward Movement, addressed the House.

Election for the Executive Council
The Secretary announced the results of the election for the Executive Council:
   The Rt. Rev. David A. Alvarez, Bishop of Puerto Rico
   The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #64)
Election for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The Secretary announced the results of the election for the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

   The Rt. Rev. George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey
   The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina

   (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #65)

Election for the General Board of Examining Chaplains
The Secretary announced the results of the election for the General Board of Examining Chaplains:

   The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon

   (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #111)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #21 on Resolution A059 (Approve Liturgical Calendar Commemorations) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A059)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the commemorations of Florence Li Tim-Oi, Janani Luwum, Philander Chase, William Temple and Clive Staples Lewis, proposed by the 74th General Convention (2003 Journal, p. 446, 447f. and 488) and approved for trial use, be now finally approved and entered in the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP, p. 15-30) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

   Motion carried
   Resolution adopted

   (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #66)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #22 on Resolution A060 (Refer Proposed Commemoration) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A060)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That consideration of the commemoration of The Rev. Dr. John Roberts, missionary to the Wind River Indian Reservation and founder of the Shoshone Episcopal Mission, be referred to the
appropriate subcommittee of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for further research, consultation, and recommendation.

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

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #67)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #23 on Resolution A057 (Lesser Feasts & Fasts Revision Principles) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A057)  
**Resolved,** the House of Deputies concurring, That the Principles of Revision accepted by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be approved by the 75th General Convention and substituted for the Guidelines approved by the 1994 General Convention (2003 edition of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, p. 477 – 479).

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

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #68)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #24 on Resolution A061 (Date Change for Harriet Tubman Commemoration) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A061)  
**Resolved,** the House of Deputies concurring, That a change in the date of the commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman be duly considered by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music during the preparation of the new revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

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

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #69)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #25 on Resolution A065 (Commemoration Name Change) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A065)  
**Resolved,** the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize changing the name for the commemoration of the “Martyrs of Lyons” to
“Blandina and Her Companions, The Martyrs of Lyons,” as found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #70)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #26 on Resolution C043 (Commemoration of Genocide Remembrance Day) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C043)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Genocide Remembrance Day (April 24) be included in the Calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts of The Episcopal Church; and, that the Standing Liturgical Committee of the General Convention prepare appropriate collects and scriptural texts for its commemoration; and be it further Resolved, That in addition to the remembrance of Armenian Christians, Genocide Remembrance Day mark also the several other 20th century genocides (e.g., the Holocaust, Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur).

The Bishop of Southwest Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the last resolve clause, delete the word “and” after Rwanda. After Darfur, insert “and the Acholi people in Northern Uganda.”

[Editor’s Note: The amendment was accepted without vote because the motion was to refer the resolution to a Standing Commission.]

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #71)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #27 on Resolution C035 (Confession of Martha) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C035)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 23rd Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real request the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church
to include in the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts the Confession of Martha on April 13th.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #72)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution C034 (Joan of Arc) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C034)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 23rd Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real request the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to include in the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts Joan of Arc on May 30th.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #73)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #29 on Resolution C016 (Thurgood Marshall) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C016)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention include Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in the book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, using the date of May 17, the decision in Brown vs. Board of Education, to be a day to commemorate the Christian witness of Justice Marshall; and be it further Resolved, That the following propers be considered for that feast day:

Eternal and Ever-Gracious God, you blessed your servant Thurgood with special gifts of grace and courage to understand and speak the truth as it has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ. Grant that by his example we may also know you and seek to realize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, whom you sent to teach us to love one another; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Amos 5:10-15, 21-24
Psalm 34:15-22
I Corinthians 13:1-13
Matthew 23:1-11

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #74)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #30 on Resolution C013 (Martyrs of the Sudan) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #75)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #31 on Resolution C003 (Martyrs of the Sudan) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C003)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the commemoration of the Martyrs of the Sudan as an addition to the Calendar of the Church Year, with the following propers:
May 16
The Martyrs of the Sudan
Collect
O God, the One who is steadfast in the midst of persecution, by your providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of the Sudan, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they refuse to abandon, even in the face of death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalms 109, 110, 111, 116:10-17
Hebrews 10:32-39
Matthew 24:9-14

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #76)

Resolution C002 was withdrawn from the calendar.
Resolution withdrawn
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #32 on Resolution C006 (Martyrs of Lyon Name Change) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #77)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #34 on Resolution C021 (Bertha and Ethelbert) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C021)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to add Queen Bertha and her husband King Ethelbert (baptized by St. Augustine in 597 and died 616), early Christian witnesses in England who shared with St. Augustine of Canterbury the reestablishment of Christianity in England and who practiced religious tolerance, to the Calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, with appropriate Propers and biographical materials.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #79)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #35 on Resolution B008 (The Dorchester Chaplains) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B008)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the commemoration of the Dorchester Chaplains as an addition to the Calendar of the Church Year, with appropriate biographical material and propers for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #80)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #36 on Resolution A062 (Approve a Common for Space Exploration) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A062)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 76th General Convention, a Common for Space Exploration, as follows:

Creator of the universe, whose dominion extends through the immensity of space: guide and guard those who seek to fathom its mysteries [especially N.N]. Save us from arrogance lest we forget that our achievements are grounded in thee, and, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, protect our travels beyond the reaches of earth, that we may glory ever more in the wonder of thy creation: through Jesus Christ, thy Word, by whom all things came to be, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Creator of the universe, your dominion extends through the immensity of space: guide and guard those who seek to fathom its mysteries [especially N.N]. Save us from arrogance lest we forget that our achievements are grounded in you, and, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, protect our travels beyond the reaches of earth, that we may glory ever more in the wonder of your creation: through Jesus Christ, your Word, by whom all things came to be, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 19:1-6 or Canticle 12
Lessons - Job 38: 4-12, 16-18
Revelation 1:7-8, 12-16
Gospel - John 15:5-9
Preface of God the Father or the Epiphany

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize, for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, trial use until the 76th General Convention, a Common for Space Exploration, as follows:

Creator of the universe, whose dominion extends through the immensity of space: guide and guard those who seek to fathom its mysteries [especially N.N]. Save us from arrogance lest we forget that our achievements are grounded in thee, and, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, protect our travels beyond the reaches of earth, that we may glory ever more in the wonder of thy creation: through Jesus Christ, thy Word, by whom all things came to be, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Creator of the universe, your dominion extends through the immensity of space: guide and guard those who seek to fathom its mysteries [especially N.N]. Save us from arrogance lest we forget that our achievements are grounded in you, and, by the grace
of your Holy Spirit, protect our travels beyond the reaches of earth, that we may glory ever more in the wonder of your creation: through Jesus Christ, your Word, by whom all things came to be, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 19:1-6 or Canticle 12
Lessons - Job 38: 4-12, 16-18
Revelation 1:7-8, 12-16
Gospel - John 15:5-9
Preface of God the Father or the Epiphany

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #81)

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #6 on Resolution A139 (Celebration of Women's Ministries) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A139)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church offer thanksgiving for the gift of all women in ministry, and especially those enabled by previous General Convention action including the seating of lay women deputies in 1970, and the canons enabling the ordination of women to the diaconate in 1970 and the priesthood in 1976; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses be encouraged to celebrate these ministries in ways that are appropriate to their locale; and be it further
Resolved, That pioneers in the ordination of women in all orders be part of this celebration and that their witness and courage be recognized; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses that still do not ordain women to the priesthood continue to be encouraged to provide for the ordination and exercise of priestly ministry by women in their dioceses.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church offer thanksgiving for the gift of all women in ministry, and especially those enabled by previous General Convention action including the seating of lay women deputies in 1970, and the canons enabling the ordination of women to the diaconate in 1970 and the priesthood in 1976; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses be encouraged to celebrate these ministries in ways that are appropriate to their locale; and be it further
Resolved, That pioneers in the ordination of women in all orders be part of this celebration and that their witness and courage be recognized; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses that still do not ordain as yet have not ordained women to the priesthood continue to be encouraged to provide for the ordination and exercise of priestly ministry by women in their dioceses.

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, after the word “1976” add “and the consecration of a woman as bishop in 1989.” After the word “1970” add a comma and delete the word “and.”

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution A139 as amended.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with Amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #82)

**Church Pension Fund**
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #6 on Resolution D033 (Episcopal Clergy Wellness Report) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D033)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention commend CREDO Institute, Inc. for *Episcopal Clergy Wellness: A Report to The Church on the State of Clergy Wellness* and affirm the recommendations contained therein; and be it further
Resolved, That CREDO Institute, Inc. be encouraged to work collaboratively with other offices, agencies, and organizations to address the recommendations in a systemic and strategic manner in order to strengthen the ordained leadership of this Church, and that a report on the progress be made to the 76th General Convention.

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

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #83)

**Special Legislative Committee**
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #1 on Resolution C007 (Anglican Consultative Council Appropriation) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.
Original Text of Resolution:

(C007)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That if the full amount requested by the ACC is approved in the proposed budget for the triennium 2007–2009, the amount in excess of 2003–2006 be held in escrow until such time that the ACC members from The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada are reinstated as full members with seat, voice and vote; and be it further  
Resolved, That none of the money in escrow be released for payment until we are assured that all bishops with jurisdiction in The Episcopal Church will be invited to attend as full and equal participants at the Lambeth Conference.

The question was called.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C007.

Motion defeated  
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #84)

Recess

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 10:45 a.m. on the Third Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:58 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Battle.
Appendix C
Day Two

Official Acts of the Presiding Bishop

CONSECRATIONS
Johnocy Itty, Bishop of Oregon
   September 20, 2003
Charles Franklin Brookhart, Jr., Bishop of Montana
   September 27, 2003
George Edward Councell, Bishop of New Jersey
   October 18, 2003
V. Gene Robinson, Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire
   November 2, 2003
Gary Richard Lillibridge, Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas
   February 21, 2004
Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop Coadjutor of Arizona
   April 24, 2004
Michael Gene Smith, Bishop of North Dakota
   May 8, 2004
Jeffrey Neil Steenson, Bishop Coadjutor of Rio Grande
   January 15, 2005

BAPTISMS
Christ Church, New Haven, Diocese of Connecticut, April 10, 2004
   1 baptism
Diocese of Washington, March 26, 2005
   7 baptisms
Trinity Church, Wall Street, Diocese of New York, May 13, 2006
   1 baptism

CONFIRMATIONS and RECEPTIONS
Calvary Church, Diocese of New York, October 19, 2003
   4 confirmands
Diocese of Washington, March 26, 2005
   12 confirmands and 3 receptions
Diocese of Rhode Island, May 27, 2005
   50 confirmands
ORDINATIONS
Trinity Church, Wall Street, Diocese of New York, May 13, 2006
1 Priest, 4 Vocational Deacons and 5 Transitional Deacons
The House reconvened at 11:10 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

**Previous Day's Minutes**
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

**Motion carried**

**Messages from the House of Deputies**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

- **HD Message # 13**: Appointment of Assistant Secretaries.
- **HD Message # 14**: Ms. Bonnie Anderson Elected President of the House of Deputies.
- **HD Message # 15**: A116 (Short-Term Mission Pilgrimages) Adopted.
- **HD Message # 16**: A115 (World Mission Education Materials) Adopted with amendment.
- **HD Message # 17**: A113 (Missionaries & Volunteers for Mission) Adopted with amendment.

**Ecumenical Relations**
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #6 on Resolution A055 (UMC Interim Eucharistic Sharing) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A055)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

1. Welcome and rejoice in the substantial progress of The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue and of international conversations between Anglicans and Methodists, and give thanks for the Anglican-Methodist Covenant in Great Britain. We look forward to the day when full communion is established between The Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church;
2. Recognize now The United Methodist Church as a member of the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church in which the Gospel is rightly preached and taught;

3. Encourage the development of common Christian life throughout our respective Churches by such means as the following:
   a) Mutual prayer and mutual support, including parochial/congregational and diocesan/annual conference covenants or agreements,
   b) Common study of the Holy Scriptures, the histories and theological traditions of each Church, and the materials produced by The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue,
   c) Joint programs of religious education, theological discussion, mission, evangelism, and social action,
   d) Joint use of facilities;

4. Affirm now on the basis of the documents
   a) *Sharing in the Apostolic Communion*, produced by the International Anglican-Methodist Conversations in 1996;
   b) the “Constitution and Canons” of The Episcopal Church and the “Book of Common Prayer” of The Episcopal Church
   c) The United Methodist “Book of Worship” and the “Book of Discipline” of The United Methodist Church;
   d) and the documents “This Holy Mystery” on the Lord’s Supper and “By Water and the Spirit” on Baptism affirmed by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church that the basic teaching of each respective Church is consonant with the Gospel and is sufficiently compatible with the teaching of this Church that a relationship of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist is hereby established between The United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church under the following guidelines:
      i) The Episcopal Church extends a special welcome to members of The United Methodist Church to receive Holy Communion in it under the Standard for Occasional Eucharistic Sharing of its 1979 General Convention. This welcome constitutes a mutual recognition of Eucharistic teaching sufficient for Interim Sharing of the Eucharist, although this does not intend to signify that final recognition of each other's ministries has yet been achieved.
      ii) Bishops and Dioceses of The Episcopal Church and Bishops of The United Methodist Church may by mutual agreement extend the regulations of Church discipline to permit common, joint celebration of the Eucharist within their jurisdictions. This is appropriate in particular situations where the said authorities deem that local conditions are appropriate for the sharing of worship jointly by congregations of the respective Churches. The presence of an ordained minister of each participating Church at the altar in this way reflects the presence of two or more Churches expressing unity in faith and baptism as well as the remaining divisions which they seek to overcome; however, this does not imply rejection or final recognition of either Church's Eucharist or ministry. In such circumstances the Eucharistic prayer will be from an approved liturgy as authorized jointly by the Bishops of the Episcopal Diocese and The United Methodist Episcopal Area.
      iii) This resolution and experience of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist will be communicated at regular intervals to other Churches of the World Methodist Council and the Anglican Communions throughout the world, as well as to the various ecumenical dialogues in which Anglicans and Methodists are engaged, especially Churches Uniting in Christ, in order that consultation may be fostered,
similar experiences encouraged elsewhere, and already existing relationships of full communion respected;

5. Authorize continued United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogues for the discussion of any other outstanding questions that must be resolved before full communion can be established between the respective Churches, e.g., historic episcopate, and the ordering of ministry (Bishops, Priests, and Deacons) in the total context of apostolicity.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

1. Welcome and rejoice in the substantial progress of The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue and of international conversations between Anglicans and Methodists, and give thanks for the Anglican-Methodist Covenant in Great Britain. We look forward to the day when full communion is established between The Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church;

2. Recognize now The United Methodist Church as a member of the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church in which the Gospel is rightly preached and taught;

3. Encourage the development of common Christian life throughout our respective Churches by such means as the following:
   a) Mutual prayer and mutual support, including parochial/congregational and diocesan/annual conference covenants or agreements,
   b) Common study of the Holy Scriptures, the histories and theological traditions of each Church, and the materials produced by The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue.
   c) Joint programs of religious education, theological discussion, mission, evangelism, and social action,
   d) Joint use of facilities;

4. Affirm now on the basis of the documents
   a) Sharing in the Apostolic Communion, produced by the International Anglican-Methodist Conversations in 1996;
   b) the “Constitution and Canons” of The Episcopal Church and the “Book of Common Prayer” of The Episcopal Church
   c) The United Methodist “Book of Worship” and the “Book of Discipline” of The United Methodist Church;
   d) and the documents “This Holy Mystery” on the Lord’s Supper and “By Water and the Spirit” on Baptism affirmed by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church that the basic teaching of each respective Church is consonant with the Gospel and is sufficiently compatible with the teaching of this Church that a relationship of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist is hereby established between The United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church under the following guidelines:
      i) The Episcopal Church extends a special welcome to members of The United Methodist Church to receive Holy Communion in it under the Standard for Occasional Eucharistic Sharing of its 1979 General Convention. This welcome constitutes a mutual recognition of Eucharistic teaching sufficient for Interim Sharing of the Eucharist, although this does not intend to signify that final recognition of each other's ministries has yet been achieved.
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discipline to permit common, joint celebration of the Eucharist within their jurisdictions. This is appropriate in particular situations where the said authorities deem that local conditions are appropriate for the sharing of worship jointly by congregations of the respective Churches. The presence of an ordained bishop or elder in the United Methodist Church and a bishop or priest of The Episcopal Church minister of each participating Church at the altar in this way reflects the presence of two or more Churches expressing unity in faith and baptism as well as the remaining divisions which they seek to overcome; however, this does not imply rejection or final recognition of either Church's Eucharist or ministry. In such circumstances the Eucharistic prayer will be from an approved liturgy as authorized jointly by the Bishops of the Episcopal Diocese and The United Methodist Episcopal Area.

iii) This resolution and experience of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist will be communicated at regular intervals to other Churches of the World Methodist Council and the Anglican Communions throughout the world, as well as to the various ecumenical dialogues in which Anglicans and Methodists are engaged, especially Churches Uniting in Christ, in order that consultation may be fostered, similar experiences encouraged elsewhere, and already existing relationships of full communion respected;

5. Authorize continued United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogues for the discussion of any other outstanding questions that must be resolved before full communion can be established between the respective Churches, e.g., historic episcopate, and the ordering of ministry (Bishops, Priests, and Deacons) in the total context of apostolicity.

The Bishop of Mississippi moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add a new subsection iii in section 4D: “Clergy and lay leadership of Episcopal and United Methodist congregations that might seek such Interim Sharing of the Eucharist will support this relationship by establishing steps and activities among their local congregations, such as those outlined in section (3) above, so that the truest fulfillment of the vision for Interim Sharing of the Eucharist might be realized.” The previous subsection “iii” will become subsection “iv.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Bishop Parsons moved to refer the resolution.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken to refer the resolution.

Motion defeated
Referral defeated
A vote was taken on Resolution A055 as amended.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #85)

**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**

**Introduction of Visiting Bishops**  


**Special Order of Business**  
The Presiding Bishop welcomed Ms. Harriet Neer, President of Episcopal Church Women. Ms. Neer addressed the House.

Bishop Hayes Rockwell addressed the House regarding Church Publishing, Inc.

The House recognized the Rev. Jack Anderson, Retired Director, Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers, Inc.

**Noonday Prayers**  
Chaplain McIntosh led noonday prayers.

**Balloting for General Board of Examining Chaplains**  
Election Ballot #2 was taken for the Lay, Clergy, and Faculty members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains.  

**Ballot #2 taken**

**Special Order of Business**  
The Presiding Bishop introduced the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole, Suffragan, Toronto.
National and International Concerns

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #4 on Resolution A017 (Fundamental Immigration Principles) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A017)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive “The Alien Among You” in the Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns and adopt the fundamental principles included in “The Alien Among You” as the policy of The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive “The Alien Among You” in the Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns; and, while recognizing the duty and right of a sovereign nation to protect and defend its borders, and adopt the following fundamental principles included in “The Alien Among You” as the policy of The Episcopal Church.

1. Undocumented aliens should have reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency.
2. Legal workers should be allowed to enter the United States to respond to recognized labor force needs.
3. Close family members should be allowed to reunite without undue delay with individuals lawfully present in the United States.
4. Fundamental U.S. principles of legal due process should be granted all persons.
5. Enforcement of national borders and immigration policies should be proportional and humane.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church deplore any action by the Government of the United States which unduly emphasizes enforcement, including militarization of the border between the United States and Mexico, as the primary response to immigrants entering the United States to work; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church undertake a campaign to educate Episcopalians as to the plight of refugees, immigrants, and migrants, which will include information about the root causes of migration; and be it further

Resolved, That this campaign call the Church to commit to welcoming strangers as a matter of Christian responsibility, to advocate for their well-being and protection and to urge its members to resist legislation and actions which violate our fundamental beliefs as Christians, including the criminalization of persons providing humanitarian assistance to migrants.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #86)
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #3 on Resolution A015 (Prayers for the Holy Land) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A015)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention encourage the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to urge their congregations and institutions to pray for our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East; to visit the Christian congregations in the Holy Land; to work for justice, peace, and reconciliation in the Holy Land; and to urge elected officials and policy makers to seek solutions that will realize these goals for both peoples.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention encourage the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to urge their congregations and institutions to pray for our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East; to visit the Christian congregations in the Holy Land; to receive visitors from the Holy Land; to work for justice, peace, and reconciliation in the Holy Land with renewed commitment; and to urge elected officials and policy makers to seek solutions that will realize these goals for both peoples all.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #87)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #5 on Resolution A010 (Affirm “Call to Partnership”) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A010)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive and affirm “Call to Partnership,” the communiqué presented to the United Nations Summit on Sept. 13, 2005, by Anglican, Evangelical, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Reform, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist and United Methodist participants in the Consultation of Religious Leaders on Global Poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the leadership of persons in poverty and local leaders in poor communities as equal partners and not simply recipients in the global effort to alleviate the crushing burden of extreme poverty; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge our ecumenical and interfaith partners to affirm “Call to Partnership” and join The Episcopal Church in working across confessional lines and in partnership with governments and international organizations to address the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with all available human and financial resources; and be it further

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, The Episcopal Church call upon governments to pursue the MDGs through:

1. significantly increased official development assistance to poor countries;
2. debt cancellation premised upon a country’s need for resources to meet the MDGs;
3. fair and open trade policies that allow developing countries to compete in international markets with rich countries;
4. policies designed to alleviate structural barriers and social injustices that exacerbate the effects of poverty in the developing world; and
5. policies that promote full accountability and transparency among developing countries for the use of resources derived through foreign aid while still allowing strategies for accountability and transparency to be dictated by developing countries themselves; and be it further

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, the General Convention affirm the work of the Church’s officers, dioceses, congregations, baptized members, and Episcopal Relief and Development in undertaking and supporting partnerships for global development in impoverished countries and calls for the expansion of this work through:

1. increased support through time and financial resources for companion relationships with dioceses and congregations in the developing world;
2. a renewed commitment to the work of Episcopal Relief and Development and other faith-based organizations that are operating successful partnerships on behalf of those living in poverty around the world;
3. a commitment to regular prayer from all dioceses, congregations and baptized members for an end to global poverty in all its forms.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive and affirm “Call to Partnership,” the communiqué presented to the United Nations Summit on Sept. 13, 2005, by Anglican, Evangelical, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Reform, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist and United Methodist participants in the Consultation of Religious Leaders on Global Poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the leadership of persons in poverty and local leaders in poor communities as equal partners and not simply recipients in the global effort to alleviate the crushing burden of extreme poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge our ecumenical and interfaith partners to affirm “Call to Partnership” and join The Episcopal Church in working across confessional lines and in partnership with governments and international
organizations to address the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with all available human and financial resources; and be it further

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, The Episcopal Church call upon governments to pursue the achievement of the MDGs through:

1. significantly increased official development assistance to poor countries;
2. debt cancellation premised upon a country’s need for resources to meet the MDGs;
3. fair and open trade policies that allow developing countries to compete in international markets with rich countries;
4. policies designed to alleviate structural barriers and social injustices that exacerbate the effects of poverty in the developing world; and
5. policies that promote full accountability and transparency among developing countries for the use of resources derived through foreign aid while still allowing strategies for accountability and transparency to be dictated by developing countries themselves; and be it further

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, the General Convention affirm the work of the Church’s officers, dioceses, congregations, baptized members, and Episcopal Relief and Development in undertaking and supporting partnerships for global development in impoverished countries and calls for the expansion of this work through:

1. increased support through time and financial resources for companion relationships with dioceses and congregations in the developing world;
2. a renewed commitment to the work of Episcopal Relief and Development and other faith-based organizations that are operating successful partnerships on behalf of those living in poverty around the world;
3. a commitment to regular prayer from all dioceses, congregations and baptized members for an end to global poverty in all its forms.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #88)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #39 on Resolution A063 (Additional Calendar Commemorations) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A063)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention propose additional commemorations in the Calendar of the Church Year and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2007–2009, as follows:

January 8 – Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969
February 28 – Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964
March 13 – James Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti, 1911
(or November 8)
April 7 – Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia, Confessor and Ecumenist, 1925
October 10 – Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954
December 30 – Frances Joseph-Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934

The Bishop of Dallas moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the line beginning with April 7, add the word “and” after “Russia” and delete the words “and Ecumenist.”

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

The Bishop of the Dominican Republic moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the line beginning with March 13, add the words “and the Dominican Republic” after “Haiti.”

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution A063 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 Church Music presented its Report #37 on Resolution A064 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A064)

[Editor's Note: See The Blue Book of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 134–136.]

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurring, 75th General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 76th General Convention, the commemorations proposed by this Convention, as follows:

January 8
Harriet Bedell
Deaconess and Missionary, 1969
I. Holy God, thou didst choose thy faithful servant Harriet Bedell to exercise the ministry of deaconess and to be a missionary among indigenous peoples: Fill us with compassion and respect for all people, and empowering us for the work of ministry throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II. Holy God, you chose your faithful servant Harriett Bedell to exercise the ministry of deaconess and to be a missionary among indigenous peoples: Fill us with compassion and respect for all people, and empowering us for the work of ministry throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 96:1-7

Lesson – Romans 16:1-2
Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

Preface of Apostles and Ordinations

February 28

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper
Educator, 1964

I. Almighty God, who didst inspire thy servant Anna Julia Haywood Cooper with the love of learning and the skill of teaching: Enlighten us more and more through the discipline of learning, and deepen our commitment to the education of all thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II. Almighty God, you inspired your servant Anna Julia Haywood Cooper with the love of learning and the skill of teaching: Enlighten us more and more through the discipline of learning, and deepen our commitment to the education of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 119:33-40

Lesson – Proverbs 9:1-6

Preface of a Saint (3)

March 13 (or November 8)

James Theodore Holly
Bishop of Haiti and Dominican Republic, 1911

I. Most gracious God, by the calling of thy servant James Theodore Holly thou gavest us our first bishop of African-American heritage. In his quest for life and freedom, he led thy people from bondage into a new land and established the Church in Haiti. Grant that, inspired by his testimony, we may overcome our prejudice and honor those whom thou callest from every family, language, people, and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
II. Most gracious God, by the calling of your servant James Theodore Holly, you gave us our first bishop of African-American heritage. In his quest for life and freedom, he led your people from bondage into a new land and established the Church in Haiti. Grant that, inspired by his testimony, we may overcome our prejudice and honor those whom you call from every family, language, people, and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 86:11-17
Lessons – Deuteronomy 6:20-25
Acts 8:26-39
Gospel – John 4:31-38
Preface of Apostles and Ordinations

March 24
Oscar Romero
Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador
I. Almighty God, who didst call thy servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to thy Word who abideth, thy Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.

II. Almighty God, you called your servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 31:15-24
Lesson – Revelation 7:13-17
Gospel – John 12:23-32
Preface of a Saint (3)

April 7
Tikhon
Patriarch of Russia and Confessor, 1925
I. Holy God, holy and mighty, who hast called us together into one communion and fellowship: Open our eyes Grant us, we pray thee, as you opened the eyes and the heart of thy servant Tikhon, to open our eyes to that we may see the faithfulness of others as we strive to be steadfast in the faith delivered unto us, that the world may see and know Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise unto ages of ages. Amen.
II. Holy God, holy and mighty, you call us together into one communion and fellowship: Open our eyes. Grant us, we pray, after the example as you opened the eyes of your servant Tikhon, that we may to open our eyes to see the faithfulness of others as we strive to be steadfast in the faith delivered to us, that the world may see and know you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 72
Lessons – Jeremiah 31:10-14
2 Peter 1:3-11
Gospel – Matthew 5:3-16
Preface for Trinity Sunday

October 10
Vida Dutton Scudder
Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954
I. Most gracious God, who didst send thy beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in thy church witnesses who, after the example of thy servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

II. Most gracious God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in your church witnesses who, after the example of your servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 25:1-14
Lesson – Isaiah 11:1-10
Gospel – John 6:37-51
Preface of a Saint (3)

December 30
Frances Joseph-Gaudet
Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934
I. Merciful God, the comfort of prisoners, who didst raise up thy servant Frances Joseph-Gaudet to work for prison reform and the education of her people: Grant that we, encouraged by her the example of her life, may work for those who are denied the fullness of life by reasons of incarceration and lack of access to education voiceless and have no freedom, through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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freedom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Psalm 146 or 40:1-10
Lesson – Lamentations 3:26-36 or Exodus 14:10-15:1
Preface of a Saint (2)

The Bishop of Dallas moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add the word, “and” after the words, “Patriarch of Russia.” Delete the words, “and Ecumenist,” in the same phrase.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of the Dominican Republic moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add the words, “and the Dominican Republic” after the words, “Bishop of Haiti.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A064 as amended.

Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #90)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #38 on Resolution D006 (Expanded Use of Daily Office Lectionary) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D006)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to revise the instructions “Concerning the Proper for the Lesser Feasts” in Lesser Feasts and Fasts (Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2003, page 85) by the addition of the following final paragraph:
“It is also permissible to substitute the lessons and psalms from the Daily Office Lectionary for those provided for in Lesser Feast and Fasts, while retaining the collect appointed for the lesser feast or fast.”

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider whether to revise the
instructions “Concerning the Proper for the Lesser Feasts” in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* (Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2003, page 85) by the addition of the following final paragraph: “It is also permissible to substitute the lessons and psalms from the Daily Office Lectionary or from the Daily Eucharistic Lectionary for those provided for in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, while retaining the collect appointed for the lesser feast or fast.”

And be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to report to the 76th General Convention the results of its consideration.

Motion carried

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #91)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #40 on Resolution A075 (A Rite for “The Renewal of Ministry”) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A075)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the rite for “The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcome of a New Rector,” to be included in the *Enriching Our Worship* series.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the rite for “The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcome of a New Rector,” to be included in the *Enriching Our Worship* series; and be it further

Resolved, That the proposed liturgies from the “Blue Book” report be changed as follows:

1. That in the fourth paragraph of the rubric for Celebration of a New Ministry, [BB, pp. 185]:
   The presence of the Bishop is assumed throughout, although a representative may function in that capacity. The Bishop’s presence brings together the elements of mutuality and continuity. A rubric directs that “The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering,” providing an opportunity for education and encouragement. As an alternative, the Letter of Institution may be read at that time. It is the Bishop’s prerogative to preside at the font and the table. As an alternative, at this service, the Bishop may invite the new Rector to preside at one or both of these points in the liturgy.

2. That the following paragraph be added as the fifth paragraph:
   As an alternative to the BCP rite “Celebration of a New Ministry,” this order is for use when a priest is being instituted and inducted as the rector of the parish. It may also be used for the installation of deans and cathedrals, or the inauguration of other ministries, diocesan or parochial, including vicars of missions and assistant ministers. Alterations in the service are then made according to circumstances.

3. Following the Collect, [BB, pp. 186-187]:
   Wardens
We have chosen and called N.N. to be our Rector, and he has accepted our call.

Bishop
I commend your choice and affirm this call. I fully empower and authorize N. to exercise his ministry as a priest of this diocese.

*The Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) is read. The Bishop continues*

Are you, the people of ______, ready to continue in your ministry, with N. as your priest?

People We are.

4. In blessing baptismal water, [BB, p. 188]:
We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

5. In the rubric before The Prayers, [BB, p. 189]:
A baptismal hymn, *psalm*, or other song is may be sung. The congregation is may be sprinkled with the water.

6. In the Rector’s prayer following the reception of a stole and/or flask of Oil for Healing, [BB, p. 189]:
Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

*All stand. The new Rector says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

*All stand. The Bishop says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Suffragan Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In point number three, restore the deleted text, “I fully empower and authorize N. to exercise his ministry as a priest in this diocese.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A075 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #92)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #41 on Resolution A076 (Alternatives to the Prayer Book Burial Rites) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A076)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the use of the following Proposed Burial Rites for Adults, to be added to the Enriching our Worship series, for the 2006–2009 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the use of the following Proposed Burial Rites for Adults, to be added to the Enriching our Worship series, for the 2006–2009 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the proposed liturgies be changed as follows from the “Blue Book” report:

[Blue Book, page 204 (second prayer, middle of the page)]:
We have entrusted N. to God’s mercy, and we commit her body to the ground [or to be cremated], earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Savior Jesus Christ, who died and is risen, and who at his coming in glory, will transform our bodies so that they may be conformed to his glorious body, who died, was buried, and rose again for us. To Christ be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A vote was taken on Resolution A076 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #93)

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #7 on Resolution A086 (Committee for Pastoral Materials) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A086)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to create a committee that will facilitate the development of training materials for clergy regarding legal requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That members of the committee will include, but not be limited to, representatives from the Church Pension Group, the Standing Commission on
Ministry Development, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women, the Task Force on Aging, the Nathan Network, and the Institutional Wellness and the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development oversee this work and report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention instruct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to create and disseminate training materials to assist leaders in ministry to recognize and respond to evidence of abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development report on this initiative to the 76th General Convention.

A vote was taken on Resolution A086.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #94)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #8 on Resolution A083 (Clergy Resignation Age) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A083)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize the Office for Ministry Development to convene a task force to study the optimum mandatory resignation age for clergy and to make its report to the 76th General Convention. Members of the Task Force should include, but not be limited to, representatives from The Office for Ministry Development, The Church Pension Group, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, the Church Deployment Office and the Task Force on Aging; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 to implement this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention request that the Office for Ministry Development, in collaboration with the Church
Pension Fund, coordinate a study of the optimum mandatory resignation age for clergy, along with the implications for pension benefits, and report to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #95)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #9 on Resolution D024 (Gender Equality for Women in The Episcopal Church), recommending discharge and to re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on National and International Concerns.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #96)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #10 on Resolution B001 (Family of Clergy Wellness) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B001)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention recognize the urgent need for an ongoing program devoted to the wellness of families of clergy and clergy; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the Families of Clergy United in Support (FOCUS) for its creation of a resource guide to assist the wellness of families of clergy and clergy; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention empower FOCUS to lead dioceses and congregations in the use of this resource guide through publicity, consultation, and seed money to promote the health of families of clergy, clergy and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention ask the Office of Ministry Development to provide oversight and coordination with FOCUS and other programs that support the well-being of clergy and clergy families, and assist in seeking funding for such programs, including for Families of Clergy United in Support; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee of Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $97,000 per year for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #97)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #11 on Resolution C036 (Review General Ordination Examinations (GOE’s)) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C036)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention request the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Standing Commission on Ministry Development (SCMD) to convene a task force to review the purpose of the General Ordination Examinations (GOE), how they are constructed, administered and evaluated, with attention to cultural bias and diverse ministry contexts, including but not limited to rural, immigrant, Indigenous, Sudanese, Hmong, and Hispanic. This task force will also seek to determine if the examinations meet the needs of the church today; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force be composed of up to eight members representing the General Board of Examining Chaplains (GBEC), the seminaries, SCMD, diocesan Commissions on Ministry (COMs), diocesan ordination programs, and the House of Bishops; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force report their findings to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development which will report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation $25,000 for this work.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention request the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Standing Commission on Ministry Development (SCMD), in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, to convene a task force to review the purpose of the General Ordination Examinations (GOE), including how they are constructed, administered and evaluated, and scored, with attention to cultural bias and diverse ministry contexts, including but not limited to rural, immigrant, Indigenous, Sudanese, Hmong, and Hispanic. This task force will also seek to determine if the examinations meet the needs of the church today; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force solicit information from be composed of up to eight members representing the General Board of Examining Chaplains (GBEC), the seminaries, SCMD, diocesan Commissions on Ministry (COMs), diocesan ordination programs, and the House of Bishops, among other appropriate entities; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force report their its findings to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development which will report to the 76th General Convention, and be it further
Resolved: That the 75th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation $25,000 for this work.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #98)

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. on the Third Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:48 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House reconvened at 4:09 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the afternoon.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar #2 was laid on the table.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

*HD Message # 18:* A051 (Electronic CCAB Meetings) Adopted.
*HD Message # 20:* D031 (Budget Priorities) Adopted.

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #2 on Resolution A166 (Anglican Covenant Development Process) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A166)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as a demonstration of our commitment to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Anglican Communion, support the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant that underscores our unity in faith, order, and common life in the service of God’s mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and The Episcopal Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow the development processes of an Anglican Covenant in the Communion and report regularly to the Executive Council as well as to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention report these actions supporting the Anglican Covenant development process, noting such missiological and theological resources as the Standing Commission on World Mission and the House of Bishops’ Theology Committee to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and that the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church report the same to the Primates of the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as a demonstration of our commitment to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Anglican Communion, support the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant that underscores both expresses and fosters our unity in faith, order, and common life in the service of God’s mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and The Episcopal Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow closely the development processes of an Anglican Covenant in the Communion, to participate as appropriate, and to report regularly to the Executive Council as well as to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention report these actions supporting the Anglican Covenant development process, noting such missiological and theological resources as the Standing Commission on World Mission and the House of Bishops’ Theology Committee to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and that the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church report the same to the Primates of the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

The Bishop of California moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as a demonstration of our commitment to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Anglican Communion, support the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant that underscores both expresses and fosters our unity in faith, order, and common life in the service of God’s mission, being respectful of the historical relationships of the separate and autonomous Provinces to the Anglican Communion and the individual concerns and interests of these Provinces; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and The Episcopal Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow closely the development processes of an Anglican Covenant in the Communion, to participate as appropriate, respecting the separate and autonomous concerns and interests of the Provinces, and to report regularly to the Executive Council as well as to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention report these actions supporting the Anglican Covenant development process, noting such missiological and theological resources as the Standing Commission on World Mission and the House of Bishops’ Theology Committee to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and that the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church report the same to the Primates of the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A166 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #99)

Introduction of Visiting Bishops
The Presiding Bishop welcomed the Rev. Callon Holloway, Jr., Bishop of the Synod of Southern Ohio of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Constitution
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #1 on Resolution D004 (Amend II Section 2) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #100)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #2 on Resolution C026 (Amend Article II.2 & Canon III.16: Election of Bishops) recommending discharge and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Canons.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #101)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #3 on Resolution A018 (Amend Article II. 2 [Election of Bishops-Second Reading]) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A018)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the second sentence of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction. But if the election shall have taken place within three months next one hundred and twenty days before the meeting of General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of the Standing Committees. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #102)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #9 on HB Message #31 Resolution A020 (Amend Article I.2) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A020)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Suffragan Bishop, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat, and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to
vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

All Bishops of this Church shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

All Bishops of this Church, except any excluded by canon or under the Rules of the House, shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

And be it further
Resolved, That this amendment to Article 1, Section 2, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Bishop Rogers Harris moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
After the words “by General Convention” add the words “or for reasons of missionary strategy.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A020.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #103)

The Presiding Bishop yielded the chair to the Vice-Chair.

Special Order of Business
The Chair introduced the Anglican Observer to the U.N., Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea. She addressed the House.
Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #11 on Resolution C040 (Support Biblical Literacy) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C040)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 173rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont declare its support for activities and programs that will further our knowledge of, and love for, Holy Scripture and at the same time counter ways of interpreting the Bible which oppress/marginalize certain groups: such as persons of color, persons from different faith traditions, women, and (at this time especially) gay and lesbian persons; and be it further
Resolved, That we reinforce the significance of these endeavors by linking them with three 2007 commemorations:
1. the United Kingdom’s Abolition of Slave Trade Bicentenary (1807-2007);
2. our own 230th anniversary (1777-2007) of Vermont’s (first in the nation) abolition of slavery;
3. our own 175th anniversary of the election of Vermont’s first Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont, John Henry Hopkins, who wrote about the biblical basis for supporting slavery—since slavery was another such failure to, in the words of our Baptismal Covenant, “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being,” and it was likewise defended by some on the basis of narrow, literalistic readings of Scripture; and be it further
Resolved, That we call upon the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to receive a copy of this complete resolution and support all efforts to foster biblical literacy while countering literalistic approaches that have oppressed/marginalized certain groups: such as persons of color, persons from different faith traditions, women and (at this time especially) gay and lesbian persons; and to support celebrations of the United Kingdom’s Abolition of Slave Trade Bicentenary and Vermont’s 230th anniversary of this state’s abolition of slavery.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, recognizing that the Bible has sometimes been used to justify oppressive institutions and practices, supports efforts to foster methods of biblical interpretation which do not lend support to oppressive systems; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize with gratitude the celebration of the United Kingdom’s Abolition of Slavery Bicentenary (1807–2007) and the celebration of the State of Vermont’s 230th anniversary of the abolition of slavery (1777–2007), giving thanks for these witnesses of liberating faith.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #104)
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #12 on Resolution C045 (Support of Historically Black Colleges) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C045)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Synod of the Fourth Province commend the leadership of the three Historically Black Colleges of The Episcopal Church, St. Augustine’s, St. Paul’s, and Voorhees, for making a significant contribution and providing an Episcopal Church presence for young African-Americans of college age, urges continued and increased support of them and submits this Resolution to the forthcoming 75th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm its support of these colleges by adoption of this Resolution and other action in support of these colleges.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention Synod of the Fourth Province commend the leadership of the three Historically Black Colleges of The Episcopal Church, St. Augustine’s, St. Paul’s, and Voorhees, for making a significant contribution and providing an Episcopal Church presence for young African-Americans of college age, urges continued and increased support of them and submits this Resolution to the forthcoming 75th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm its support of these colleges by adoption of this Resolution and other action in support of these colleges. That the 75th General Convention request the Joint Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to restore $300,000 to the current budget to bring the funding to its original 2003 approved level, in the amount of $3,807,000.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #105)

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #13 on Resolution A039 (Reconciliation Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A039)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to include in their future triennial reports to General Convention descriptions of (a) their efforts to promote formal training in
faith-based reconciliation among bishops, clergy, and laity, and (b) results achieved; and be it further

Resolved, That these reports include descriptions of the use of the following tools of faith-based reconciliation: acknowledgement of the wounds groups have caused one another, repentance and forgiveness, telling stories of God’s work in our lives, grief-sharing, sharing of privilege, bridge-building, conflict resolution and others, as those reporting deem appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to participate in formal reconciliation training during the next triennium in order to prepare all bishops to carry the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation home to their dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council report annually on the prevalence, frequency, quality and depth of reconciliation training in the dioceses.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Ministry Development to identify and evaluate curricular materials for Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to include in their future triennial reports to General Convention descriptions of (a) their efforts to promote formal training in faith-based reconciliation training appropriate for all ages, and to promote the use of these materials in congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops, and Executive Council among bishops, clergy, and laity, and (b) results achieved; and be it further

Resolved, That these reports include descriptions of the use of the following tools of faith-based reconciliation: acknowledgement of the wounds groups have caused one another, repentance and forgiveness, telling stories of God’s work in our lives, grief-sharing, sharing of privilege, bridge-building, conflict resolution and others, as those reporting deem appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to participate in formal reconciliation training during the next triennium in order to prepare all bishops to carry the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation home to their dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council report annually on the prevalence, frequency, quality and depth of reconciliation training in the dioceses.

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the participation in faith-based reconciliation training by congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops, and Executive Council to the 76th General Convention.

The Bishop of Northern Indiana moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

Restore the third resolve clause in the original text of the resolution.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
A vote was taken on Resolution A039 as amended.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #106)

**Social and Urban Affairs**  
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #5 on Resolution D012 (Summer Camp for Children of Persons in Prison) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  

(D012)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Criminal Justice Officer, Director of Prison Ministry, to assist the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in establishing summer camps for the children of persons in prison with ten camps per year to be established over the next triennium; and be it further 
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Criminal Justice Officer, Director of Prison Ministry, to create an advisory committee of not less than eight persons to provide advice and assistance in this effort; and be it further 
Resolved, That the Criminal Justice Officer, Director of Prison Ministry, report to the 76th General Convention on his/her progress; and be it further 
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000.00 over the next triennium for the implementation of this resolution.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #107)

**Ecumenical Relations**  
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #7 on Resolution A056 (Interreligious Relations) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  

(A056)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge our baptismal identity as essential to who we are as Christians, and that it commits us, among other things, “to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves” (BCP page 305); and be it further 
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the following statement as a basis for engaging in interreligious dialogue:
We affirm that the universe is the creation of a single loving God and is ours to care for in accordance with God's purposes of respecting and honoring all who are created in the image of God (BCP, Catechism, page 846).

We acknowledge that the human family is broken by the power of sin and that Jesus’ Good News was given to the Church so that, with the help of God, we may live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation (BCP, Catechism, page 849).

We affirm the centrality of Jesus’ Summary of God’s Law which calls upon us to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds and that this first, great commandment leads to God’s command to love our neighbors as ourselves (BCP, Catechism, page 851).

Therefore we commend to all our members dialogue for building relationships, the sharing of information, religious education, and celebration with people of other religions as part of Christian life with the understanding that:

1. dialogue begins when people meet each other
2. dialogue depends upon mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual trust
3. dialogue makes it possible to share in service to the community
4. dialogue is a medium of authentic witness by all parties and not an opportunity for proselytizing

We believe that such dialogue may be a contribution toward helping people of different religions grow in mutual understanding and make common cause in peacemaking, social justice, and religious liberty.

We further commend that dioceses, parishes, and other organizations of The Episcopal Church initiate such dialogue in partnership with other Christian Churches and in consultation with other provinces of the Communion, where appropriate in all cases.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge our baptismal identity as essential to who we are as Christians, and that it commits us, among other things, “to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves” (BCP page 305); and be it further

Resolved: That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the following statement as a basis for engaging in interreligious dialogue:

We affirm that the universe is the creation of a single loving God and is ours to care for in accordance with God's purposes of respecting and honoring all who are created in the image of God (BCP, Catechism, page 846).

We acknowledge that the human family is broken by the power of sin and that Jesus’ Good News was given to the Church so that, with the help of God, we may live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation (BCP, Catechism, page 849).

We affirm the foundational Gospel proclamation that “Jesus is Lord” (1 Cor.12:3), and therefore we affirm the centrality of Jesus’ Summary of God’s Law: which calls
upon us to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:29-31; BCP, Catechism, page 851). For this reason we reach out in love and genuine openness to know and to understand those of other faiths. Therefore we commend to all our members dialogue for building relationships, the sharing of information, religious education, and celebration with people of other religions as part of Christian life, with the understanding that:

1. dialogue begins when people meet each other
2. dialogue depends upon mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual trust
3. dialogue makes it possible to share in service to the community
4. dialogue is a medium of authentic witness by all parties and not an opportunity for proselytizing

We believe that such dialogue may be a contribution toward helping people of different religions grow in mutual understanding and make common cause in peacemaking, social justice, and religious liberty.

We further commend that dioceses, parishes, and other organizations of The Episcopal Church initiate such dialogue in partnership with other Christian Churches and in consultation with other provinces of the Communion, where appropriate in all cases.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #108)

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #3 on HD Message #23 on Resolution A052 (Provincial Communication Specialists) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #109)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A052)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse a position of Provincial Communication Specialist for each of the nine provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That the Provincial Communication Specialist will assist in the implementation of the Communication Strategy of the Church and work directly with congregations and dioceses in the province to build connections for regional communication, to design websites, to develop story creation skills and to institute methods of distribution of news and information generated by
each organization's mission work, educational offerings and evangelical outreach; and be it further

Resolved, That this resource person will assist attendees at workshops led by Church Center and Diocesan program staff in designing stories that will communicate their learning experience as fully as possible to Church members at the local level in order to maximize the effectiveness of such gatherings to the mission, education, and evangelism work of their individual congregations and dioceses, assist in networking information with Standing Commissions and Executive Council as needed and, when possible, offer training to local Church members, both youth and adult; and be it further

Resolved, That persons selected for these positions will be capable communication professionals and will work in coordination with The Episcopal Church Center Office of Communication to teach web design, coordinate dissemination of grass roots stories, both regionally and nationally and create “best practice” networks for continuation of that work throughout the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the resources of the Church Center Office of Communication staff will be available to these persons, who will be based geographically within the Province served; and be it further

Resolved, That Provinces are encouraged to coordinate with The Episcopal Church’s Office of Communication for the identification of such person, in consultation with the provincial leadership staff or a special Provincial Communications Committee created for this purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of up to $9,000 for each year for a total of $27,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Program, Budget and Finance

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #1 on HD Message #20 on Resolution D031 (Budget Priorities) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of the Dominican Republic moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

Rank the priorities to be in the following order of importance:
1. Reconciliation and Evangelism
2. Congregational Transformation
3. Justice and Peace
4. Young Adults, Youth and Children
5. Partnerships
The question was called to terminate debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Bishop of Dominican Republic moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Remove the numeration of priorities.

The question was called to terminate debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called to terminate debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D031.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #110)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D031)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the following statement of mission priorities in rank order for the for the 2007–09 triennium and direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance to use these priorities in forming the Budget for The Episcopal Church.
We offer these mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ.
We are committed to the importance of our ministry of reconciliation and communion at every level of our communion.
We embrace diversity and seek to promote inclusion and power sharing which underlie and inform all priorities, decisions, and all that we do. In faithfulness to these commitments, we continue to honor our covenants and partnerships with domestic and overseas dioceses. We recognize that the work of mission depends in large part on increasing the leadership capacity of clergy and lay leaders of the church. We affirm the spirit of the budget adopted by the 74th
General Convention and identify for the mission of the Church during 2007–2009 the following priorities, listed in rank order of importance:

1. **JUSTICE AND PEACE**: Promoting justice and peace for all of God’s creation and continuing and accelerating the leadership role and programs of The Episcopal Church, which support the eight (8) Millennium Development Goals* in the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and in the world.

2. **YOUNG ADULTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN**: Reaching out to young adults, youth and children through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church.

3. **RECONCILIATION AND EVANGELISM**: Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God’s mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the church.

4. **CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION**: Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, lifelong learning, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.

5. **PARTNERSHIPS**: Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with provinces of the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.

*The Millennium Development Goals
- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child Mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

**Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains**

The Secretary announced the results of the election for the General Board of Examining Chaplains:

- Lay persons for six-year terms:
  - Dr Sandra D. Michael
  - Ms. Rebecca D. Snow
  - Dr. Peter W. Williams

- Priests from accredited seminary faculties or other educational institutions for six-year terms:
  - The Rev. Canon Stephen Holmgren, D. Phil.
  - The Rev. Dr. Vesta Kowalski
  - The Rev. Dr. Richard D. McCall

- Priests with pastoral cures or in specialized ministries for six-year terms:
  - The Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Black
  - The Rev. Dr. Mark R. Kowalewski
The Rev. Juan A. Quevedo-Bosch
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #111)

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 10:45 a.m. on the Fourth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:57 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain McIntosh.
FOURTH DAY

Friday
June 16, 2006

MORNING SESSION

The House of Bishops reconvened at 11:02 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair, and the Secretary made announcements.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Introduction of Visiting Bishops
The Presiding Bishop introduced the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Omosebi, retired Bishop of the Kano, who is sharing ministry in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

HD Message # 21: A119 (Covenant with Brazil) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 26: A158 (Continue Task Force) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 27: A151 (Budgetary Funding Task Force) Adopted.
HD Message # 28: A137 (Baptismal Equality Task Force) Referred to a Standing Commission.
HD Message # 29: A087 (Committee on Missionary Dioceses) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 31: A023 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3) Adopted.
HD Message # 33: A034 (Canonical Residence Study) Adopted.
HD Message # 34: A031 (Amend Canon IV.3.21(c) Adopted.
HD Message # 35: A109 (SRI Committee Mandate) Adopted.
HD Message # 36: A118 (Covenant Committees) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 37: A049 (Adopt Open Standards for Data) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 38: A048 (Information Technology Working Group) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 40: (Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund) Adopted.
HD Message # 41: A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) Adopted.
HD Message # 42: A032 (Amend Canon IV.5) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 44: A108 (Executive Council Committees Redesignation) Adopted.
HD Message # 52: A058 (Continue Lesser Feasts & Fasts Revision) Concurred.
HD Message # 53: A066 (Multi-sensory Resources) Concurred.
HD Message # 54: A102 (Culture of Debt) Concurred.
HD Message # 55: (Election of Bishops for Trustees of General Theological Seminary) Concurred.
HD Message # 56: (Election for Bishop Members of Executive Council) Concurred.
HD Message # 57: (Special Order for Election of Trustees of General Theological Seminary) Adopted.
HD Message # 58: (Special Order for Election of Executive Council) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 60: D035 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. David M. Reed as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas) Adopted.
HD Message # 61: D039 (Consent to the Election of the Venerable Dena Harrison as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas) Adopted.

[Editor’s Note: House of Deputies Message #'s 46–50 do not exist due to a technical difficulty. Messages were replaced with other message #'s.]

Appointments by the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments:

Church Deployment Board
The Rt. Rev. Bruce Caldwell, Wyoming
The Rt. Rev. Michael Gene Smith, North Dakota

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #112)

The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointment:

Board of Archives
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Joe G. Burnett, Nebraska

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #113)

Nomination by the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop nominated the Rev. Dr. Robert Wright as Historiographer. Motion was made to approve the nomination.

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #114)

Resignation of Bishops
The House of Bishops Committee on Resignation of Bishops presented its Report #1 on the resignation of the following bishops:


Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #115)

Special Order of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved to reconsider Resolution A081 in order to correct errors. The House voted to reconsider Resolution A081 (International Anglican Liturgical Consultation).

Motion carried
Resolution reconsidered
The Bishop of Georgia moved to adopt the resolution with amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention appropriate the necessary funds for the Church’s participation in the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee of Program Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution participation by The Episcopal Church in the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #116)

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #2 on HD Message #32 on Resolution A024 (Amend Canon I.9.1) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #117)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A024)
Resolved, That the last sentence of Canon I.9.1 be amended to read as follows: The Ninth Province shall consist of the Dioceses of this Church in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, and Puerto Rico, and Venezuela.

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #3 on HD Message #31 on Resolution A023 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3)) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #118)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A023)
Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n)(3) be amended by adding the following subparagraph (iv), and renumbering the existing subparagraph (iv) as (v):
(iv) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the authorized “Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as The Episcopal Church” to reflect actions of General Convention which amend the Constitution and Canons and, in the discretion of the Commission, develop other
materials which are appropriate to the purpose of the “Annotated Constitution and Canons,” and facilitate the publication of this document and related materials. The Commission may provide or support forums to promote commentary, discussion, and understanding of the Constitution and Canons.

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #4 on HD Message #34 on Resolution A031 (Amend Canon IV.3.21(c)) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #119)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A031)

Resolved, That Canon IV.3.21(c) be amended to read as follows:

(c) A Bishop may be Presented for an Offense under Canon IV.1.1(c) and any other Offenses arising out of acts alleged to be contrary to the doctrine of the Church which was the subject of the Statement of Disassociation only upon a written Presentment signed by any ten Bishops exercising jurisdiction in this Church. The Presentment shall be filed with the Presiding Bishop, together with a brief in support thereof, and a statement why the issuance of a Statement of Disassociation was not a sufficient response to the acts alleged, within six months of the issuance of a Statement of Disassociation based upon the same doctrine as was alleged in the Request for a Statement of Disassociation. The Presiding Bishop shall thereupon serve a copy of the Presentment upon the Bishop presented, together with a copy of the supporting brief and statement. The Presiding Bishop shall fix a date for the filing of an answer, brief in support thereof, and statement why the issuance of a Statement of Disassociation was a sufficient response to the acts alleged, within three months from the date of service, and may extend the time for answering for not more than two additional months. Upon the filing of an answer, supporting brief, and statement, if any, or upon the expiration of the time fixed for an answer, if none be filed, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith transmit copies of the Presentment, answer, briefs, and statements to each member of the House of Bishops. The written consent of one-third of the Bishops qualified to vote in the House of Bishops shall be required before the proceeding may continue. In case the Presiding Bishop does not receive the written consent of one-third of all the Bishops eligible to vote within sixty days of the date the notification by the Presiding Bishop was sent to them, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the Presentment dismissed and no further proceedings may be had thereon. If the Presiding Bishop receives the necessary written consents within sixty days as specified above, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith forward the Presentment, answer, briefs, and statements to the Presiding Judge of The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine.
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #5 on HD Message #33 on Resolution A034 (Canonical Residence Study) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #120)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A034)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons be directed to study the definition and use in the Constitution and Canons, and elsewhere in the Church, of the term “canonical residence,” and make recommendations to the 76th General Convention whether said term should be discontinued or modified, or whether some alternative should be instituted to replace those terms.

Messages from the House of Deputies

Consecration of Bishops
The Presiding Bishop read HD Message #59 on Resolution D027 regarding consent for the consecration of the Rev. William Howard Love, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Albany; HD Message #60 on Resolution D035 regarding consent for the consecration of the Rev. David M. Reed, Bishop Suffragan-elect of the Diocese of West Texas; HD Message #61 on Resolution D039 regarding the consent for the consecration of the Venerable Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan-elect of the Diocese of Texas; HD Message #62 on Resolution D036 regarding the consent for the consecration of the Rev. Steven Todd Ousley, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan; HD Message #63 on Resolution D037 regarding the consent for the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus, Bishop Diocesan-elect of the Diocese of California.

The Committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Rev. William Howard Love, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Albany and Ballot #1 was taken.

Ballot #1 taken

The Committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Rev. David M. Reed, Bishop Suffragan-elect of the Diocese of West Texas and Ballot #2 was taken.

Ballot #2 taken
The Committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Venerable Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan-elect of the Diocese of Texas and Ballot #3 was taken.

**Ballot #3 taken**

The Committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Rev. Steven Todd Ousley, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan and Ballot #4 was taken.

**Ballot #4 taken**

The Committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus, Bishop Diocesan-elect of the Diocese of California and Ballot #5 was taken.

**Ballot #5 taken**

**Ministry**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #12 on Resolution B006 (The Educational Debt of Seminarians) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B006)

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention mandate that the Standing Commission on Ministry Development conduct a concentrated analysis and make recommendations on strategies for raising awareness and responding to the crisis of seminarian educational debt in light of the demographics of seminary graduates and the financial cost of seminary education; and be it further*  

*Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development be directed to share their results and recommendations with Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL) following each meeting of the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, annually to the House of Bishops, and to the 76th General Convention.*

**Committee Amendment:**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention mandate that the Standing Commission on Ministry Development conduct a concentrated analysis and make recommendations on design strategies for raising awareness and responding to the crisis of seminarian educational debt in light of the demographics of seminary graduates and the financial cost of seminary education for those preparing for ordained ministry in the Church; and be it further*  

*Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development be directed to share their results in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, the Executive Council, the Office of Mission and Ministry, the diocesan Commissions on Ministries, the Office of Ministry...*
Development, and the Society for the Increase of Ministry, shall share their results and recommendations with Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL) following each meeting of the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, annually to the House of Bishops, and to the 76th General Convention.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #121)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #13 on Resolution A045 (Amend Canon III.8.4(e)) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #122)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #14 on Resolution A084 (Amend I.11.2(g)) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A084)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.17.7 is hereby amended and that the deleted sentence be moved to Canon I.11.2:

Sec. 7. In the event of a vacancy in the episcopate of a Missionary Diocese, on account of death, resignation, or other cause, the Standing Committee shall become the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until the vacancy is filled.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop assigned jurisdiction in an Area Mission, the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in such charge, until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.11.2 is hereby amended to add a new subsection:

(g) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop assigned jurisdiction in an Area Mission, the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in such charge, until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.17.7 is hereby amended and that the deleted sentence be moved to Canon I.11.2:

Sec. 7. In the event of a vacancy in the episcopate of a Missionary Diocese, on account of death, resignation, or other cause, the Standing Committee shall become the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until the vacancy is filled.
In the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop assigned jurisdiction in an Area Mission, the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in such charge, until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.

And be it further

Resolved: That Canon I.11.2 is hereby amended to add a new subsection:

(g) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop assigned jurisdiction in an Area Mission, the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in such charge, until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #123)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #15 on Resolution D056 (Empowering God’s People in the City) recommending discharge, and the resolution be re-referred to the Committee on Social and Urban Affairs.

Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #124)

Education

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #14 on Resolution D009 (Continuing Education Project) recommending discharge, and the resolution be re-referred to the Committee on Ministry.

Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #125)

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #15 on Resolution D018 (Active Nonviolence Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D018)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention urge the provinces, dioceses, congregations, and institutions of The Episcopal Church to adopt and support for the next triennium the Episcopal Peace Fellowship’s community-based program “Creating a Culture of Peace,” nonviolence training for personal and social change, to advance the mission priorities of Congregational Transformation and Justice and Peace; and be it further

Resolved, That each Episcopal diocese make available the “Creating a Culture of Peace” (CCP) training program to congregations and institutions, to assist them in
addressing conflicts, controversies, and divisions; to respond to violence, oppression, and injustice at all levels, including issues of racism, social and economic injustice, crime, and domestic violence; and where possible to create trainings that represent a diversity of perspectives within communities, including intergenerational trainings for youth/young adults with adults; and be it further

Resolved, That each congregation, diocese, or institution taking “Creating a Culture of Peace” (CCP) training engage in Community Building and Action Planning to develop defined action plans and projects they can organize to implement nonviolently in response to issues of justice and peace which concern them, and where possible to partner with secular, interfaith, and ecumenical action campaigns working on similar issues; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese support the spread of CCP training for Episcopal communities within the diocese by identifying candidates to attend training to become training facilitators in the diocese, to supplement the existing network of trained facilitators and expand to more Episcopalians the opportunities for training; and by considering how active nonviolence training may be included in current and future spiritual formation programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $35,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention urge the provinces, dioceses, congregations, and institutions of The Episcopal Church to adopt and support for the next triennium the Episcopal Peace Fellowship’s community-based program “Creating a Culture of Peace”, nonviolence training for personal and social change, to advance the mission priorities of Congregational Transformation and Justice and Peace; and be it further

Resolved, That each Episcopal diocese be encouraged to make available active nonviolence the “Creating a Culture of Peace” (CCP) training program to congregations and institutions, to assist them in addressing conflicts, controversies, and divisions; to respond to violence, oppression, and injustice at all levels, including issues of racism, social and economic injustice, crime, and domestic violence; and where possible to create trainings that represent a diversity of perspectives within communities, including intergenerational trainings for youth/young adults with adults; and be it further

Resolved, That each congregation, diocese, or institution taking “Creating a Culture of Peace” (CCP) training engage in Community Building and Action Planning to develop defined action plans and projects they can organize to implement nonviolently in response to issues of justice and peace which concern them, and where possible to partner with secular, interfaith, and ecumenical action campaigns working on similar issues; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese be invited to support the spread of CCP training for Episcopal communities within the diocese by identifying candidates to attend training to become training facilitators in the diocese, to supplement the existing network of trained facilitators and expand to more Episcopalians the opportunities for training; and by considering how active nonviolence training may be included in current and future spiritual formation programs; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $35,000 to Peace and Justice Ministries for the implementation of this resolution.

The Bishop of Minnesota moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the final resolve clause.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution D018 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #126)

**Special Order of Business**
The Presiding Bishop introduced the Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General, Anglican Consultative Council. Canon Kearon addressed the House.

**Noonday Prayers**
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplain Battle.

**RECESS**
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. on the Fourth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:11 p.m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**
The House reconvened at 3:21 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.
Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Consent Calendar

Rules of Order
The House of Bishops Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #4 on Resolution B017 (Amend HB Rules of Order: Courtesy Seat and Voice) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(B017)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops Rules of Order, General Rules for Meetings of this House, be amended by adding a new Rule XXVI and renumbering the subsequent rules:
The Committee on Privilege and Courtesy may recommend the courtesy of seat and voice to (1) any Bishop of a Church in the Anglican Communion who has been nominated by a Bishop of this House whose jurisdiction has entered into a formal companion diocese relationship approved by the Executive Council of this Church or (2) any Bishop who is a guest of the Presiding Bishop upon the nomination of the Presiding Bishop.
The Committee on Privilege and Courtesy must receive nominations for the courtesy of seat and voice thirty days prior to the stated or called meeting of the House at which such courtesy is to be granted. The nominations for the courtesy of seat and voice shall be circulated in writing to the members of the House before the nominations shall be presented to the House. Bishops granted the courtesy of seat and voice shall be assigned a seat and shall have such seat and voice only for meeting of the House at which such courtesy was granted. Bishops granted courtesy of seat and voice shall at all times be entitled to be present except when the House is in Executive Session. At such a call, the Secretary shall ask the guests to leave the House.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #127)

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #10 on Resolution D008 (Reaffirm Theological Education Sunday) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D008)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention respectfully request the Presiding Bishop continue to designate the first Sunday in February each year as Theological Education Sunday to share the work of theological education at the seminaries as well as the initiatives within congregations, dioceses, and other networks throughout the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Seminaries strive diligently to strengthen partnerships with dioceses and congregations through dialogue and by the sharing of their unique relationships with this Church to provide theological education for both ordained and lay persons in support of the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and with each other in Christ.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #128)

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #1 on HD Message #18 on Resolution A051 (Electronic CCAB Meetings) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #129)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A051)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Boards of the General Convention to begin a process to accomplish an appropriate portion of their work more efficiently and economically by using online tools, conference calls, and video conferences.

The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #2 on HD Message #19 on Resolution A133 (HIV/AIDS Media Campaign) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #130)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A133)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church authorize the Communication Office to collaborate with the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) in calling together and coordinating a working group of
interested parties for the purpose of designing, funding and implementing a campaign which raises awareness throughout The Episcopal Church about the continuing HIV pandemic.

(End of Consent Calendar)

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

HD Message # 64: A085 (Amend Constitution II.2 [First Reading]) Rejected.
HD Message # 65: D013 (Amend Constitution: Article I ,Sec.3-Election of Presiding Bishop) Concurred.
HD Message # 66: A021 (Amend Article VIII [First Reading]) Concurred.
HD Message # 70: C008 (Right of Workers to Organize) Concurred.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #6 on Resolution C010 (General Convention Site Choices) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C010) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct that the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements shall not propose to this or any future General Convention for its approval any site for an upcoming General Convention which is located in a state that prohibits domestic partnerships or the rights associated therewith.

The Bishop of Quincy moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the word “direct” and in its place, add the word “suggest.” Delete the word “shall.”

A vote was taken on the amendment. The results of the vote were: Aye, 82 and Nay, 71.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

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A vote was taken on Resolution C010 as amended.

The results of the vote were: Aye, 76; Nay, 67; and Abstain, 1.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #131)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #7 on Resolution A095 (Gay and Lesbian Affirmation) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A095)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm The Episcopal Church’s historical support of gay and lesbian persons as children of God and entitled to full civil rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the 71st General Convention’s action calling upon “municipal council, state legislatures and the United States Congress to approve measures giving gay and lesbian couples protection[s] such as: bereavement and family leave policies; health benefits; pension benefits; real-estate transfer tax benefits; and commitments to mutual support enjoyed by non-gay married couples;” and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention oppose any state or federal constitutional amendment that prohibits same-sex civil marriage or civil unions.

Bishop Allison moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Substitute the word “persons” to the word “believers” in the first resolve clause.

**Motion defeated**

**Amendment defeated**

The Bishop Suffragan of Virginia moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Delete the third resolve clause.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**

**Amendment defeated**

A vote was taken on Resolution A095.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #132)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report 
#8 on Resolution A123 (Slavery and Racial Reconciliation) and moved adoption with 
amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A123)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of 
The Episcopal Church declare unequivocally that the institution of slavery in the 
United States and anywhere else in the world, based as it is on “ownership” of some 
persons by other persons, was and is a sin and a fundamental betrayal of the humanity 
of all persons who were involved; and be it further 
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge its history and the deep and lasting 
injury which the institution of slavery and its aftermath have inflicted on society and 
on the Church; and be it further 
Resolved, That we express our most profound regret that (a) The Episcopal Church 
 lent the institution of slavery its support and justification based on Scripture, and (b) 
after slavery was formally abolished, The Episcopal Church continued for at least a 
century to support de jure and de facto segregation and discrimination; and be it 
further 
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church apologize for its complicity in and the injury 
done by the institution of slavery and its aftermath and ask the Presiding Bishop to 
call for a “Day of Repentance and Reconciliation” and to organize a Day of 
Repentance and Reconciliation service to be held at the National Cathedral.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of 
The Episcopal Church declare unequivocally that the institution of slavery in the 
United States and anywhere else in the world, based as it is on “ownership” of some 
persons by other persons, was and is a sin and a fundamental betrayal of the humanity 
of all persons who were involved, a sin that continues to plague our common life in the Church 
and our culture; and be it further 
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge its history of participation in this sin 
and the deep and lasting injury which the institution of slavery and its aftermath have 
inflicted on society and on the Church; and be it further 
Resolved, That we express our most profound regret that (a) The Episcopal Church 
lent the institution of slavery its support and justification based on Scripture, and (b) 
after slavery was formally abolished, The Episcopal Church continued for at least a 
century to support de jure and de facto segregation and discrimination; and be it 
further 
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church apologize for its complicity in and the injury 
done by the institution of slavery and its aftermath; we repent of this sin and ask God’s 
grace and forgiveness; and be it further and ask the Presiding Bishop to call for a “Day of
Repentance and Reconciliation” and to organize a Day of Repentance and Reconciliation service to be held at the National Cathedral.

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urgently initiate a comprehensive program in each and every Diocese to collect and document during the next triennium detailed information in its community on (a) the complicity of The Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination and (b) the economic benefits The Episcopal Church derived from the institution of slavery; and direct the Committee on Anti-Racism to monitor this program and report to Executive Council each year by March 31 on the progress in each Diocese; and be it further.

Resolved, That to enable us as people of God to make a full, faithful and informed accounting of our history, the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Committee on Anti-Racism to study and report to Executive Council by March 31, 2008, which in turn will report to the 76th General Convention, on how the Church can be “the repairer of the breach” (Isaiah 58:12), both materially and relationally, and achieve the spiritual healing and reconciliation that will lead us to a new life in Christ; and be it further.

Resolved, That to mark the commencement of this program the Presiding Bishop is requested to name a Day of Repentance and on that day to hold a Service of Repentance at the National Cathedral, and each Diocese is requested to hold a similar service.

The Bishop of Central New York moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the fifth resolve clause, after the words “The Episcopal Church” add the words “through the Executive Council,” after the words “a comprehensive program,” delete the words “in each,” and after the word “and” add the word “urge.”

Motion carried

Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A123 as amended.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #134)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #9 on Resolution C005 (History of Slavery in The Episcopal Church) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in A123.

Motion carried

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #133)
Consecration of Bishops
The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #1 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Coadjutor-elect William Howard Love of the Diocese of Albany. Of 106 bishops with jurisdiction, 104 have given consent.

The House consented
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #135)

The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #2 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Suffragan-elect David M. Reed of the Diocese of West Texas. Of 106 bishops with jurisdiction, 105 have given consent.

The House consented
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #136)

The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #3 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Suffragan-elect Dena Harrison of the Diocese of Texas. Of 106 bishops with jurisdiction, 102 have given consent.

The House consented
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #139)

The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #4 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Coadjutor-elect Steven Todd Ousley of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. Of 106 bishops with jurisdiction, 102 have given consent.

The House consented
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #137)

The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #5 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Diocesan-elect Andrus of the Diocese of California. Of 106 bishops with jurisdiction, 99 have given consent.

The House consented
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #138)

Recess
The House recessed for fifteen minutes at 4:15 p.m.

The House resumed at 4:30 p.m.

Welcome of Newly-Elected Bishops
The House welcomed:
The Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus as Bishop Diocesan Elect of the Diocese of California
The Venerable Dena Harrison as Bishop Suffragan Elect of the Diocese of Texas
The Rev. William Howard Love as Bishop Coadjutor Elect of the Diocese of Albany
The Rev. Steven Todd Ousley as Bishop Coadjutor Elect of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan
The Rev. David M. Reed as Bishop Suffragan Elect of the Diocese of West Texas

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #7 on Resolution A165 (Commitment to Windsor and Listening Processes) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A165)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Windsor Report as an important contribution to the process of living into communion across the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to the ongoing “Windsor Process,” a process of discernment as to the nature and unity of the Church, as we pursue a common life of dialogue, listening, and growth, formed and informed by the Baptismal Covenant and Eucharistic fellowship; and urges all members of this Church to commit themselves to the call of communion and interdependent life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the steps taken by the Anglican Communion Office in beginning a formal “Listening Process” across the Communion, as commended by resolution I.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend for further study and as part of the continued Listening Process the document To Set our Hope on Christ, prepared for the 13th Meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council by the Office of the Presiding Bishop; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express its gratitude to the women of the Anglican Consultative Council’s Delegation to the United Nations Consultation on the Status of Women for providing a model of dialogue and engagement on issues of concern to all; and asks that this model be considered for implementation in the Windsor and Listening processes across the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the report “One Baptism, One Hope in God’s Call” of the Special Commission on The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion as a resource in the Windsor and Listening processes.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Windsor Report “as offering a way forward for the mutual life of our Communion” (Primates’ Communiqué), and as an essential and substantive
important contribution to the process of living into deeper levels of communion and interdependence across the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to the ongoing “Windsor Process,” a process of discernment as to the nature and unity of the Church, as we pursue a common life of dialogue, listening, and growth, formed and informed by the bonds of communion we share Baptismal Covenant and Eucharistic fellowship; and urges all members of this Church to commit themselves to the call of greater communion and interdependent life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the steps taken by the Anglican Communion Office in beginning a formal “Listening Process” across the Communion, as commended by resolution I.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the document To Set our Hope on Christ, prepared for the 13th Meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council by the Office of the Presiding Bishop; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express its gratitude to the women of the Anglican Consultative Council’s Delegation to the United Nations Consultation on the Status of Women for providing a model of dialogue and engagement on issues of concern to all; and asks that this model be considered for implementation in the Windsor and Listening processes across the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the report “One Baptism, One Hope in God’s Call” of the Special Commission on The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion as a resource in the Windsor and Listening processes.
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the “listening process” as recommended in the Windsor Report, “so that greater common understanding might be obtained on the underlying issue of same gender relationships” (Windsor Report, ¶135); and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention gratefully acknowledge the practical steps taken by the Anglican Communion Office to begin a formal “listening process” across the Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit this Church to participating fully and openly in this “listening process,” both at the local level and with the rest of the Communion (ACC 13, Resolution 12).

The Bishop Suffragan of Alabama moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Add a final resolve clause: “and be it further Resolved, That a staff person at The Episcopal Church Center be identified to forward this “listening process” in coordination with the cognate person for the Communion and with our Communion partners.

**Motion carried**

**Amendment adopted**
The Bishop of Lexington moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Return to the original text of the resolution with the above amendment just passed.

The question was called.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

- Motion defeated
- Amendment defeated

The question was called.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A165 as amended.

- Motion carried
- Resolution adopted with amendment
  (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #140)

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #8 on HD Message #41 on Resolution A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of New York moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause after the word “possible,” add “consistent with the historic separate and independent status of the churches comprising the Anglican Communion.” In the second resolve clause after “Book of Common Prayer,” add “with the understanding that decisions by other Provinces and Primates of the Anglican Communion do not affect the legal identity of The Episcopal Church.”

The Chair ruled to vote on the two parts of the amendment separately.

A vote was taken on the first resolve amendment.

- Motion carried
- Amendment adopted

The vote was taken on the second resolve amendment.

- Motion carried
- Amendment adopted
Bishop Barbara Harris moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the last resolve clause, end the Resolution after “inter-Anglican consultation.”

The question was called.

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

A vote was taken on the amendment.

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

A vote was taken on Resolution A159 as amended.

**Motion carried**

*The House concurred with amendment*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #141)

The Presiding Bishop yielded the Chair to the Vice-Chair.

**Social and Urban Affairs**
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #10 on Resolution D007 (Senior Ministries) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D007)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention establish a Task Force on Senior Ministries to determine programs currently being offered by congregations, dioceses and provinces; to establish a method of sharing this information; and to explore ways that the church can expand ministries by, with and for seniors. The task force will be comprised of individuals with a background in this ministry area and will represent a cross section of our church. The task force will work collaboratively with the Office of Ministry Development, report annually to the Executive Council and provide a complete written report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention establish a Task Force on Senior Ministries to determine programs currently being offered by congregations, dioceses and provinces; to establish a method of sharing
this information; and to explore ways that the church can expand ministries by, with and for seniors. The task force will be comprised of nine (9) individuals (three (3) bishops, three (3) priests and/or deacons and three (3) laypersons) individuals with a background in this ministry area and will represent a cross section of our church. The task force will work collaboratively with the Office of Ministry Development, report annually to the Executive Council and provide a complete written report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #142)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #11 on Resolution A124 (Study the Impact of Slavery) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter is considered in Resolution A123.

Motion carried

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #143)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #14 on Resolution C032 (Health Care for All Americans) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C032)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church call upon all its dioceses, parishes, and members to work towards the goal of accessible, adequate, appropriate, high-quality, effective, efficient, affordable, and sustainable health care for all Americans; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church re-establish the Standing Commission on Health as a means of fulfilling this goal.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support efforts at state and national levels to achieve accessible, affordable, high quality, universal health care; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend those states working actively toward this goal; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend those dioceses and congregations working toward this goal; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge the Episcopal dioceses and congregations to join ecumenical and interfaith faith-based organizations working toward this goal; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention encourage national, diocesan, and parish healthy ministry task forces to work toward this goal; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge the Standing Commission on National Concerns to identify health care for all as a top priority; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to inform dioceses of legislation in their states that will advance this goal; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge the Health Subcommittee of the Standing Commission on National Concerns to coordinate with the Office of Government Relations to prepare a report to Executive Council at its February, 2007 meeting presenting its strategy and means to implement this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese and the Government Relations Office report back to the 76th General Convention on their work toward achieving this goal.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #144)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #12 on Resolution C022 (Affordable Health Insurance) recommending discharge because the matter was already considered in Resolution C032.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #145)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #13 on Resolution D030 (Repentance of Institutional Prejudice and Injustice) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D030)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church: repent the institutional prejudice and injustice perpetrated on individuals or groups on the basis of gender, age, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. We reject any action that would give a wrongful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by enabling ignorance, intolerance, and lovelessness.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of
The Episcopal Church: repent the institutional prejudice and injustice perpetrated on
individuals or groups on the basis of gender, age, race, ethnicity, disability or sexual
orientation. We reject any action that would give a wrongful witness to the Gospel of
Jesus Christ by enabling ignorance, intolerance, and lovelessness.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #146)

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #16 on
Resolution D043 (Dialogue on Mission of the Church) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D043)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention
strongly urge the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements, in
consultation with the Executive Council, to enable a participatory, vision focused
dialogue on the Mission of the Church to take place during times dedicated to that
purpose at the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That during the triennium, the Executive Council develop and implement a
process that will enable the Church to prepare for the dialogue to be held during the
76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #147)

RECESS
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on
Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 3:00 p.m. on the
Fifth Legislative Day after the joint session with the House of Deputies.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:46 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Battle.
FIFTH DAY

Saturday
June 17, 2006

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:13 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair. Agenda 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

Special Order of Business

The Secretary reviewed the procedures for the election of the Presiding Bishop.

Messages from the House of Deputies

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

Mind of the House Resolution

The House of Bishops Committee on Miscellaneous Resolutions presented its Report #1 on B035 (Mind of the House: The Ministry of Reconciliation and the Relief of Global Suffering) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(B035)

Resolved, In response to our Presiding Bishop’s leadership in global reconciliation, the rising Christly consciousness of youth to embrace global human suffering, and Jesus’ own gift and call of the ministry of reconciliation, we express the mind of the House of Bishops, affirming that our commitment to the ministry of reconciliation and the relief of global human suffering is the theme that overlights and inspires the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #148)
Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #1 on HD Message #29 on Resolution A087 (Committee on Missionary Dioceses) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Western Kansas moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore all deleted text in the resolution.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A087.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #149)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A087)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to explore the possibility of a new definition for “Missionary Dioceses,” and report their findings to the 76th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #2 on HD Message #27 on Resolution A151 (Budgetary Funding Task Force) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #150)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A151)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize continuation of the Budgetary Funding Task Force, and that the Task Force report back to Executive Council in 2008 and to the 76th General Convention in 2009 on its findings and recommendations; 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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #3 on HD Message #26 on Resolution A158 (Continue Task Force) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #151)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A158)

Resolved, That the Task Force on Institutional Wellness and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct established by the 74th General Convention continue for another triennium, and that the established standards of membership be maintained; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force continue its work to study and gather information concerning matters of institutional wellness for the prevention of sexual misconduct. Its study to include such concerns as screening, selection, and training of clergy, lay employees, and volunteers; monitoring and supervision; behavior management; incident investigation; and the articulation of pastoral standards and codes of ethical behavior; and be it further

Resolved, That the issue of the appropriate continuation of this work beyond this triennium be referred to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church; and be it further

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #4 on HD Message #8 on Resolution A111 (Criminal Justice to National Concerns) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #152)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A111)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on National Concerns to investigate issues relating to criminal justice in the United States and The Episcopal Church’s ministry within the criminal justice system.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #5 on HD Message #7 on Resolution A112 (Directions for the Future) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #153)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A112)

Resolved, That all Commissions and Committees reevaluate their mandate and placement within the church structure, and to communicate their findings and
suggestions to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church one year before the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review and correct the Defined Terms for CCAB’s as presented in their report to the 75th General Convention in response to feedback received pursuant to this resolution and propose structural changes to the CCAB system where changes would appear to be useful; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th General Convention resolutions concerning any proposed changes to the Preamble of the Constitution with reference to the ‘official’ name of this Church, with particular consideration of being inclusive of our overseas dioceses and parishes; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th General Convention resolutions concerning changes to the process by which the Presiding Bishop would be nominated and elected.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #6 on HD Message #35 on Resolution A109 (SRI Committee Mandate) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #154)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A109)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention designate the Executive Council Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments as a Committee of the Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention adopt the following mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments (SRI): The Executive Council Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments is comprised of nine (9) members, including at least one (1) Bishop, one (1) Priest or Deacon, and one (1) Lay Person. It is responsible for searching the social responsibility records of corporations whose stock is held in DFMS portfolios, and to recommend appropriate courses of action based on the positions established by the General Convention and Executive Council. With the approval of Council, it will develop shareholder resolutions on social justice issues to be submitted to the companies in which the Church invests its funds.
National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #6 on Resolution B002 (Response to Global Warming) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B002)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm that Global Warming threatens the future of God’s good creation; and be it further resolved, That the effects of Global Warming disproportionately hurt the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world; and be it further resolved, That it commend the following statement as a resource for Episcopalians to address Global Warming in their own lives and in their parishes and dioceses: “Climate Change: An Evangelical Call to Action” by the Evangelical Climate Initiative Human-induced climate change is real. The Consequences of climate change will be significant and will hit the poor the hardest. Christian moral convictions demand our response to the climate change problem. The need to act is urgent. Government, businesses, churches and individuals all have a roll to play in addressing climate change now.
And be it further resolved, That the Washington Office of The Episcopal Church support efforts that seek to reduce Global Warming, including legislation that increase the supply of clean energy and reduce consumption of fossil fuels; and be it further resolved, That the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee of the Executive Council work with the leadership of the Global Warming Shareholder Campaign, Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), and the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES) to invest The Episcopal Church’s endowments in companies that are working for a sustainable global environment and divest from those companies that are irresponsible contributors to Global Warming; and be it further resolved, That the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee of the Executive Council call upon the expertise of Episcopalians who are closely connected with the Global Warming Shareholder Campaign to assist with this reinvestment initiative; and be it further resolved, That the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee of the Executive Council report the results of the reinvestment initiative to Executive Council no later than their meeting of fall 2007.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm that Global Warming threatens the future of God’s good creation; and be it further
Resolved, That and the effects of Global Warming disproportionately hurt the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That it commend the following statement as a resource for Episcopalians to address Global Warming in their own lives and in their parishes and dioceses: “Climate Change: An Evangelical Call to Action” by the Evangelical Climate Initiative. Human-induced climate change is real. The Consequences of climate change will be significant and will hit the poor the hardest. Christian moral convictions demand our response to the climate change problem. The need to act is urgent. Government, businesses, churches and individuals all have a roll to play in addressing climate change now.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Washington Office of The Episcopal Church at every level support efforts that seeks to reduce Global Warming, including national and international legislation that increases the supply of clean energy and reduces consumption of fossil fuels; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention commend the Executive Council and particularly its Socially Responsible Investment Committee (SRI) for the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee of the Executive Council work they are now doing with the leadership of the Global Warming Shareholder Campaign (GWSC), Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), and the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES) and the leadership they exercise as a member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) to invest The Episcopal Church’s endowments in companies that are working for a sustainable global environment and divest from those companies that are irresponsible contributors to Global Warming; and be it further

Resolved, That the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee of the Executive Council call upon the expertise of Episcopalians who are closely connected with the Global Warming Shareholder Campaign to assist with this reinvestment initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee of the Executive Council report the results of the reinvestment initiative to Executive Council no later than their meeting of fall 2007.

Resolved, That the Convention urge the Executive Council and its SRI to:

(a) use resources of The Episcopal Church, including its investments, to promote a sustainable global environment;
(b) seek by shareholder resolutions to change current policies and behaviors of those companies that are significant contributors to Global Warming, and if necessary, divest from those companies;
(c) call upon the expertise of Episcopalians who are closely connected with the GWSC to assist in this initiative;
(d) report the results of this initiative to Executive Council no later than its fall meeting in 2007.
The Bishop Suffragan of Alabama moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the second resolve clause, add “the Washington Office of Government Relations.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution B002 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #155)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #7 on Resolution C049 (Executive Council & Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Social and Urban Affairs.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #156)

**Evangelism**
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #1 on HD Message #82 on Resolution A042 (Church Planting Initiative) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Ohio moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the seventh resolve clause, after the word “that,” add “the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider.” Delete the last two resolve clauses.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the fifth resolve clause, after the words “congregational Development,” add the words “in cooperation with the Ethnic Ministries offices, especially the Hispanic Ministries Office.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
A vote was taken on Resolution A042 as amended.

**Motion carried**
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #157)

### Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #42 on Resolution C050 (Thurgood Marshall in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #158)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #43 on Resolution C020 (Baptism is Full Initiation) and moved adoption with amendment.

### Original Text of Resolution:

(C020)

*Resolved,* the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons be directed to prepare such amendments to the Canons as will clarify that Baptism, being “full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body of the Church”, shall be the only membership requirement (other than any age limitation) for eligibility for licensing to office in accordance with the provisions of Canon III.4 (Of Licensed Ministries) or of access to the ordination process; and be it further

*Resolved,* That wherever the terms “reaffirmation” and “reception” are used in the Canons, they shall be equivalent to “confirmation” for any and all Canons.

### Committee Amendment:

*Resolved,* the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons be directed to prepare and report to the 76th General Convention such amendments to the Constitution and Canons as will clarify that Baptism, being is “full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body of the Church.”, shall be the only membership requirement (other than any age limitation) for eligibility for licensing to office in accordance with the provisions of Canon III.4 (Of Licensed Ministries) or of access to the ordination process; and be it further

*Resolved,* That wherever the terms “reaffirmation” and “reception” are used in the Canons, they shall be equivalent to “confirmation” for any and all Canons.

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons be directed to consult with bishops, theologians, liturgical scholars, canon lawyers, Christian educators, justice advocates, and
parish clergy, representing the Church’s theological, racial, ethnic, gender, and generational diversity, to assist in the canons review project and to make available to the Church resources for Christian formation and Episcopal identity and for the training and certification for leadership ministries in this Church.

The Bishop of Rhode Island moved to refer the resolution to the House of Bishops Committee on Theology.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #159)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #44 on Resolution C031 (Amend Canons: Baptism is Full Initiation) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #160)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #45 on Resolution C044 (Baptism is Full Initiation) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #161)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #46 on Resolution D011 (Authorize Revised Common Lectionary as permanent alternative) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #162)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #47 on Resolution B016 (Honoring the American Serviceperson in the Local Congregation) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on National and International Concerns.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #163)
Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #17 on Resolution A132 (Eliminate HIV/AIDS Stigma) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A132)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge its members to work to eliminate the stigma of HIV/AIDS through the following:
- Acknowledge that the stigmatization of anyone due to disease, and particularly due to HIV/AIDS, creates impediments to seeking treatment and care for the disease and education about the disease, resulting in detrimental effects on individuals, the church, and society at-large.
- Affirm that the teachings of Jesus Christ clearly state that sickness and disease are not the result of sin in the human family.
- Acknowledge that our Baptismal Covenant vows obligate us to respect the dignity of every human being and to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves and that the stigmatization of those among us with disease is a violation of those vows; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge all worshiping communities, missions, parishes, dioceses, provinces, seminaries and educational institutions, boards and commissions to:
- Educate their constituent members about HIV/AIDS with a goal of eliminating any stigma associated with the disease.
- Educate their local, state and federal elected officials and representatives about HIV/AIDS with the goal of creating knowledgeable, compassionate, and sensitive public policy in educational services, support services, and medical treatment institutions.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #164)

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #18 on Resolution A090 (Commend PEALL) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A090)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention commend the work of PEALL (Proclaiming Education for All) and affirm the continuation of this work as a key part of the future planning for integrated, holistic education in the Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #165)
Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #5 on Resolution D014 (Reaffirm Financial Support for Seminaries) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D014)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the commitment of The Episcopal Church to the policy of funding the Seminaries of the Church. Each congregation of the several dioceses within the fifty states of the United States and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe shall give annually at least 1% of their net disposable budgeted income to one or more of the Seminaries of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and each diocesan Ecclesiastical Authority jointly inform every congregation of their respective diocese of this policy and develop a procedure for each congregation of the diocese to participate in this funding commitment; and be it further
Resolved, That each Seminary of the Church submit an annual report of receipts from this 1% initiative and the application thereof to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, which will report the results thereof to the 76th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the commitment of The Episcopal Church to the policy of funding the Seminaries of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That each congregation of the several dioceses within the fifty states of the United States and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe of The Episcopal Church shall give annually at least 1% of their net disposable budgeted income to one or more of the Seminaries of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and each diocesan Ecclesiastical Authority jointly inform every congregation of their respective diocese under its jurisdiction of this policy and develop a procedure strongly encourage for each congregation of the diocese to participate in this funding commitment; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council and the Committee on the State of the Church be requested to restore a specific line item to the Parochial Report asking each congregation to report the financial support it has provided to Seminaries of the Church that year; and be it further
Resolved, That each Seminary of the Church submit an annual report of receipts from this 1% initiative and the application thereof to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, which will report the results thereof to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its gratitude for those congregations that are regularly giving 1% of their net disposable budgeted income to support our seminaries.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #166)

RECESS
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until such time as the election of a new Presiding Bishop is completed and confirmed by the House of Deputies.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 4:45 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain McIntosh.
SIXTH DAY

Sunday
June 18, 2006

MORNING SESSION

Following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Convention Center, the House traveled to Trinity Church where they were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. Richard A. Burnett.

The Presiding Bishop called the House to order at 11:10 a.m. and Chaplains McIntosh and Battle led the House in prayer.

The Secretary called the roll and announced that there were 188 bishops present and eligible to vote, making 95 votes necessary for an election.

The results of the ballots cast were as follows:

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Recess

The House stood in recess for lunch at 12:40 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Presiding Bishop Elected
At 2:40 p.m., the Presiding Bishop declared the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori of Nevada elected. He invited Bishop Jefferts Schori forward, joined by the six other nominees, and led the House in the singing of the Doxology. He appointed the following deputation to the House of Deputies to deliver the notification of the election: the Bishop of Hawaii and Vice-Chair of the House, and Bishop Arthur Williams, former Vice-Chair of the House.

The Presiding Bishop called the House to order at 3:15 p.m.. The Secretary reported that the House of Deputies was in session to consider a motion to confirm the election of the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori.

House of Deputies
At 4:10 p.m., the Presiding Bishop announced that the House of Deputies had confirmed the election of the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. The Presiding Bishop and the Chair of the Deputation from the Diocese of Nevada escorted Bishop Jefferts Schori from Trinity Church to be joined by her family and introduced to the House of Deputies.

The Chair declared the special session adjourned at 4:30 p.m., and the House returned to the Convention Center.
MORNING SESSION

The House reconvened at 11:09 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda Adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous days’ (Days 4 and 5) minutes.

Motion carried

Personal Privilege
The Bishop of Fort Worth read the diocese’s Standing Committee statement to the Archbishop of Canterbury appealing for alternative Primatial oversight.

Introduction of Guests
The Presiding Bishop introduced Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick III of the Christian Methodist Church, a guest of the Dioceses of Alabama and Florida.

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop introduced the Most Rev. Andrew Hutchison, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Bishop Hutchison addressed the House.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

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HD Message # 117: A040 (Developing Young Adult Leaders) Concurred with amendment.

HD Message # 118: C047 (Amend Canons: Proposed Amendments to Title I, Canon 15) Referred to a Standing Commission.


HD Message # 120: A076 (Alternatives to the Prayer Book Burial Rites) Concurred.

HD Message # 121: (Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop) Confirmed election.

HD Message # 122: A038 (Diocesan Development Initiative) Adopted substitute.

HD Message # 123: A041 (University Ministry) Adopted substitute.

HD Message # 124: B023 (Evangelism—Response to Reported Decline) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message # 125: D008 (Reaffirm Theological Education Sunday) Concurred.

HD Message # 126: D082 (Launch an Information Technology Cooperative) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message # 127: C030 (Title III, Canon 1, Section 2) Re-referred to Ministry.

HD Message # 128: (Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains) Conceded.

HD Message # 129: D045 (Restore “Equally Applicable” Language to Canon III. 1.2.) Adopted substitute.

HD Message # 131: A075 (A Rite for “The Renewal of Ministry”) Conceded.


HD Message # 133: D022 (MDGs and the ONE Episcopalian Campaign) Conceded.

HD Message # 134: A010 (Affirm “Call to Partnership”) Conceded.

HD Message # 136: A163 (Pastoral Care and Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight) Adopted with amendment.


HD Message # 138: (Procedure for Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop) Adopted.

Election of the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop
The Presiding Bishop nominated to the Court of Review of Trial of Bishops until 2015:
- The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Diocese of North Carolina
- The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson, Diocese of West Tennessee
- The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, Diocese of Delaware

Election of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop
The Presiding Bishop nominated to the Court for the Trial of a Bishop until 2015:
- The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Diocese of Missouri
- The Rt. Rev. Gordon P. Scruton, Diocese of Western Massachusetts
The Rt. Rev. Catharine M. Waynick, Diocese of Indianapolis

There being no further nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for the nominees. **Motion carried**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #170)

**Appointment of the Title IV Review Committee**

In accordance with Canon IV. III. 27, the following were appointed to this committee:
- The Rt. Rev. Bavi E. Rivera, Suffragan, Diocese of Olympia
- The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones, Suffragan, Diocese of Virginia
- The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Jr., Diocese of Northwest Texas

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #171)

**Presiding Bishop’s Appointment**

The Presiding Bishop announced he has appointed the Rt. Rev. Mark L. MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska, as the assisting bishop of the Navajoland Area Mission effective July 1, 2006, upon the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Rustin R. Kimsey.

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #172)

**Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #6 on HD Message #42 on Resolution A032 (Amend Canon IV.5) as amended and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #168)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A032)

**Resolved,** That Canon IV.5, Sections 1 through 9 be amended and renumbered as follows:

Sec. 1. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop is vested with jurisdiction to try a Bishop who is duly Presented for one or more Offenses not including the Offense in Canon IV.1.1(c). The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine is vested with jurisdiction to try a Bishop who is duly Presented for one or more Offenses pursuant to Canon IV.3.21(c).

Sec. 2. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall consist of five Bishops of this Church, two Priests, and two confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing. Five Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of General Convention. Two Priests and two confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing shall be elected by the House of...
Deputies at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of General Convention.

Sec. 2 3. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine shall consist of nine Bishops of this Church. Three Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the third succeeding regular meeting of General Convention.

Sec 4. All judges shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify; Provided, however, there shall be no change in the composition of a Court as to a proceeding pending before it, while that proceeding is unresolved except as specified in Canon IV.5.3.

Sec. 5(a) No judge shall sit as a member of a Court for the Trial of a Bishop who is a Complainant, or is related to the Respondent or Complainant by affinity or consanguinity, or who is excused pursuant to Canon IV.14.13; nor shall any Judge sit who, upon objection made by either party for any reason, is deemed by the other members of the Court to be disqualified.

(b) The death, permanent disability rendering the person unable to act, resignation or declination to serve as a member of the a Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall constitute a vacancy in the that Court. The recusal or disqualification of a member of the a Court from consideration of a particular Presentment shall constitute a temporary vacancy in the that Court.

(c) Notices of resignations or declinations to serve shall be given by any Bishop chosen to serve as a member of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop or Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine by written notice sent to the Presiding Bishop.

(d) Notices of resignation or declinations to serve shall be given by any Priest or Lay Person chosen to serve as a member of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop by written notice sent to the President of the House of Deputies.

(e) Notices of recusal shall be given by a Judge to the Presiding Judge.

Sec. 4 6. The Each Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall from time to time elect from its own membership a Presiding Judge, who shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which chosen. If in any proceeding before the a Court the Presiding Judge is disqualified or is for any cause unable to act, the that Court shall elect from its members a Presiding Judge pro tempore.

Sec. 5 7. When the a Court is not in session, if there is a vacancy in the office of the Presiding Judge, the Bishop who is senior by consecration shall perform the duties of the office of Presiding Judge.

Sec. 6 8. Vacancies occurring in the a Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall be filled as follows:

(a) In the case of a temporary vacancy due to the recusal or disqualification of any Judge, the remaining Judges may appoint a Judge to take the place of the one so disqualified in that particular case. If the recused or disqualified Judge participated in any proceedings other than consideration of whether any Judge
should be disqualified, the remaining Judges shall decide whether or not the Judge will be replaced for the remainder of that case.

(b) In the case of a vacancy in the Court, the remaining Judges shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next General Convention, when the House of Bishops shall choose a person Bishop to fill such a vacancy of a Bishop and the House of Deputies shall choose a Priest or Lay Person, respectively, to fill a vacancy of a Priest or Lay Person. The person so chosen shall serve during the remainder of the term.

Sec. 7.9. Not less than five of the Judges shall constitute a quorum, but any lesser number may adjourn the Court from time to time.

Sec. 8.10. (a) Upon receiving a Presentment, the Presiding Judge shall, within 30 days, send to each member of the Court a copy of the Presentment. If the Presentment is issued pursuant to Canon IV.3.2.1(c) the Presiding Judge shall also send a copy of the supporting briefs, answer, and statements.

(b) The Presiding Judge of the Court shall, within not more than three calendar months from the Presiding Judge’s receipt of the Presentment, summon the Respondent to answer the Presentment in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

(c) Court proceedings at which the Respondent and Church Attorney are to appear shall be held within the Diocese of the accused Bishop, or within the Diocese where the accused Bishop lives or serves, at the discretion of the Court. The Court may, for good cause, appoint another place for any such proceedings or conduct such proceedings by telephone conference provided that all participants can hear and be heard by all other participants in the telephone conference.

Sec. 9.11. Within three months following each regular meeting of General Convention, the Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall appoint a Church Attorney to serve until the next regular meeting of General Convention and until a successor is duly appointed and qualified, and from time to time for good cause and upon the request of the Church Attorney, appoint one or more assistant Church Attorneys to act for and in the place of the Church Attorney.

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #7 on HD Message #67 on Resolution D010 (Amend Canon: I.2.2: Resignation Age of Presiding Bishop) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #169)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D010)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention amend the first sentence of Canon I.2.2 to read as follows:
Sec. 2 The term of office of the Presiding Bishop, when elected according to the provisions of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution, 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, unless attaining the age of seventy-seven years before the term shall have been completed; in that case the Presiding Bishop shall resign the office to the General Convention which occurs nearest to the date of attaining such age. At that Convention a successor shall be elected, and shall assume office on the first day of the month of November following the close of that Convention or immediately upon the death, retirement, or disability of the Presiding Bishop; except that when a Presiding Bishop has been elected by the House of Bishops to fill a vacancy, as provided for in the second paragraph of Article I., Section 3 of the Constitution, the Presiding Bishop so elected shall take office immediately.

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #7 on HD Message #43 on Resolution A110 (Review Council Committees) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #173)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A110)
Resolved, That Committees of Executive Council shall be reviewed before each General Convention by Executive Council to determine which committees shall be continued as Committees of Executive Council, which shall be terminated, and which shall be assigned to a Standing Commission of the Church. The Secretary of Executive Council shall communicate these recommendations to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church, one year before each regular meeting of General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #8 on HD Message #44 on Resolution A108 (Executive Council Committees Redesignation) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #174)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A108)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention designate the Executive Council Economic Justice Loan Committee as a Committee of the Executive Council
with no change in mandate or composition resulting from this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the Executive Council's 2002 resolution to designate the Episcopal Council on Indigenous Ministries as a Committee of the Executive Council and rename it as the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries with no change in mandate or composition resulting from this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the Executive Council's 1999 decision to rename the Executive Council Working Group on Science, Technology and Faith as the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith, and officially designate it as a Committee of the Executive Council.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #9 on HD Message #78 on Resolution A143 (Relocation of the Archives of The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #175)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A143)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention hereby:

1. Authorize and direct the Board of the Archives and the Archives Strategy Committee heretofore established by Executive Council, as the same may from time to time be comprised, to investigate, evaluate and adopt a plan, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to relocate the Archives of The Episcopal Church to a site within the United States appropriate to and which will be adequate for the present and future needs of the Archives of this Church, as contemplated by Canon I.5., and those using the resources of the Archives to be completed on or before January 1, 2010;

2. Authorize the Board of the Archives and the said Archives Strategy Committee, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to commence a fund-raising case and campaign for the costs of planning, construction, relocation and endowment of an archives facility for The Episcopal Church; and

3. Authorize the Board of the Archives, upon the advice and consent of Executive Council, to incorporate under the State of New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and to seek 501(c)(3) recognition under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; provided, however, that the Articles of Incorporation shall include a dissolution provision conforming with the laws of the State of New York and the Internal Revenue Code that upon dissolution, extinction or the winding up of its affairs, all assets and property of said corporation would be assigned, transferred and paid over to or for the benefit of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #10 on HD Message #72 on Resolution A006 (Triennial Survey of Congregations) and moved concurrence.  

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #176)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A006)  
Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church work with the Director of Research for The Episcopal Church, who will conduct a survey of the congregations of The Episcopal Church during each triennium; and be it further  
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $48,500 for the implementation of this resolution in the 2007–2009 triennium.

**Social and Urban Affairs**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #15 on Resolution D046 (Jamestown Covenant) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D046)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant and engagement of this Church with Indigenous Peoples, designating the decade of 2007 to 2017 as the Second Decade of Remembering, Recognition and Reconciliation, renewing the commitment of the Church to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, and enter into a special intentionality towards developing an outreach partnership among Indigenous People; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministries to plan and help coordinate appropriate celebrations, events and materials for the Second Decade of Remembering, Recognition and Reconciliation, with progress reports to be presented to the 76th General Convention; and be it further  
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this Resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant and engagement of this Church with Indigenous
Peoples, designating the decade of 2007 to 2017 as the Second Decade of **Remembrance Remembering**, Recognition and Reconciliation, renewing the commitment of the Church to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, and enter into a special intentionality towards developing an outreach partnership among Indigenous People; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the 75th General Convention direct the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministries to plan and help coordinate appropriate celebrations, events and materials for the Second Decade of **Remembrance Remembering**, Recognition and Reconciliation, with progress reports to be presented to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this Resolution.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #177)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #16 on Resolution D005 (Opposing Criminalization of Homosexuality) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D005)  
**Resolved,** the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention adopt the following statement:

The 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declares that efforts to criminalize homosexual behavior are incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, incompatible with resolutions at successive Lambeth conferences including the 1998 Lambeth Resolution I.10, and incompatible with the Primates’ statement from Dromantine which declares that the, “victimization or diminishment of human beings whose affections happen to be ordered towards people of the same sex is anathema to us. We assure homosexual people that they are children of God, loved and valued by him, and deserving of the best we can give of pastoral care and friendship.” In affirming these consistent statements we declare our opposition to the imposition of civil or criminal penalties, especially imprisonment and execution, upon gay and lesbian people and our opposition to laws anywhere in the world that impose imprisonment for the behavior, speech, or assembly of gay and lesbian people; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the 75th General Convention commend the government of Brazil for its courageous efforts to extend the protections of the U.N.’s Declaration on Human Rights to include gay and lesbian people and that the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States and the Episcopal
Primate of Brazil. In addition we commend to their attention Lambeth 1998 I.1, which affirms and adopts the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention appoint a committee to monitor the progress of efforts to criminalize or decriminalize homosexuality and efforts such as Brazil’s to extend the protections of basic human rights. The committee would report periodically to the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and the full Church through Episcopal Life. The committee would be comprised of Bishops and Deputies. Since the work could be done via the Internet there is no cost associated with this committee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the 75th General Convention convey this resolution to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, all Primates in the Anglican Communion, the President of the United States, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, heads of state of all nations represented by Bishops and Deputies, all U.S. Senators and Representatives and the Governors of all states or territories within the pastoral jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention adopt the following statement:
The 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declares that efforts to criminalize homosexual behavior are incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, incompatible with resolutions at successive Lambeth conferences including the 1998 Lambeth Resolution I.10, and incompatible with the Primates’ statement from Dromantine which declares that the, “victimization or diminishment of human beings whose affections happen to be ordered towards people of the same sex is anathema to us. We assure homosexual people that they are children of God, loved and valued by him, and deserving of the best we can give of pastoral care and friendship.” In affirming these consistent statements we declare our opposition to the imposition of civil or criminal penalties, especially imprisonment and execution, upon gay and lesbian people and our opposition to laws anywhere in the world that specifically target and impose imprisonment for homosexual behavior, speech, or assembly of gay and lesbian people and their supporters; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the government of Brazil for its courageous efforts to extend the protections of the U.N.’s Declaration on Human Rights to include gay and lesbian people and that the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States and the Episcopal Primate of Brazil. In addition we commend to their attention Lambeth 1998 I.1, which affirms and adopts the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Executive Council to appoint a committee to monitor the progress of efforts to criminalize or decriminalize homosexuality and efforts such as Brazil’s to extend the protections of basic human rights. The committee would report periodically to the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and the full Church through Episcopal Life.
The committee would be comprised of Bishops and Deputies. Since the work could be done via the Internet there is no cost associated with this committee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the 75th General Convention convey this resolution to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, all Primates in the Anglican Communion, the President of the United States, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Secretary General of the United Nations, Anglican Observer of the United Nations, heads of state of all nations represented by Bishops and Deputies, all U.S. Senators and Representatives and the Governors of all states or territories within the pastoral jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #178)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #17 on Resolution A127 (Restorative Justice) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A127)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the principles of restorative justice as a fresh means of engaging in a deeper quest for wholeness in this Church and society; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th Convention call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to build upon its present work to now develop a “Truth, Reconciliation, and Restorative Justice Initiative” that will enable the Church to engage first in a process of “Truth-telling” that is based on these principles and is designed to be implemented by each diocese with appropriate resources; and be it further

Resolved, That these processes would create mechanisms for both those with historical and present-day under-privilege and those with historical and present-day privilege to undertake a joint process of historical accounting, story-telling and assessment of the roots and branches of racial and ethnic inequity, marginalization and disharmony in the church and in society; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to explore and recommend to the 76th General Convention a comprehensive second part process of “Reconciliation and Restorative Justice” that addresses the injustices and needs for healing identified in the previous resolve; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the Church to call upon Congress and the American people to support a national initiative to study the history and legacy of slavery and possible remedies.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the principles of restorative justice, as a fresh means of engaging in a deeper quest for wholeness in this Church and society; an important tool in implementing a neutral articulation of the self-examination and amendment of life that is required to fulfill our baptismal covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th Convention, in support of and to enhance Resolution A123, call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to build upon its present work to now develop a “Truth, Reconciliation, and Restorative Justice Initiative” that will enable the Church to engage first in a process of “Truth-telling” that is based on these principles and is designed to be implemented by each diocese with appropriate resources; to design a study and dialogue process and materials in order to engage the people of The Episcopal Church in storytelling about historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege as well as discernment towards restorative justice and the call to fully live into our baptismal covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That these processes would create mechanisms for both those with historical and present-day under-privilege and those with historical and present-day privilege to undertake a joint process of historical accounting, story-telling and assessment of the roots and branches of racial and ethnic inequity, marginalization and disharmony in the church and in society; That in the spirit of inclusion, dioceses also be invited to determine whether their call is to conduct truth and reconciliation processes in regard to other histories and legacies of racial discrimination and oppression that may be applicable in their geographic area, while not diminishing the strong call to focus on the history and legacy of slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to explore and recommend to the 76th General Convention a comprehensive second part process of “Reconciliation and Restorative Justice” that addresses the injustices and needs for healing identified in the previous resolve; That the dioceses will give a progress report to the Anti-Racism Committee. The Anti-Racism Committee will report their findings and recommendations to the Standing Commission on National Concerns and to Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the Church to call upon Congress and the American people to support a national initiative to study the history and legacy of slavery and possible remedies. That the Church hold before itself the vision of a Church without racism; a Church for all races.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #179)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #18 on Resolution C011 (Church Responsibility in Reparations) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C011)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention establish a task force of the Executive Council to study, document and report on the enslavement of Africans and their descendants, the legacy of slavery, and the establishment of systemic and institutional racism within the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the task force specifically research and report on the historical role of The Episcopal Church in these systems of slavery and racism, so that we as a people of God can come to make a full, faithful and informed accounting of the legacy we inherit and better understand how we can work, both individually and collectively, to “repair the breach”; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the passage of legislation to establish “a commission to study reparations proposals” as affirmation of our commitments to become a transformed, anti-racist church and to work toward healing, reconciliation and a restoration of wholeness to the family of God.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention, affirming establish a task force of the Executive Council to study, document and report on the enslavement of Africans and their descendants, the legacy of slavery, and the establishment of systemic and institutional racism within the United States of America; and, be it further
Resolved, That the task force specifically research and report on the historical role of The Episcopal Church in these systems of slavery and racism, so that we as a people of God can come to make a full, faithful and informed accounting of the legacy we inherit and better understand how we can work, both individually and collectively, to “repair the breach”; and, be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the passage of legislation to establish “a commission to study reparations proposals” as affirmation of our commitments to become a transformed, anti-racist church and to work toward healing, reconciliation and a restoration of wholeness to the family of God, urge the Church at every level to call upon Congress and the American people to support legislation initiating study of and dialogue about the history and legacy of slavery in the United States and of proposals for monetary and non-monetary reparations to the descendants of the victims of slavery.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #180)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #19 on Resolution A167 (“Full and Equal Claim” for All the Baptized) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A167)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm that gay and lesbian persons are by Baptism full members of the Body of Christ and of The Episcopal Church as “children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church” (GC1976–A069); and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reiterate its apology “on behalf of The Episcopal Church to its members who are gay or lesbian, and to lesbians and gay men outside the Church, for years of rejection and maltreatment by the Church,” and recommit to “seek amendment of our life together as we ask God’s help in sharing the Good News with all people” (GC1997–D011); and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reiterate that “our baptism into Jesus Christ is inseparable from our communion with one another, and we commit ourselves to that communion despite our diversity of opinion and, among dioceses, a diversity of pastoral practice with the gay men and lesbians among us” (GC2003–C051).

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm that gay and lesbian persons are by Baptism full members of the Body of Christ and of The Episcopal Church as “children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church” (GC1976–A069); and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reiterate its apology “on behalf of The Episcopal Church to its members who are gay or lesbian, and to lesbians and gay men outside the Church, for years of rejection and maltreatment by the Church,” and recommit to “seek amendment of our life together as we ask God’s help in sharing the Good News with all people” (GC1997–D011); and be it further
Resolved, That, in evidence of that apology, The Episcopal Church pledge to include openly gay and lesbian persons on every committee, commission or task force developed for the specific purpose of discussing issues about sexuality and request the same of our sister churches in the Anglican Communion and Anglican Communion bodies; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reiterate that “our baptism into Jesus Christ is inseparable from our communion with one another, and we commit ourselves to that communion despite our diversity of opinion and, among dioceses, a diversity of pastoral practice with the gay men and lesbians among us” (GC2003–C051).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #181)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #20 on Resolution D047 (Justice, Respect, and a Living Wage) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D047)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support actively the right of workers to form a union, and increase the support in our cities and states for passage of “living wage” legislation; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention commit the Church at all levels to contract solely with union hotels in its meetings, or to obtain confirmation that local prevailing “living wages” are paid by all hotels the Church uses; and be it further
Resolved, That we commend to the Church at all levels the services of Informed Meetings Exchange (www.inmex.org), a new non-profit agency committed to helping organizations make informed decisions regarding convention and meeting planning.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support actively the right of workers to form a union, and increase the support in our cities and states for passage of “living wage” legislation; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention commit the Church at all levels to contract solely with union hotels in its meetings, or to obtain confirmation that local prevailing “living wages” are paid by all hotels the Church uses; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention strongly urge the Church Center staff and especially the General Convention Planning Office to assure that dioceses that host events of The Episcopal Church comply with GC2003-A130 and provide a living wage for their employees; and be it further
Resolved, That we commend to the Church at all levels the services of Informed Meetings Exchange (www.inmex.org), a new non-profit agency committed to helping organizations make informed decisions regarding convention and meeting planning.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #182)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #21 on Resolution A156 (Sexual Exploitation) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A156)
Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recommit itself to the position taken by the General Convention in Resolutions 1991–B052 and 1994–A063 that sexual exploitation of adults by clergy and church employees have been and continue to be of deep concern.
to this Church, are abuses of trust, a violation of the Baptismal Covenant, contrary to Christian Character, and are, therefore wrong; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church acknowledge a clear and firm commitment to protect persons in the church from sexual exploitation; that we support this commitment with clear and firm policies and procedures for the well being of all; and that we commit this Church to being and becoming a place where people are safe from sexual exploitation; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese adopt policies for the protection of those served by diocesan programs or personnel from sexual exploitation by clergy, Church employees or Church volunteers and that dioceses assist congregations in the development of such policies and procedures that address the following:

1. A screening and selection process for all clergy, lay employees and volunteers who work with vulnerable adults or who provide pastoral counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction, or the sacraments.
2. The articulation of behavioral standards for clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who work with vulnerable adults or who provide pastoral counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction, or the sacraments regarding appropriate behavior and inappropriate sexual or sexualized behavior towards adults to whom they are ministering.
3. Education and training regarding appropriate behavior and inappropriate sexual or sexualized behavior towards adults to whom they are ministering.
4. Guidelines for responding to concerns of sexual exploitation; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese shall report to the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development prior to the Spring 2009 House of Bishops meeting with a copy of its adopted and implemented policy and an evaluation of the history of its use. A summary report shall be made to the House of Bishops Spring 2009 meeting and a full report made to the 76th General Convention.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the work already occurring in many dioceses and at the same time recommit itself to the positions taken by previous General Conventions that sexual misconduct (encompassing both sexual harassment and sexual exploitation) of adults by clergy, church employees, and volunteer workers has been and continues to be of deep concern to this Church, is an abuse of trust, a violation of the Baptismal Covenant, contrary to Christian character and is, therefore, wrong; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese adopt policies for the protection from sexual misconduct of those served by diocesan programs, those who volunteer in the work of the diocese or are employed by the diocese, and that dioceses assist congregations in the development of such procedures and policies, including using the many resources that already exist, that address the following:

1. the articulation of behavioral standards for all clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who work with adults or who provide pastoral counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction, or the sacraments;
2. a screening process for all clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who provide pastoral counseling and care, spiritual direction, or the sacraments and who supervise clergy or lay volunteers;

3. education and training for all clergy, lay employees, and volunteers as listed above, with particular attention paid to what legally constitutes sexual harassment and to appropriate behavior and inappropriate sexual or sexualized behaviors towards adults, and with periodic refresher training encouraged;

4. guidelines for responding to concerns of sexual misconduct; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese shall report to the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development prior to the Spring 2009 House of Bishops meeting with a copy of its adopted and implemented policy and an evaluation of the history of its use. A summary report shall be made to the House of Bishops Spring 2009 meeting and a full report made to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #183)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #22 on Resolution A157 (Sexual Harassment) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A156.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #184)

Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests
The Ecumenical Officer introduced the Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests.

Representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
   Rev. Lowell Almen
   Rev. Randall Lee
   Bishop Callon W. Holloway

Representing Iglesia Filipina Independiente
   The Most Reverend Godofredo David
   The Rev. Wilfredo Ruazol

Representing the Old Catholic Churches
   The Most Rev. Joris A.O.L. Vercammen

Representing the American Bible Society
   The Rev. Richard Jeske

Representing the Armenian Apostolic Church
   The Very Rev. Aren Jebejian

Representing the Church of the Brethren
   Rev. Michael L. Hostetter

Representing the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
   Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick III
Dr. Butalia spoke on behalf of the inter-religious guests. Bishop Oden spoke on behalf of the ecumenical community.

Noonday Prayers
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplain Battle.

The Presiding Bishop yielded the chair to the Vice Chair.

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #8 on HB Message #101 on Resolution C026 (Amend Article II.2 & Canon III.16: Election of Bishops) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #185)
Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #11 on HD Message #91 on Resolution A001 (77th General Convention) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A001.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #186)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A001)
Resolved, That the following sites be considered for the 77th General Convention: Charlotte, NC; New Orleans, LA; Indianapolis, IN; and Kansas City, MO.

Committee of Conference
The Presiding Bishop appointed the Bishop of New York and the Bishop of Colorado to a Committee of Conference for the consideration of Resolution A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) and Resolution A166 (Anglican Covenant Development Process).

Motion carried
Committee appointed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #187)

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #8 on Resolution B010 (Endorse the Alliance for Fair Food) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B010)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention (1) endorse the Alliance for Fair Food – a network of human rights, religious, student, labor, and grassroots organizations which work in partnership with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to promote principles and practices of socially responsible purchasing in the corporate food industry to advance the human rights of farm workers; (2) encourage study and appropriate action on these matters by missions, parishes, dioceses and The Episcopal Church; and (3) direct the Executive Council
to consult with the CIW to respond on behalf of The Episcopal Church to possible calls for boycotts and other actions, shareholder resolutions, and peaceful public witness as means of advancing the goals of the resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention (1) endorse the Alliance for Fair Food – a network of human rights, religious, student, labor, and grassroots organizations which work in partnership with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to promote principles and practices of socially responsible purchasing in the corporate food industry to advance the human rights of farm workers; (2) encourage study and appropriate action on these matters by missions, parishes, dioceses and The Episcopal Church; and (3) direct the Executive Council to consult with the CIW before responding on behalf of The Episcopal Church to possible calls for boycotts and other actions, shareholder resolutions, and peaceful public witness as means of advancing the goals of the resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #188)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #12 on Resolution B013 (Ending Genocide in Uganda) and moved to refer the resolution to a Standing Commission.

The Bishop of Southwest Florida moved to set aside the Resolution to a time certain (the first item this afternoon).

Motion carried

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #13 on HB Message #96 on Resolution D024 (Gender Equality for Women in The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D024)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse, ratify, and implement Resolution 13/31 adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council at its meeting in Nottingham, England in June 2005, stating that there should be equal participation of women and men on all decision-making bodies of the Anglican Consultative Council and that all Provinces of the Communion should work to achieve that goal; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge and encourage all provinces, dioceses, and congregations of The Episcopal Church to work toward the same goal of equal
participation of women and men on all their decision-making committees, commissions, agencies, and boards; and be it further

Resolved, That a reporting mechanism be developed in order to record the achievement of such gender equality, reporting those achievements annually to the Executive Council.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse, ratify, and implement Resolution 13/31 adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council at its meeting in Nottingham, England in June 2005, stating that there should be equal participation of women and men on all decision-making bodies of the Anglican Consultative Council and that all Provinces of the Communion should work to achieve that goal; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge and encourage all provinces, dioceses, and congregations of The Episcopal Church to work toward the same goal of equal participation of women and men on all their decision-making committees, commissions, agencies, and boards; and be it further

Resolved, That a reporting mechanism be developed in order to record the achievement of such gender equality, reporting those achievements annually to the Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention.

The question was called.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D024 as amended.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #189)

Evangelism

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #2 on HD Message #122 on Resolution A038 (Diocesan Development Initiative) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #190)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A038)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the offices of the Director of Mission to develop new leadership programs and/or to endorse existing leadership training programs for use at the diocesan level that help bishops and diocesan leadership in developing
strategies, quantifiable action plans and timelines for accelerating their mission performance, and to develop quantitative measures of accountability for diocesan mission performance; and be it further

Resolved, That these programs include a mechanism for dioceses to share their “best practices” and “lessons learned” in the process of accelerating their mission performance.

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #3 on HD Message #123 on Resolution A041 (University Ministry) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Tennessee moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the third resolve clause.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A041.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #189)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A041)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call upon the Executive Council and dioceses to affirm that college and university ministries are of vital importance to the mission of this Church as they are strategically located communities of young adult leaders, able to identify and respond to opportunities for mission and evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the value of developing our young leaders of the church by providing opportunities for college and university students to participate fully in the councils of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are encouraged to give campus ministries canonical status as mission congregations, when appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are urged to plant new campus ministries, where appropriate; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Young Adult and Higher Education Ministries and the Office of Congregational Development be directed to assist dioceses in ways that support this vision.

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #4 on HD Message #124 on Resolution B023 (Evangelism–Response to Reported Decline) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, replace the word “national” with the word “church-wide.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution B023.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #192)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B023)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the report of the Joint Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism which states that The Episcopal Church “may be in systemic decline” (Blue Book, Page 103); and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church respond to this reported decline by initiating through the Office of Mission and the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism a national consultation on methods and strategies identify best practices to reverse the decline in mainline denominations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, during the next triennium, study the decline in mainline denominations and make recommendations to the 76th General Convention on strategies to reverse this decline.

RECESS
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. for the Joint Session with the House of Deputies on Program and Budget on the Seventh Legislative Day.

Motion carried
The House recessed at 1:00 p.m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The House of Bishops reconvened at 4:04 p.m. with the Vice-Chair in the chair.

**Agenda of the Day**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

*Motion carried*

Agenda adopted

**National and International Concerns**

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #12 on Resolution B013 (Ending Genocide in Uganda) and moved to refer the resolution to a Standing Commission.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B013)

*Resolved,* the House of Deputies concurring, That the Secretary of the 75th General Convention shall write on behalf of the 75th General Convention to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the United States, and each of the members of the U.S. Congress to inform them that The Episcopal Church, meeting in the 75th General Convention, call for them to support the following action, which should be carried out immediately:

Implementation of the Convention On The Prevention and Punishment Of The Crime of Genocide of 1948, with respect to the crimes being committed against Acholi people in Northern Uganda and assessment of the humanitarian disaster created by the armed conflict in Acholi land, and mobilization of the necessary resources to address the dire human needs of the Acholi people and the advocate that the Security Council use the resources of the United Nations to stop the genocide against the Acholi’s; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the 75th General Convention shall write on behalf of the General Convention to the Archbishop of Canterbury and request that this primate take the following action:

Urge the Church of the Province of Uganda to demand justice and peace for the people of Northern Uganda and to stand up in solidarity with the voiceless and vulnerable Acholi people, use this good office in the world to stop the genocide in Northern Uganda and rally resources to rehabilitate the Acholi people, physically and spiritually; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 75th General Convention sponsor and fund a delegation to travel to Northern Uganda for the purpose of expressing our concern and gather
information to be used to educate the people of The Episcopal Church and to suggest specific action for consideration by the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The Bishop of Los Angeles moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Secretary of the 75th General Convention shall write on behalf of the 75th General Convention to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the United States, and each member of the U.S. Congress to inform them that The Episcopal church, meeting in the 75th General Convention, calls for a study or report in the next twelve months to the Executive Council, regarding human rights abuses toward the Acholi people and other persons of Northern Uganda and to advocate that the Security Council use the resources of the United Nations to stop human rights abuses against the Acholi people and other persons of Northern Uganda; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the 75th General Convention shall write on behalf of the General Convention to the Archbishop of Canterbury and request that this Primate take the following action:
Urge the Church of the Province of Uganda to continue to demand justice and peace for the people of Northern Uganda and to stand up in solidarity with the voiceless and vulnerable Acholi people and other persons of Northern Uganda, use this good office in the world to stop human rights abuses in Northern Uganda and rally resources to rehabilitate the Acholi people and other persons of Northern Uganda, physically and spiritually; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention sponsor and fund a delegation to travel to Northern Uganda for the purpose of expressing our concern and gather information to be used to educate the people of The Episcopal Church and to suggest specific action for consideration by the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Long Island moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “study or.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Connecticut moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the last resolve clause, delete the words “75th General Convention” and replace with the words “Executive Council.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Indianapolis moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the last resolve clause, replace the word "gather" with the word “gathering.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution B013 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #193)

Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar #3 was laid on the table.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

HD Message # 140: Special Order of Business and Debate. Adopted.
HD Message # 141: C033 (Condemning the Use of Torture) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 143: A131 (Continue HIV/AIDS Standing Committee) Concurred.
HD Message # 144: D057 (Priorities for Standing Commission on Small Congregations) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 145: A037 (Evangelism) Adopted substitute.
HD Message # 147: A017 (Fundamental Immigration Principles) Concurred.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #48 on Resolution A067 (Rites of Passage Publication) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A067)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention approve for publication and distribution by Church Publishing, Inc., in the Book of Occasional Services, the Rites and Liturgical Materials found in *Rites of Passage*.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention approve for publication and distribution by Church Publishing, Inc., in the Book of Occasional Services, the Rites and Liturgical Materials found in “Rites of Passage;” and be it further

Resolved, That the proposed liturgies from the “Blue Book” report be changed as follows:

1. Insert before Prayers and a Rite for Remembering the Departed, BB p. 140:

   Prayers for National Service

2. Revise list of prayers, BB p. 149, as follows:

   1. Reaching Puberty
   2. Earning a Driver’s License or Permit
   3. Dating Relationships
   4. Graduating from High School
   5. Going to College
   6. Joining the Workforce
   7. Going on a Pilgrimage
   8. Moving from the Family Home

3. Revise prayer #3, Dating Relationships, BB p. 149, as follows:

   Our greatest joy in life, O God, is to love. We thank you for showing us through Jesus that loving a child, a friend, a dream or a companion makes us more fully human, created in your image. As N. stands ready to begin dating, help her to remember that she will be learning that love is sacred. May she bring to each new date hope for true friendship. May she listen, and speak, and act with the greatest respect for herself and her companion. May she strive for a relationship that is truthful, patient, courageous, and kind. Above all, may love teach her to love you more and more as, through the Spirit’s care, she grows in the image of your holy child, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

4. Delete prayer #7, A Call to Military Service, BB p. 150, and renumber the prayers that follow.

5. Revise prayer #8, Going on a Pilgrimage, BB, p. 150, as follows:

   Holy One, you led your people, night and day, by fire and cloud, so lead N. (N., N.,) by the light of your love. Go before him to prepare a safe path. Stay beside him to instill purpose and joy in his mission. Follow after him to leave peace in the wake of wherever he has stayed. Give your angels charge over his journey. At his returning, may all he has seen be engraved on his heart, and his sense of home enlarged for ever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Guide. Amen.

6. Delete prayer #10, For Godly Expression of One’s Sexuality, BB p. 150.
7. Revise the last line of the opening acclamation, BB pp. 151, 155, 167, as follows: “Praise to the Spirit who leads us in love.”

8. Revise the title “Celebrating an Engagement” (The Blessing of a Betrothal), BB p. 158, as follows: “The Blessing of a Betrothal.”

9. Substitute the following text for the entire rite on BB pp. 158-160:

The couple gather in the church or other suitable place with family, friends, and members of the congregation.

If the rite is celebrated at the Sunday Eucharist, the Ministry of the Word is celebrated in the usual manner, with the propers appointed for the Sunday. The Prayers of the People include intercession for the couple among the concerns of the local community. The Blessing of a Betrothal takes place immediately after the Prayers of the People, and the rite is followed immediately by the Peace.

If the rite is not celebrated at the Sunday Eucharist, it begins as follows

Presider: Blessed be God who has brought us to this day.
People: Blessed be the God of all our days.
Presider: Thanks be to Jesus who restores us to wholeness.
People: Thanks be to Jesus in whose death is our life.
Presider: Praise to the Spirit who calls us to service.
People: Praise to the Spirit who leads us in love.

A hymn, psalm, or suitable song may be sung.

One or more passages of Scripture selected by the couple may be read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the readings. Suitable passages include

Ruth 1:16b-17a
Song of Solomon 2:1-3a, 4
Psalm 100
Psalm 117
Romans 13:9-13
1 John 4:7-8
John 15:9-12

The Presider then addresses the People in these or similar words

Dear friends: N.N. and N.N. have come asking our witness and prayers as they publicly declare their intention to marry [on___]. In this time of betrothal, they have entrusted themselves to one another, and all are called to respect the bounds of their relationship. I invite N. and N. to come forward now, that we may hear their promises to one another.

The couple stand before the Presider, who asks them

Is either of you now promised to another?

The man and woman respond together

I am not.

The Presider turns to the woman and says

N., is it your will and intention to marry this man, N., who stands here before you?

The woman responds

It is.
The Presider says to the man
N., is it your will and intention to marry this woman, N., who stands here before you?
The man responds
It is.

Here the couple may read aloud and then sign the Declaration of Intention. If they do not sign the Declaration at this time, they shall do so in the context of their canonically required instruction as to the nature, meaning, and purpose of Holy Matrimony.

The Presider asks the people
Will you recognize this couple, and support and pray for them during this time of engagement?
The People respond
We will.

If an engagement ring has already been presented, the Presider takes the woman’s left hand and blesses that ring, using the prayer of blessing below. When desired, a mutual exchange of rings may be made, or some other suitable symbol of commitment may be used in place of the engagement ring(s). If a ring or other symbol is to be given during this service, the Presider first says these or similar words:

From of old, the chief sign of betrothal has been the giving and receiving of a ring. N., is it your intention to give N. a ring as a symbol of your commitment?
The man responds
It is.
The man places an engagement ring on the left hand of the woman.

The Presider then blesses the ring (or other symbol) in these or similar words:

Loving God, sanctify this sign of the intention of N. and N. to be joined together in holy matrimony. Bless and sustain them in their commitment to each other, that they may return before you to fulfill this solemn pledge, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Presider continues
Let us pray for N. and N. and the pledge they have made.

Silence
Blessed are you, Lord our God. You give abundant joy to N. and N. Pour out your grace upon them, and bring them to the day of their wedding in safety and peace. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Presider says to the couple
Greet each other with a holy kiss.
The couple greet each other, after which the Peace may be exchanged throughout the congregation. When communion is to follow, the liturgy continues with the Offertory, at which the couple may present the offerings of bread and wine.

Preface of the Season

10. Add title for prayer #12 to the list at the top of BB p. 161, and add title and body of prayer at the bottom of BB p. 162:

Beginning or Resuming a Dating Relationship
Our greatest joy in life, O God, is to love. We thank you for showing us through Jesus that loving one another makes us more fully human, created in your image.
As N. stands ready to begin [resume] dating, help her to remember that love is sacred. May she bring to each new date hope for a true friendship. May she listen, and speak, and act with the greatest respect for herself and her companion. May she strive for a relationship that is truthful, patient, courageous, and kind. Above all, may love teach her to love you more and more as, through the Spirit’s care, she grows in the image of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

11. Replace prayer #6, Surviving a Tragedy, BB p. 162, with the following text:

Loving Father, you comfort us in times of affliction: Our sister N. has suffered a great tragedy and needs your healing. Send your Holy Spirit to soothe the anger, fear, and sorrow of her broken heart. In the darkness of this moment, shine the light of your radiant love. Be her companion in her grief. In her pain, make her strong in courage, dry her tears, mend her heart, and gently call her to newness of life. We thank you for the assurance of your love, shown in your Son Jesus, who suffered for us, died and rose again to prepare our place in your eternal home. Amen.

12. Immediately before the section Prayers and a Rite for Remembering the Departed, BB p. 173, add the following section:

Prayers for National Service

Upon Entering Military Service
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: hear our prayers for N. as he enters military service. Be present with him, his family, and his community in this transition. Guide and govern him by your good Spirit. Protect him from evil, and lead us all into your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upon Deployment
God our Rock and Refuge: we commend to you gracious care N., N., and N., who are being deployed in the service of our nation. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to endure the perils which they may face; and grant that wherever they go, they may be assured of your abiding presence; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

For a Family Farewell to a Deployed Member
To be prayed by family members in church or at the place of parting
Into your hands, most merciful Savior, we place our beloved N., asking you to be his tower of safety and strength, his comfort and refuge in danger. Watch over him wherever he goes. Stand at his side in battle; keep him safe from enemy and accident. Defend him, waking and sleeping. Bless him as he travels, and let our love be an anchor and a joy for him through the time we are apart; and then, return him to us in safety. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

For the Family Separated during Military Service
God, the fountain of all mercy, your love is made known to us in the love of others: surround this family with the support and care of our community as they watch and wait for N.’s return; grant them patience, hope, and quiet confidence, until the time of reunion; through Christ we pray. Amen.

For Transfer or Change of Duty Station
Merciful God, be present with this community, and with N.N., and N. [and their families] at their change of duty [transfer]. Guide and protect them in their new responsibilities. Surround us with your eternal presence as some go and others stay. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Upon Return from Deployment
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: we praise and thank you for the return of N. from deployment. Be present as he strives to renew relationships and re-enter this community. Guide and guard him and us in this season of change. Wherever there is anxiety, pain, or hardship, bring healing through your grace and mercy. This we ask for your love’s sake. Amen.

For Veterans
Lord our God, look favorably on [N.N., and all] those who have served this nation in our armed forces. We thank you for your presence with them in their service. Help them and us to remember their fallen comrades, that the sacrifices we honor this day may never be forgotten. Let the light of liberty and the love of justice and mercy burn brightly in the heart of this nation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Upon Conscientious Objection to Military Service
Christ our Savior, Prince of Peace: Give to N. strength and courage to follow you in the path of nonviolence and embrace the disciplines of peace; for your mercy’s sake. Amen.

For Alternative Service
Everliving God, in whom we live and move and have our being: be present with N. in her commitment to conscientious service, and lead and guide her in your ways. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

For National or Mission Service
Lord Christ, you came among us as one who served: send your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen N., who is answering a call to service. Give him courage to persevere, and vision to see you present in all whom he serves; for you love and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bishop of Alabama moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause after the words, “approve for,” insert the words, “for experimental use and for” and delete the words, “in the Book of Occasional Services.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A067 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #194)

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch moved to take up Supplemental Calendar #2.

Motion carried

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #17 on Resolution A082 (Amend Canons III.5-III.13) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A082)
[Editor's Note: See The Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, pp. 230-258. The italicized text and strike-through text in the committee amendment are proposed changes to the original text of the resolution.]

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canons III.5 through III.23 be deleted and be replaced by the following proposed Canons III.5 through III.13:

CANON 5: Of General Provisions Respecting Ordination
Sec. 1 (a) The canonical authority assigned to the Bishop Diocesan by this Title may be exercised by a Bishop Coadjutor, when so empowered under Canon III.19, and at the request of the Bishop Diocesan, by a Bishop Suffragan, or by any other Bishop of a Church in full communion with this Church who was ordained in the historic succession, at the request of the ordinand's Bishop.

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

(c) In case of a vacancy in the episcopate in a Diocese, the Ecclesiastical Authority may authorize and request the President of the House of Bishops of the Province to take order for an ordination.

Sec. 2 (a) No Nominee, Applicant, Postulant, or Candidate for ordination shall sign any of the certificates required by this Title.
(b) 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, each of which shall be deemed an original.

(c) Whenever the letter of support of a Vestry is required, the letter must be signed and dated by at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Vestry, at a meeting duly convened, and by the Rector or Priest-in-Charge of the Parish, and attested by the Clerk of the Vestry. Should there be no Rector or Priest-in-Charge, the letter shall be signed by a Priest of the Diocese acquainted with the nominee and the Parish, the reason for the substitution being stated in the attesting clause.

(d) If the congregation or other discernment community of which the nominee is a member is not a Parish, the letter of support required by Canon III.6 or Canon III.8 shall be signed and dated by the Member of the Clergy and the council of the congregation or other community of faith, and shall be attested by the secretary of the meeting at which the letter was approved. Should there be no Member of the Clergy, the letter shall be signed and dated by a Priest of the Diocese acquainted with the nominee and the congregation or other community of faith, the reason for the substitution being stated in the attesting clause.

(e) If the applicant is a member of a Religious Order or Christian Community recognized by Canon III.24, the letters of support referred to in Canon III.5 or Canon III.6 and any other requirements imposed on a congregation or Member of the Clergy may be given by the Superior or person in charge, and Chapter, or other comparable body of the Order or Community.

Sec. 3. An application for any dispensation permitted by this Title from any of the requirements for ordination must first be made to the Bishop, and if approved, referred to the Standing Committee for its advice and consent.

CANON 6: Of the Ordination of Deacons

Sec. 1. Selection
The Bishop, in consultation with the Commission, shall establish procedures to identify and to select persons with evident gifts and fitness for ordination to the Diaconate.

Sec. 2. Nomination
A confirmed adult communicant in good standing, may be nominated for ordination to the diaconate by the person's congregation or other community of faith.

(a) The Nomination shall be in writing and shall include a letter of support by the nominee’s congregation or other community of faith committing the community to

i) pledge to contribute financially to that preparation, and

ii) involve itself in the nominee’s preparation for ordination to the Diaconate.

If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight.
The nominee, if in agreement with the nomination agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing and shall provide the following to the Bishop:

1. Full name and date of birth.
2. The length of time resident in the Diocese.
3. Evidence of Baptism and Confirmation.
4. Whether an application has been made previously for Postulancy or the person has been nominated in any Diocese.
5. A description of the process of discernment by which the nominee has been identified for ordination to the Diaconate.
6. The level of education attained and, if any, the degrees earned, and areas of specialization, together with copies of official transcripts.

Sec. 3. Postulancy

Postulancy is the time between nomination and candidacy and may initiate the formal preparation for ordination. Postulancy involves continued exploration of and decision about the Postulant’s call to the Diaconate.

(a) Before granting admission as a Postulant, the Bishop shall
   (1) determine that the nominee is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing, and
   (2) confer in person with the nominee,

(b) If the Bishop approves the nominee proceeding into Postulancy, the Commission, or a committee of the Commission, shall meet with the nominee to review the application and prepare an evaluation of the nominee’s qualifications to pursue a course program of preparation for ordination to the Diaconate. The Commission shall present its evaluation and recommendations to the Bishop.

(c) No Bishop shall consider accepting as a Postulant any person who has been refused admission as a Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate in any other Diocese, or who, having been admitted, has afterwards ceased to be a Candidate, until receipt of a letter from the Bishop of the Diocese refusing admission, or in which the person has been a Candidate, declaring the cause of refusal or of cessation.

(d) The Bishop may admit the nominee as a Postulant for ordination to the Diaconate. The Bishop shall record the Postulant’s name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Postulant, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the Postulant’s program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(e) Each Postulant for ordination to the Diaconate shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Postulant’s academic, diaconal, human, spiritual, and practical development.

(f) Any Postulant may be removed as a Postulant at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Postulant and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant’s.
congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the program of preparation.

**Sec. 4. Candidacy**

Candidacy is a time of education and formation, **no less than one year in length**, in preparation for ordination to the Diaconate, established by a formal commitment by the Candidate, the Bishop, the Commission, the Standing Committee and the congregation or other community of faith.

(a) A person desiring to be considered as a Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate shall apply to the Bishop. Such application shall include the following:

(1) the Postulant’s date of admission to Postulancy, and

(2) a letter of support by the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith.

If it be a congregation the letter shall be signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body and by the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

(b) Upon compliance with Section 3 of this Canon, these requirements, and receipt of a written statement from the Commission attesting to the continuing formation of the Postulant, and having received approval in writing of the Standing Committee who shall have interviewed the Postulant and who shall have had an opportunity to review the documentation relating to the application of the Postulant, the Bishop may admit the Postulant as a Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate. The Bishop shall record the Candidate’s name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Candidate, and the Member of the Clergy or other leader of the Candidate’s discernment community exercising oversight of the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Candidate may be attending or proposes to attend, or the director of the Candidate’s program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(c) A Candidate must remain in canonical relationship with the Diocese in which admission has been granted until ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon, except, for reasons acceptable to the Bishop, the Candidate may be transferred to another Diocese upon request, provided that the Bishop of the receiving Diocese is willing to accept the Candidate.

(d) Any Candidate may be removed as a Candidate, at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Candidate and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the program of preparation.

(e) If a Bishop has removed the Candidate’s name from the list of Candidates, except by transfer, or the Candidate’s application for ordination has been rejected, no other Bishop may ordain the person without readmission to Candidacy for a period of at least twelve months.

**Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination**

(a) The Bishop and the Commission shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation for ordination to the Diaconate in accordance with this Canon to ensure that pastoral guidance is provided throughout the period of preparation.
(b) The Bishop may assign the Postulant or Candidate to any congregation of the diocese or other community of faith after consultation with the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

(c) Formation shall take into account the local culture and each Postulant or Candidate’s background, age, occupation, and ministry.

(d) Prior education and learning from life experience may be considered as part of the formation required for ordination.

(e) Wherever possible, formation for the Diaconate shall take place in community, including other persons in preparation for the Diaconate, or others preparing for ministry.

(f) Before ordination each Candidate shall be prepared in and demonstrate basic competence in five general areas:

1. Academic studies including, The Holy Scriptures, theology, and the tradition of the Church.
2. Diakonia and the diaconate.
3. Human awareness and understanding.
4. Spiritual development and discipline.
5. Practical training and experience.

(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.

(h) Each Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Candidate's academic, diaconal, human, spiritual, and practical development.

(i) During Candidacy each Candidate’s progress shall be evaluated from time to time, and there shall be a written report of the evaluation by those authorized by the Commission to be in charge of the evaluation program. Upon certification by those in charge of the Candidate’s program of preparation that the Candidate has successfully completed preparation and is ready for ordination, a final written assessment of readiness for ordination to the Diaconate shall be prepared as determined by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission. This report shall include a recommendation from the Commission regarding the readiness of the Candidate for ordination. Records shall be kept of all evaluations, assessments, and the recommendation, and shall be made available to the Standing Committee.

(j) Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished

1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
(2) medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

(k) Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.

Sec. 6. Ordination to the Diaconate

(a) A person may be ordained Deacon:

(1) after at least eighteen months from the time of written acceptance of nomination by the Nominee as provided in III.6.2(b), and
(2) upon attainment of at least twenty-four years of age.

(b) The Bishop shall obtain in writing and provide to the Standing Committee:

(1) an application from the Candidate requesting ordination as a Deacon under this Canon.
(2) a letter of support from the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.
(3) written evidence of admission of the Candidate to Postulancy and Candidacy, giving the dates of admission.
(4) a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation showing the Candidate’s scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an evaluation with recommendation as to the Candidate’s other personal qualifications for ordination together with a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.
(5) a certificate from the Commission giving a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.

(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. Before ordination each Candidate must have reached the age of twenty-four, and made application for ordination.

(b) Upon certification in writing by the Standing Committee that all Canonical requirements have been met and that there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate a Deacon.

To the Right Reverend ______, Bishop of ______. We, the Standing Committee of ______, having been duly convened at _______ at _______, do testify that A.B., desiring to be ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 has presented to us the certificates as required by the Canons indicating A.B.’s preparedness for ordination to the Diaconate under Canon III.6; and we certify that all canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 have been met; and we find no sufficient objection to ordination. Therefore, we recommend A.B. for ordination. In witness whereof, we have
hereunto set our hands this ____ day of ______, in the year of our Lord _______. (Signed) ___________

(d) The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate to the Diaconate under this Canon; and at the time of ordination the Candidate shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

CANON 7: Of the Life and Work of Deacons

Sec. 1. Deacons serve directly under the authority of and are accountable to the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. Deacons canonically resident in each Diocese constitute a Community of Deacons, which shall meet from time to time. The Bishop may appoint one or more of such Deacons as Archdeacon(s) to assist the Bishop in the formation, deployment, supervision, and support of the Deacons or those in preparation to be Deacons, and in the implementation of this Canon.

Sec. 3. The Bishop may establish a Council on Deacons to oversee, study, and promote the Diaconate.

Sec. 4. The Bishop, after consultation with the Deacon and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight, may assign a Deacon to one or more congregations, other communities of faith or non-parochial ministries. Deacons assigned to a congregation or other community of faith act under the authority of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight in all matters concerning the congregation.

(a) Subject to the Bishop’s approval, deacons may have a letter of agreement setting forth mutual responsibilities in the assignment, and, if such a letter exists, it is subject to renegotiation with the Vestry/Bishop’s Committee after the resignation of the Rector or the Priest-in-Charge.

(b) Deacons shall report annually to the Bishop or the Bishop's designee on their life and work.

(c) Deacons may serve as administrators of congregations or other communities of faith, but no Deacon shall be in charge of a congregation or other community of faith.

(d) Deacons may accept chaplaincies in any hospital, prison, or other institution.

(e) Deacons may participate in the governance of the Church.

(f) For two years following ordination, new Deacons shall continue a process of formation authorized by the Bishop.

(g) The Bishop or the Bishop’s designee, in consultation with the Commission, shall assign each newly ordained Deacon a mentor Deacon where a suitable mentor Deacon is available. The mentor and Deacon shall meet regularly for at least one year to provide guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about diaconal ministry.
Sec. 5. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of Deacons and keep a record of such education.

Sec. 6 (a) A Deacon may not serve as Deacon for more than two months in any Diocese other than the Diocese in which the Deacon is canonically resident unless the Bishop of the other Diocese shall have granted a license to the Deacon to serve in that Diocese.

(b)(1) A Deacon desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Deacon is canonically resident to present to the receiving Diocese, which testimonial, if granted, shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial shall be in the following words:

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 __________ 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) _______________

(2) Such testimonial shall be called Letters Dimissory. If the Ecclesiastical Authority accepts the Letters Dimissory, the canonical residence of the Deacon so transferred shall date from the acceptance of the Letters Dimissory, of which prompt notice shall be given both to the applicant and to the Ecclesiastical Authority from which it came.

(3) Letters Dimissory not presented within six months from the date of transmission to the applicant shall become void.

(4) A statement of the record of payments to The Church Pension Fund by or on behalf of the Deacon concerned shall accompany Letters Dimissory.

Sec. 7. On reaching the age of seventy-two years, a Deacon shall resign from all positions of active service in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. A Deacon may resign for reasons of infirmity with the consent of the Bishop at any time and shall resign for reasons of infirmity at the request of the Bishop. 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.

Sec. 8. If any Deacon of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Deacon is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed therefrom, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provision of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Deacon’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Deacon is released from the

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obligations of the Ministerial office, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.

Sec. 9. If a Deacon making the aforesaid declaration of renunciation of the ordained Ministry be under Presentment for any Offense, or shall have been placed on Trial for the same, the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom such declaration is made shall not consider or act upon such declaration until after the said Presentment shall have been dismissed or the said Trial shall have been concluded and the Deacon judged not to have committed an Offense.

Sec. 10. In the case of the renunciation of the ordained Ministry by a Deacon as provided in this Canon, a declaration of 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 removed is canonically resident. The Bishop who pronounces the declaration of removal as provided in this Canon shall give notice thereof in writing to every Member of the Clergy, each Vestry, the Secretary of the Convention and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the 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 Board for Church Deployment.

CANON 8: Of the Ordination of Priests

Sec. 1. Selection
The Bishop, in consultation with the Commission, shall establish procedures to identify and select persons with evident gifts and fitness for ordination to the Priesthood.

Sec. 2. Nomination
A confirmed adult communicant in good standing may be nominated for ordination to the priesthood by the person’s congregation or other community of faith.

(a) The Nomination shall be in writing and shall include a letter of support by the Nominee’s congregation or other community of faith committing the community to

i) pledge to contribute financially to that preparation, and

ii) involve itself in the Nominee’s preparation for ordination to the Priesthood.

If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight.

(b) The Nominee, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing, and shall provide the following to the Bishop:
(1) Full name and date of birth.
(2) The length of time resident in the Diocese.
(3) Evidence of Baptism and Confirmation.
(4) Whether an application has been made previously for Postulancy or the person has been nominated in any Diocese.
(5) A description of the process of discernment by which the Nominee has been identified for ordination to the Priesthood.
(6) The level of education attained and, if any, the degrees earned and areas of specialization, together with copies of official transcripts, and areas of specialization.

Sec. 3. Postulancy

Postulancy is the time between nomination and candidacy and may initiate the formal preparation for ordination. Postulancy involves continued exploration of and decision about the Postulant's call to the Priesthood.

(a) Before granting admission as a Postulant, the Bishop shall
(1) determine that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing.
(2) confer in person with the Nominee.
(3) shall consult with the Nominee regarding financial resources which will be available for the support of the Postulant throughout preparation for ordination. During Postulancy and later Candidacy, the Bishop or someone appointed by the Bishop shall review periodically the financial condition and plans of the Postulant.

(b) If the Bishop approves proceeding, the Commission, or a committee of the Commission, shall meet with the Nominee to review the application and prepare an evaluation of the Nominee's qualifications to pursue a course program of preparation for ordination to the Priesthood. The Commission shall present its evaluation and recommendations to the Bishop.

(c) No Bishop shall consider accepting as a Postulant any person who has been refused admission as a Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood in any other Diocese, or who, having been admitted, has afterwards ceased to be a Candidate, until receipt of a letter from the Bishop of the Diocese refusing admission, or in which the person has been a Candidate, declaring the cause of refusal or of cessation.

(d) The Bishop may admit the Nominee as a Postulant for ordination to the Priesthood. The Bishop shall record the Postulant's name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Postulant, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant's congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Postulant may be attending or proposes to attend, or the director of Postulant's program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(e) Each Postulant for ordination to the Priesthood shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Postulant's academic experience and personal and spiritual development.
Any Postulant may be removed as a Postulant at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Postulant and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the program of preparation.

Sec. 4. Candidacy

Candidacy is a time of education and formation no less than one year in length in preparation for ordination to the Priesthood, established by a formal commitment by the Candidate, the Bishop, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the congregation or other community of faith.

(a) A person desiring to be considered as a Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood shall apply to the Bishop. Such application shall include the following:

(1) the Postulant’s date of admission to Postulancy, and
(2) a letter of support by the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith. If it be a congregation the letter shall be signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body and by the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

(b) Upon compliance with these requirements, and receipt of a statement from the Commission attesting to the continuing formation of the Postulant, and having received approval in writing of the Standing Committee who shall have interviewed the Postulant and who shall have had an opportunity to review the documentation relating to the application of the Postulant, the Bishop may admit the applicant Postulant as a Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood. The Bishop shall record the Candidate’s name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Candidate, the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight of the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Candidate may be attending or the director of the Candidate’s program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(c) A Candidate must remain in canonical relationship with the Diocese in which admission has been granted until ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon, except, for reasons acceptable to the Bishop, the Candidate may be transferred to another Diocese upon request, provided that the Bishop of the receiving Diocese is willing to accept the Candidate.

(d) Any Candidate may be removed as a Candidate at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Candidate and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Candidate may be attending or the director of the program of preparation.

(e) If a Bishop has removed the Candidate’s name from the list of Candidates, except by transfer, or the Candidate’s application for ordination has been rejected,
no other Bishop may ordain the person without readmission to Candidacy for a period of at least twelve months.

Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination

(a) The Bishop and the Commission shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation for ordination to the Priesthood and to ensure that pastoral guidance is provided throughout the period of preparation.

(b) If the Postulant or Candidate has not previously obtained a baccalaureate degree, the Commission, Bishop, and Postulant or Candidate shall design a program of such additional academic work as may be necessary to prepare the Postulant or Candidate to undertake a program of theological education.

(c) Formation shall take into account the local culture and each Postulant or Candidate’s background, age, occupation, and ministry.

(d) Prior education and learning from life experience may be considered as part of the formation required for the Priesthood.

(e) Whenever possible, formation for the Priesthood shall take place in community, including other persons in preparation for the Priesthood, a ministry team, or others preparing for ministry.

(f) Formation shall include theological training, practical experience, emotional development, and spiritual formation.

(g) Subject areas for study during this program of preparation shall include:

1. The Holy Scriptures.
2. Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement.
3. Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
5. Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural ministry skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one’s first language.
6. Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
7. Theory and practice of ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship.

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.

(i) Each Postulant or Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks,
reflecting on the Candidate’s academic experience and personal and spiritual development.

(j) The seminary or other formation program shall provide for, monitor, and report on the academic performance and personal qualifications of the Postulant or Candidate for ordination. These reports will be made upon request of the Bishop and Commission, but at least once per year.

(k) Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, the following must be accomplished

1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
2. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

(l) Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.

Sec. 6. Ordination to the Diaconate for those called to the Priesthood

(a) A Candidate must first be ordained Deacon before being ordained Priest.

(b) To be ordained Deacon under this Canon, a person must be at least twenty-four years of age.

(e) No one shall be ordained Deacon under this Canon within one year of admission as a Candidate.

(d) The Bishop shall obtain in writing and provide to the Standing Committee:

1. an application from the Candidate requesting ordination as a Deacon under this Canon.
2. a letter of support from the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.
3. written evidence of admission of the Candidate to Postulancy and Candidacy, giving the date of admission.
4. a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation showing the Candidate’s scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an evaluation with recommendation as to the Candidate’s other personal qualifications for ordination together with a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.
5. a certificate from the Commission giving a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.

(e) The Standing Committee shall obtain:

1. the application for ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon specified in Canon III.8.6.(d)(1), including the accompanying letter of support by the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith specified in Canon III.8.6.(d)(2).
2. certificates from the Bishop who admitted the Candidate to Postulancy and Candidacy, giving the dates of admission.
(3) a certificate from the Commission giving a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.

(f) On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, a majority of all 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.

To the Right Reverend ______, Bishop of ___________. We, the Standing Committee of __________, having been duly convened at _________ at __________, do testify that A.B., desiring to be ordained to the Diaconate and Priesthood under Canon III.8 has presented to us the certificates as required by the Canons indicating A.B.’s preparedness for ordination to the Diaconate under Canon III.8; and we certify that all canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under Canon III.8 have been met; and we find no sufficient objection to ordination. Therefore, we recommend A.B. for ordination. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _______. (Signed) ______________________

(g) The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate to the Diaconate under this Canon; and at the time of ordination the Candidate shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

Sec. 7. Ordination to the Priesthood

(a) A person may be ordained Priest:

(1) after at least six eighteen months—since ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, from the time of acceptance of nomination by the Nominee as provided in III.8.2(b), and

(2) upon attainment of at least twenty-four years of age, and

(3) if the medical examination evaluation, psychological examination evaluation, and background check have taken place or been updated within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Priest.

(b) The Bishop shall obtain in writing and provide to the Standing Committee:

(1) an application from the Deacon requesting ordination as a Priest, including the Deacon's dates of admission to Postulancy and Candidacy and ordination as a Deacon under this Canon,

(2) a letter of support from the Deacon's congregation or other community of faith, signed by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight,

(3) evidence of admission to Postulancy and Candidacy, including dates of admission, and ordination to the Diaconate,

(4) a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation, written at the completion of the program of preparation, showing the Deacon's scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an evaluation with
recommendation as to the Deacon's other personal qualifications for ordination together with a recommendation regarding ordination to the Priesthood, and
(5) a statement from the Commission attesting to the successful completion of the program of formation designed during Postulancy under Canon III.8.5, and proficiency in the required areas of study, and recommending the Deacon for ordination to the Priesthood.

(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.

To the Right Reverend_______, Bishop of_______ We, the Standing Committee of ______, having been duly convened at ____________, do testify that A.B., desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood, has presented to us the certificates as required by the Canons indicating A.B.'s preparedness for ordination to the Priesthood have been met; and we certify that all canonical requirements for ordination to the Priesthood have been met, and we find no sufficient objection to ordination. Therefore, we recommend A.B. for ordination. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of ______, in the year of our Lord _______. (Signed) _____________________

(d) The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds, the Bishop may ordain the Deacon to the Priesthood; and at the time of ordination the Deacon shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(e) No Deacon shall be ordained to the Priesthood until having been appointed to serve in a Parochial Cure within the jurisdiction of this Church, or as a Missionary under the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese, or as an officer of a Missionary Society recognized by the General Convention, or as a Chaplain of the Armed Services of the United States, or as a Chaplain in a recognized hospital or other welfare institution, or as a Chaplain or instructor in a school, college, or other seminary, or with other opportunity for the exercise of the office of Priest within the Church judged appropriate by the Bishop.

(f) A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who is subsequently called to the Priesthood shall fulfill the Postulancy and Candidacy requirements set forth in this Canon. Upon completion of these requirements, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.

CANON 9: Of the Life and Work of Priests
Sec. 1. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of Priests and keep a record of such education.
Sec. 2. Mentoring for Newly Ordained Priests
Each newly ordained Priest, whether employed or not, shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and new Priest shall meet regularly for at least a year to provide guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about priestly ministry.

Sec. 3. The Appointment of Priests

(a) Rectors.

(1) When a Parish is without a Rector, the Wardens or other officers shall promptly notify the Ecclesiastical Authority in writing. If the Parish shall for thirty days fail to provide services of public worship, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall make provision for such worship.

(2) No Parish may elect a Rector until the names of the proposed nominees have been forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Authority and a time, not exceeding sixty days, given to the Ecclesiastical Authority to communicate with the Vestry, nor until any such communication has been considered by the Vestry at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose.

(3) Written notice of the election of a Rector, signed by the Wardens, shall be forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Authority. If the Ecclesiastical Authority is satisfied that the person so elected is a duly qualified Priest and that such Priest has accepted the office to which elected, the notice shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it. Race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities or age, except as otherwise specified by these Canons, shall not be a factor in the determination of the Ecclesiastical Authority as to whether such person is a duly qualified Priest. The recorded notice shall be sufficient evidence of the relationship between the Priest and the Parish.

(4) Rectors may have a letter of agreement with the Parish setting forth mutual responsibilities, subject to the Bishop's approval.

(b) Priests-in-Charge.

After consultation with the Vestry, the Bishop may appoint a Priest to serve as Priest-in-Charge of any congregation in which there is no Rector. In such congregations, the Priest-in-Charge shall exercise the duties of Rector outlined in Canon III.9.5 subject to the authority of the Bishop.

(c) Assistants.

A Priest serving as an assistant in a Parish, by whatever title designated, shall be selected by the Rector, and when required by the Canons of the Diocese, subject to the approval of the Vestry, and shall serve under the authority and direction of the Rector. Before the selection of an assistant the name of the Priest proposed for selection shall be made known to the Bishop and a time, not exceeding sixty days, given for the Bishop to communicate with the Rector and Vestry on the proposed selection. Upon resignation by the Rector, death of the Rector, or in the event of the dissolution of a pastoral relationship between the Rector and the Vestry, an assistant may continue in the service of the Parish if requested to do so by the Vestry under such conditions as the Bishop and Vestry shall determine. An
assistant may continue to serve at the request of a new Rector. Assistants may have a letter of agreement with the Rector and the Vestry setting forth mutual responsibilities and containing a clearly articulated dissolution clause, subject to the Bishop's approval.

(d) Chaplains.

(1) A Priest may be given ecclesiastical endorsement for service as a Chaplain in the Armed Services of the United States of America or as a Chaplain for the Veterans' Administration, or in any Federal Correctional Institution, by the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces subject to the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.

(2) Any Priest serving on active duty with the Armed Services shall retain the Priest's canonical residence and shall be subject to the ecclesiastical supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese of which the Priest is canonically resident, even though the Priest's work as a Chaplain shall be subject to the general supervision of the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces, or such other Bishop as the Presiding Bishop may designate.

(3) Any Priest serving on a military installation or at a Veterans' Administration facility or Federal Correctional Institution shall not be subject to Canons III.9.3.(e)(1) or III.9.4.(a). When serving other than on a military installation or at a Veterans' Administration facility, or Federal Correctional Institution, a Chaplain shall be subject to these Sections.

(e) Employment of Priests in Other Settings.

(1) Any Priest who has left a position in this Church without having received a call to a new ecclesiastical position and who desires to continue the exercise of the office of Priest shall notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident and shall advise the Bishop that reasonable opportunities for the exercise of the office of Priest exist and that use will be made of such opportunities. After having determined that the person will have and use opportunities for the exercise of the office of Priest, the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may approve the Priest's continued exercise of the office on condition that the Priest report annually in writing, in a manner prescribed by the Bishop, as provided in Canon I.6.2.

(2) A Priest not in parochial employment moving to another jurisdiction shall report to the Bishop of that jurisdiction within sixty days of such move. The Priest:

(i) May officiate or preach in that jurisdiction only under the terms of Canon III.9.5.(a).

(ii) Shall provide notice of such move, in writing and within sixty days, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.
(iii) (iii) Shall forward a copy of the report required by Canon I.6.2 to the Ecclesiastical Authority to whose jurisdiction the Priest has moved.

(iii) (c) Upon receipt of the notice required by Canon III.9.3.(e)(3)(ii)(b), the Ecclesiastical Authority shall provide written notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority into whose jurisdiction the person has moved.

(2) (3) If the Priest fails to comply with the provisions of this Canon, the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident may proceed in accordance with Canon IV.11.

Sec. 4. Letters Dimissory

(a) A Priest desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese shall present to the Ecclesiastical Authority 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 to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial shall be accompanied by a statement of the record of payments to The Church Pension Fund by or on behalf of the Priest concerned and may include a portfolio of training, continuing education and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of ______________, is a Priest of ______________ 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) Such a testimonial shall be called Letters Dimissory. If the Ecclesiastical Authority accepts the Letters Dimissory, the canonical residence of the Priest transferred shall date from such acceptance, and prompt notice of acceptance shall be given to the applicant and to the Ecclesiastical Authority issuing the Letters Dimissory.

(c) Letters Dimissory not presented within six months of their date of receipt by the applicant shall become void.

(d) If a Priest has been called to a Cure in a congregation in another Diocese, the Priest shall present Letters Dimissory. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall accept Letters Dimissory within three months of their receipt unless the Bishop or Standing Committee has received credible information concerning the character or behavior of the Priest concerned which would form grounds for canonical inquiry and presentment. In such a case, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident and need not accept the Letters Dimissory unless and until the Priest shall be exculpated. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall not refuse to accept Letters Dimissory based on the applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age.
A Priest shall not be in charge of any congregation in the Diocese to which the person moves until obtaining from the Ecclesiastical Authority of that Diocese a certificate in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Priest in good standing.

(Date) __________ (Signed) ___________________

No person who has been refused ordination or reception as a Candidate in any Diocese, and is thereafter ordained in another Diocese, shall be transferred to the Diocese in which such refusal has occurred without the consent of its Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 5. Rectors and Priests-in-Charge and Their Duties

(a) The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall have full authority and responsibility for the conduct of the worship and the spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish, subject to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and the pastoral direction of the Bishop.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to ensure all persons in their charge receive Instruction in the Holy Scriptures; in the subjects contained in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism; in the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church; and in the exercise of their ministry as baptized persons.

(i) reverence for the creation and the right use of God's gifts;

(ii) generous and consistent offering of time, talent, and treasure for the mission and ministry of the Church at home and abroad;

(iii) the biblical standard of the tithe for financial stewardship; and

(iv) the responsibility of all persons to make a will as prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer.

It shall be the duty of Rectors or Priests-in-Charge to encourage and ensure the preparation of persons for Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of their faith.
of Baptismal Vows, and to be ready to present them to the Bishop with a list of
their names.
(5) On notice being received of the Bishop's intention to visit any congregation,
the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall announce the fact to the congregation. At
every visitation it shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge and the
Wardens, Vestry or other officers, to exhibit to the Bishop the Parish Register
and to give information as to the state of the congregation, spiritual and
temporal, in such categories as the Bishop shall have previously requested in
writing.
(6) The Alms and Contributions, not otherwise specifically designated, at the
Administration of the Holy Communion on one Sunday in each calendar month,
and other offerings for the poor, shall be deposited with the Rector or Priest-
in-Charge or with such Church officer as the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall
appoint to be applied to such pious and charitable uses as the Rector or Priest-
in-Charge shall determine. When a Parish is without a Rector or Priest-in-Charge,
the Vestry shall designate a member of the Parish to fulfill this function.
(7) Whenever the House of Bishops shall publish a Pastoral Letter, it shall be
the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to read it to the congregation on some
occasion of public worship on a Lord's Day, or to cause copies of the same to
be distributed to the members of the congregation, not later than thirty days
after receipt.
(8) Whenever the House of Bishops shall adopt a Position Paper, and require
communication of the content of the Paper to the membership of the Church,
the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall so communicate the Paper in the manner
set forth in the preceding section of this Canon.
(c)
(1) It shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to record in the Parish
Register all Baptisms, Confirmations (including the canonical equivalents in
Canon I.17.1(d)), Marriages and Burials.
(2) The registry of each Baptism shall be signed by the officiating Member of
the Clergy.
(3) The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall record in the Parish Register all persons
who have received Holy Baptism, all communicants, all persons who have
received Confirmation (including the canonical equivalents in Canon I.17.1(d)),
all persons who have died, and all persons who have been received or removed
by letter of transfer. The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall also designate in the
Parish Register the names of (1) those persons whose domicile is unknown, (2)
those persons whose domicile is known but are inactive, and (3) those families
and persons who are active within the congregation. The Parish Register shall
remain with the congregation at all times.
Sec. 6. Licenses
(a) No Priest shall preach, minister the Sacraments, or hold any public service,
within the limits of any Diocese other than the Diocese in which the Priest is
canonically resident for more than two months without a license from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest desires to so officiate. No Priest shall be denied such a license on account of the Priest's race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age, except as otherwise provided in these Canons. Upon expiration or withdrawal of a license, a priest shall cease immediately to officiate.

(b) No Priest shall preach, read prayers in public worship, or perform any similar function, in a congregation without the consent of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge of that congregation, except as follows:

(1) In the absence or impairment of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, and if provision has not been made for the stated services of the congregation or other community of faith, a Warden may give such consent.

(2) If there be two or more congregations or Churches in one Cure, as provided by Canon I.13.3(b), consent may be given by the majority of the Priests-in-Charge of such congregations, or by the Bishop; Provided, that nothing in this Section shall prevent any Member of the Clergy of this Church from officiating, with the consent of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, in the Church or place of public worship used by the congregation of the consenting Rector or Priest-in-Charge, or in private for members of the congregation; or in the absence of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, with the consent of the Wardens or Trustees of the congregation; Provided further, that the license of the Ecclesiastical Authority provided in Canon III.9.5(a), if required, be obtained.

(3) This Canon shall not apply to any Church, Chapel, or Oratory, which is part of the premises of an incorporated institution created by legislative authority, Provided that such place of worship is designated and set apart for the convenience and use of such institution, and not as a place for public or parochial worship.

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

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

(2) The Bishop of any Diocese from giving permission

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

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

   (iii) To godly persons who are not Clergy of this Church to address the Church on special occasions.
(iv) To the Member of the Clergy or Priest-in-Charge of a congregation or if there be none, to the Wardens, to invite Clergy ordained in another Church in communion with this Church to officiate on an occasional basis, provided that such clergy are instructed to teach and act in a manner consistent with the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church.

(d) If any Member of the Clergy or Priest-in-Charge, as a result of impairment or any other cause, shall neglect to perform regular services in the congregation, and refuse, without good cause, to consent to any other duly qualified Member of the Clergy to perform such services, the Wardens, Vestry, or Trustees of the congregation shall, upon providing evidence to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of such neglect or refusal and with the written consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority, have the authority to permit any duly qualified Member of the Clergy to officiate.

(e) Any Priest desiring to officiate temporarily outside the jurisdiction of this Church but in a Church in communion with this Church, shall obtain from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the person is canonically resident, a testimonial which shall set forth the person's official standing, and which may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be permitted to officiate temporarily in churches not under the jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church, yet in communion with this Church, is a Priest of __________ in good standing, and as such is entitled to the rights and privileges of that Order.

(Date) __________ (Signed) ___________________

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

(f) Any priest who is offered a position in another Church may accept the position, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the priest is canonically resident.

Sec. 7. Resignation
On reaching the age of seventy-two years, a Priest shall resign from all positions of in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. A Priest may resign for reasons of impairment with the consent of the Bishop at any time and shall resign for reasons of impairment at the request of the Bishop and, in the case of a Rector, with the consent of the Vestry. 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; Provided,

(a) tenure in the position shall be for a term of not more than twelve months, which term may be renewed from time to time,

(b) service in the position shall have the express approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the service is to be performed, acting in consultation with the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.
(c) Anything in this Canon to the contrary notwithstanding, a Priest who has served in a non-stipendiary capacity in a position before resignation may, at the Bishop’s request, serve in the same position for a term not to exceed twelve months thereafter, and this term may be renewed.

Sec. 8. Renunciation of the Ordained Ministry
If any Priest of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Priest is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed therefrom, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provision of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Priest’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Priest is released from the obligations of the Ministerial office, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.

Sec. 9. A Priest who would be permitted under this Canon to renounce the exercise of ordained office, who desires to enter into other than ecclesiastical employment, may declare in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident a desire to be released from the obligations of the office and a desire to be released from the exercise of the office of Priest. Upon receipt of such declaration, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall proceed in the same manner as if the declaration was one of renunciation of the ordained Priesthood under this Canon.

Sec. 10. If a Priest making the aforesaid declaration of renunciation of the ordained Ministry be under Presentment for any Offense, or shall have been placed on Trial for the same, the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom such declaration is made shall not consider or act upon such declaration until after the said Presentment shall have been dismissed or the said Trial shall have been concluded and the Priest judged not to have committed an Offense.

Sec. 11. In the case of the renunciation of the ordained Ministry by a Priest as provided in this Canon, a declaration of 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 removed is canonically resident. The Bishop who pronounces the declaration of removal as provided in this Canon shall give notice thereof in writing to every Member of the Clergy, each Vestry, the Secretary of the Convention and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Priest was canonically resident; and to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Presiding Bishop, the Recorder of Ordinations,
the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the House of Deputies, The Church Pension Fund, and the Board for Church Deployment.

**Sec. 12. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation**
When the pastoral relationship in a parish between a Rector and the Vestry or Congregation is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a majority vote of the Vestry or the Rector, either party may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances for that purpose by the Ecclesiastical Authority, which may include the appointment of a consultant. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall labor in good faith that the parties may be reconciled. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it shall request the Bishop of a neighboring Diocese to perform the duties of the Ecclesiastical Authority under this Canon.

**Sec. 13. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation**
Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector canonically or lawfully elected and in charge of a Parish be removed therefrom by the Vestry against the Rector's will, except as hereinafter provided.

**Sec. 14. If for any urgent reason a Rector or Vestry desires a dissolution of the pastoral relation, and the parties cannot agree, either party may give notice in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties of the Bishop under this Canon.**

**Sec. 15. Within sixty days of receipt of the written notice the Bishop, as chief pastor of the Diocese, shall mediate the differences between Rector and Vestry in every informal way which the Bishop deems proper and may appoint a committee of at least one Presbyter and one Lay Person, none of whom may be members of the Parish involved, to make a report to the Bishop.**

**Sec. 16. If the differences between the parties are not resolved after completion of the mediation, the Bishop shall proceed as follows:**

(a) The Bishop shall give notice to the Rector and Vestry that a godly judgment will be rendered in the matter after consultation with the Standing Committee and that either party has the right within ten days to request in writing an opportunity to confer with the Standing Committee before it consults with the Bishop.

(b) If a timely request is made, the President of the Standing Committee shall set a date for the conference, which shall be held within thirty days.

(c) At the conference each party shall be entitled to representation and to present its position fully.

(d) Within thirty days after the conference or after the Bishop’s notice if no conference is requested, the Bishop shall confer with and receive the
recommendation of the Standing Committee; thereafter the Bishop, as final arbiter and judge, shall render a godly judgment.

(e) Upon the request of either party the Bishop shall explain the reasons for the judgment. If the explanation is in writing, copies shall be delivered to both parties.

(f) If the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Rector and the Vestry.

(g) If the relation is to be dissolved:

1. The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.

2. The judgment shall include such terms and conditions including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop just and compassionate.

Sec. 17. In either event the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

Sec. 18. In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may impose such penalties as may be set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and in default of any provisions for such penalties therein, the Bishop may act as follows:

(a) In the case of a Rector, suspend the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.

(b) In the case of a Vestry, invoke any available sanctions including recommending to the Convention of the Diocese that the Parish be placed under the supervision of the Bishop as a Mission until it has complied with the judgment.

Sec. 19. For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this Canon, provided that all be done to expedite these proceedings. All parties shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

Sec. 20.

(a) Statements made during the course of proceedings under this Canon are not discoverable nor admissible in any proceedings under Title IV provided that this does not require the exclusion of evidence in any proceeding under the Canons which is otherwise discoverable and admissible.

(b) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made by the Vestry against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary proceeding under Canon IV.1, all proceedings under this Canon with respect to such charge shall be suspended until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.

Sec. 21. Sections 13-20 of this Canon shall not apply in any Diocese which has made a provision on this subject in its Canons which is consistent with this Canon.

CANON 10: Of Reception of Clergy from other Churches

Sec. 1. Prior to reception or ordination, the following must be provided

(a) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee, and
(b) medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. If the medical examination, psychological examination, or background check have taken place more than thirty-six months prior to reception or ordination they must be updated.

(c) evidence of training regarding
   (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
   (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
   (3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
   (4) training regarding the Church’s teaching on racism.

(d) Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.

(e) Prior to reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide the clergy person an opportunity for guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

**Sec. 2. Clergy Ordained by Bishops of Churches in Communion with This Church**

(a)

(1) A Member of the Clergy, ordained by a Bishop of another Church in communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign land by Bishops of this Church under Article III of the Constitution, shall, before being permitted to officiate in any Congregation of this Church, exhibit to the Member of the Clergy in charge, or, if there be no Member of the Clergy in charge, to the Vestry thereof, a certificate of recent date, signed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese that the person’s letters of Holy Orders and other credentials are valid and authentic, and given by a Bishop in communion with this Church, and whose authority is acknowledged by this Church; and also that the person has exhibited to the Ecclesiastical Authority satisfactory evidence of (i) moral and godly character and of (ii) theological qualifications.

(2) Before being permitted to take charge of any Congregation, or being received into any Diocese of this Church as a Member of its Clergy, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall receive Letters Dimissory or equivalent credentials under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese the person has been last connected, which letters or credentials shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof. Before receiving the Member of the Clergy the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church, without recourse to any foreign jurisdiction, civil or ecclesiastical; and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the Bishop’s presence, and in the presence of two or more Presbyters, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution. The Bishop and at least one Presbyter shall examine the person as to knowledge of the history of this Church, its worship and
government. The Bishop also being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications, may then receive the person into the Diocese as a Member of the Clergy of this Church.

(3) A Member of the Clergy ordained by a Bishop of another Church in communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign land by Bishops of this Church, under Article III of the Constitution, shall not be accepted nor shall the Member of the Clergy be placed on the clergy list of this Church until having submitted to, and satisfactorily passed, a thorough examination, covering both medical and psychological condition by professionals appointed by the Bishop. The forms for medical and psychological and psychiatric reports prepared by The Church Pension Fund shall be used for these purposes.

(3) The provisions of this Section shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy identified in Canon I.20. of churches in the historic Episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:

(a) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,
(b) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(c) the Philippine Independent Church, and
(d) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar
(e) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

(b) A Member of the Clergy who is a Deacon shall not be ordered Priest until having resided within the jurisdiction of this Church at least one year and all the requirements for ordination to the Priesthood as required by Canon III.8 have been satisfied.

(c) Following reception each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide the clergy person an opportunity for guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

Sec. 3. Clergy Ordained by Bishops in Churches in the Historic Succession but Not in Communion with This Church

(a) When a Priest or Deacon ordained in a Church by a Bishop in the Historic Succession but not in communion with this Church, the regularity of whose ordination is approved by the Presiding Bishop as permitted by I.16.3, desires to be received as a Member of the Clergy in this Church, the person shall apply in writing to a Bishop, attaching the following:

(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
(2) Evidence of previous Ministry and that all other credentials are valid and authentic.
(3) Evidence of moral and godly character; and that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of Holy Orders in this Church; that the person is no longer functioning within the previous ordained ministry; and
that the person has provided a written notification of intentions to the previous church or ministry setting and a copy of this letter to the Bishop.

(4) Transcripts of all academic and theological studies.

(5) A certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the Communion to which the person has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to admit the person to Holy Orders in this Church.

(6) Certificates in the forms provided in Canon III.8.6 and III.8.7 from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church.

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

(b) The provisions of Canon III.8.5(a) shall be applicable.

(c) If the person has exercised a ministry in the previous Church with good repute and success and if the person furnishes evidence of satisfactory theological training in the previous Church, then the applicant shall be examined by the Commission and show proficiency in the following subjects:

(1) Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church.

(2) Doctrine: the Church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.

(3) Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer.

(4) Practical Theology:

   (i) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.

   (ii) The conduct of public worship.

   (iii) The Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident.

   (iv) The use of voice in reading and speaking.

(5) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file for at least three years.

(d) The Commission may, with the consent of the Bishop, and with notice to the applicant, examine the latter in any other subject required by Canon III.6.3 or III.8.4.

(e) Prior to being examined pursuant to Sec. 3(c) of this Canon, the applicant shall have received certificates from the Bishop and from the Standing Committee that the applicant is acceptable as a Member of the Clergy of this Church, subject to the successful completion of the examination.

(f) Before the person may be ordained or received into Holy Orders in this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things, to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction or foreign
civil jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the presence of the Bishop and two or more Presbyters the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(g) Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications and successful completion of the examination specified in Sec.3(c) of this Canon and soundness in the faith, shall:

1. Receive, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the person into this Church in the Orders to which already ordained by a Bishop in the historic succession; or
2. Confirm and make the person a Deacon and, no sooner than four months thereafter, ordain as Priest, if the person has not received such ordination; or
3. Ordain as a Deacon and no sooner than six months thereafter, ordain the person a Priest conditionally (having baptized and confirmed the person conditionally if necessary) if ordained by a Bishop whose authority to convey such orders has not been recognized by this Church.

(h) In the case of an ordination under this Canon, the Bishop shall, at the time of such ordination, read this preface to the Service:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese is satisfied that A.B. accepts the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church and now desires to be ordained a Deacon (or ordained a Priest) in this Church. We are about to confer upon A.B. the grace and authority of Holy Orders as this Church has received them and requires them for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

The certificates of ordination in such cases shall contain the words:

Acknowledging the ministry which A.B. has already received and hereby adding to that commission the grace and authority of Holy Orders as understood and required by this Church for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

(i) In the case of a conditional ordination pursuant to this Canon, the Bishop shall at the time of such ordination, read this preface to the service:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese has been satisfied that A.B., who has been ordained by a Bishop whose authority has not been recognized by this Church, accepts the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and now desires conditional ordination. By this service of ordination, we propose to establish that A.B. is qualified to exercise the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

(j) No one shall be ordained or received as a Deacon or Priest until age twenty-four.

(k) A Deacon received under this Canon, desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood must satisfy all the requirements for ordination as set forth in Canon III.8.

(l) No one shall be received or ordained under this Canon less than twelve months from the date of having become a confirmed communicant of this Church.
(m) Following reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

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

(a) If a person ordained or licensed by other than a Bishop in the Historic Succession to minister in a Church not in communion with this Church desires to be ordained,

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

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

(i) Whether the applicant has served in the previous Church with diligence and good reputation and has stated the causes which have impelled the applicant to leave the body and seek ordination in this Church, whether the person has ceased to function in his or her previous ordained ministry, has provided his or her church or ministry setting with written notice of his or her intention to leave, and has provided a copy of this letter to the Bishop;

(ii) The nature and extent of the applicant’s education and theological training,

(iii) The preparations necessary for ordination to the Order(s) to which the applicant feels called;

(3) The provisions of Canon III.5, 6, and 8 shall be followed except that the minimum period of Candidacy need not apply, if the Bishop and the Standing Committee at the recommendation of the Commission judge the Candidate to be ready for ordination to the Diaconate earlier than twelve months; the applicant shall be examined by the Commission and show proficiency in the following subjects:

(i) Church History: the history of the Anglican Church and The Episcopal Church in the United States of America,

(ii) Doctrine: the Church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism;

(iii) Liturgies: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer;

(iv) Practical Theology:

(a) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church,

(b) The conduct of public worship,

(c) The Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident,

(d) The use of voice in reading and speaking;

(v) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differs from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file for at least three years.
Having fulfilled all the requirements of this Canon, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate a Deacon, but may do so no sooner than twelve months after the Candidate became a confirmed communicant of this Church. At any time thereafter, the Candidate may be ordained a Priest at the Bishop’s discretion; and, no sooner than six months thereafter, a Priest. At the time of such ordination the Bishop shall read this preface following the signing of the declaration of conformity:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese is satisfied that A.B. accepts the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church and now desires to be ordained a Deacon (or ordained a Priest) in this Church. We are about to confer upon A.B. the grace and authority of Holy Orders as this Church has received them and requires them for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

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

Acknowledging the ministry which A.B. has already received and hereby adding to that commission the grace and authority of Holy Orders as understood and required by this Church for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

Following reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide the clergy person an opportunity for guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

CANON 11: Of the Ordination of Bishops

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 shall be given.

(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 then proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3 or 4.

(c) The Secretary of the body electing a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan, shall inform the Presiding Bishop promptly of the name of the person elected. It shall be the duty of the Bishop-elect to notify the Presiding Bishop of acceptance or declination of the election, at the same time as the Bishop-elect notifies the electing Diocese.

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

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan Bishop, for the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese to elect a successor; Provided, that if the Convention is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during the regular session. The proceedings incident to reparation for the ordination of the successor shall be as provided in this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the ordination to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

Sec. 3.

(a) When a Diocese desires the ordination of a Bishop-elect, if the date of the election occurs within one hundred twenty days—ninety days before a meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee of the Diocese shall, by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies evidence of the election of the Bishop-elect by the Convention of the Diocese, together with evidence that the Bishop-elect has been duly ordered Deacon and Priest, evidence of acceptance of election, and a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention, and a summary of biographical information relating to the Bishop-elect; in the following words:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully
elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the
Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a
Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a
wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) _______________

The Secretary of the Convention shall certify upon this testimonial that it has been
signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention.

(b) The Standing Committee shall also forward to the Secretary of the General
Convention, with the testimonial and other documents, certificates from a licensed
medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority
with the approval of the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the
Bishop-elect as to that person’s medical, psychological and psychiatric condition
and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake
the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to
by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund shall be used for this
purpose.

(c) The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall present the testimonials to the
House, and if the House consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, notice of
its consent, certified by the President and the Secretary of the House, together with
the testimonials, shall be sent to the House of Bishops.

(d) If a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction consent to
the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing
Committee of the Diocese electing and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

Sec. 4.

(a) If the date of the election of a Bishop occurs more than one hundred and twenty
days before the meeting of the General Convention, The Standing Committee of
the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by
some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding
Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the
election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement that
evidence of the Bishop-elect’s having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest as to
the Bishop-elect’s medical, psychological and psychiatric examination required in
Sec. 3(b) of this Canon have been received and that a testimonial signed by a
constitutional majority of the Convention must also be delivered in the following
form:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is
that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily
conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this
solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify
that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought
not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally
declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully
elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the
Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) _______________

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop’s receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (b) of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary documents described in Sec. 3(a) of this Canon, to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consents to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

(b) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of ______________, and having been duly convened at ______________, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of ________ in the year of our Lord _________.

(Signed) _______________

Sec. 5. In case a majority of all the Standing Committees of the Dioceses do not consent to the ordination of the Bishop-elect within one hundred and twenty days from the date of the notification of the election by the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected, or in case a majority of all the Bishops exercising jurisdiction do not consent within one hundred and twenty days from the date of notification to them by the Presiding Bishop of the election, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the election null and void and shall give notice to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected and to the Bishop-elect. The Convention of the Diocese may then proceed to a new election.

Sec. 6. Upon receipt of the consents and assurance of the acceptance of the election by the Bishop-elect, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the ordination of the
Bishop-elect either by the Presiding Bishop or the President of the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected is part, and two other Bishops of this Church, or by any three Bishops to whom the Presiding Bishop may communicate the testimonials.

Sec. 7. In all particulars the service at the ordination of a Bishop shall be under the direction of the Bishop presiding at the ordination.

Sec. 8. No person shall be ordained Bishop unless the person shall at the time, and in the presence of the ordaining Bishops and congregation, subscribe to and make the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

Sec. 9.

(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 10% 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 of the Province in which the Diocese is located to investigate the complaint. 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. Within thirty 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) If the election has taken place within one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the report shall be sent with the evidence of election and testimonials as provided in Section 3(a) of this Canon.

(c) If the election has taken place more than one hundred and twenty days before the meeting of the General Convention, 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.

Sec. 10. Other Bishops

(a) Bishops Coadjutor

(1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop in order to provide for orderly transition, the diocese may elect a Bishop Coadjutor who shall have the right of succession. The consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained. The election will be in accordance with this Canon.
(2) Before an election of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Diocesan shall read, or cause to be read, to the Convention the Bishop's written consent to the election. The consent shall state the duties to be assigned to the Bishop Coadjutor when ordained. The consent shall form part of the proceedings of the Convention. The duties assigned by the Diocesan Bishop to the Bishop Coadjutor may be enlarged by mutual consent.

(3) In the case of the inability of the Bishop Diocesan to issue the required consent, the Standing Committee of the Diocese may request the Convention to act without the consent. The request shall be accompanied by a certificate by at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists as to the inability of the Diocesan Bishop to issue the written consent.

(4) When a Diocese desires the ordination of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Standing Committee shall forward to the Presiding Bishop, in addition to the evidence and testimonials required by Canon III.10, a certificate of the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the Convention that every requirement of this Section has been complied with.

(5) There shall be only one Bishop Coadjutor in any Diocese.

(b) Bishops Suffragan

(1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop due to the extent of diocesan work, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Suffragan in accordance with this Canon.

(2) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.

(3) A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.

(i) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.

(4) The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.

(5) No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge of a Parish or Congregation.

(c) Missionary Bishops

(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church of this Church Canon III.11.

(2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election be made on its behalf by the Synod of the Province, or the House of Bishops of the Province subject to confirmation of the Provincial Council, or the Regional Council of Churches in communion with this Church of which the Diocese is a member. A Certificate of the Election, signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Synod or Provincial...
House of Bishops, or Regional Council, and a testimonial in the form required in Canon III.11 signed by a constitutional majority of the Synod, Provincial House of Bishops or Regional council, shall be transmitted by its presiding officer to the Standing Committee of the Missionary Diocese on whose behalf such election was made. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11, the above Certification of Election and Testimonial serving in lieu of evidence of election and testimonial therein required.

(3) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election may be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops. Such choice shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses. The medical certificate as required in Canon III.11 shall also be required of Missionary Bishops-elect.

(i) When the House of Bishops is to elect a Bishop for a Missionary Diocese within a given Province, the President of the Province may convene the Synod of the Province prior to the meeting of the House of Bishops at which a Bishop for such Missionary Diocese is to be elected. The Synod of the Province may thereupon nominate not exceeding three persons to the House of Bishops for that office. It shall be the duty of the President of the Province to transmit such nominations, if any be made, to the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, communicate the same to the Bishops, along with other nominations that have been made, in accordance with the Rules of Order of the House. Each Province containing a Missionary Diocese shall, by Ordinance, provide the manner of convening the Synod and making such nomination.

(ii) The evidence of such choice shall be a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding in the House of Bishops and by its Secretary, with a testimonial, or certified copy thereof, signed by a majority of the Bishops of the House, in the form required in Canon III.11, which shall be sent to the Presiding Officer of the House of Deputies, or the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses.

(iii) When the Presiding Bishop shall have received a certificate signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of a majority of the Standing Committees, that the election has been approved, and shall have received notice of the acceptance by the Bishop-elect of the election, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the consecration of the said Bishop-elect either by the Presiding Bishop and two other Bishops of this Church, or by three Bishops of this Church to whom the Presiding Bishop may communicate the certificates and testimonial.

(4) When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan; a Missionary Bishop of this Church, if such election shall have taken place within one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, evidence thereof shall be laid before each House of the General Convention, and the concurrence of each House, and its express consent, shall be necessary to the validity of said
election, and shall complete the same, so that the Bishop thus elected shall be thereafter the Bishop of the Diocese which has elected such Bishop.

(5) If the said election of the Missionary Bishop has taken place more than one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the report shall be sent with the evidence of election and testimonials as provided in Section 3(a) of this Canon.

The above process may be adopted, or the following instead thereof, viz:

When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan, a Missionary Bishop of this Church

(6) If the election of the Missionary Bishop has taken place more than one hundred twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese within the United States, which notice shall state what Bishops and Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the House of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop so elected.

(6) The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.

(7) In the event of a vacancy in the episcopate of a Missionary Diocese, on account of death, resignation, or other cause, the Standing Committee shall become the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until the vacancy is filled.

CANON 12: Of the Life and Work of a Bishop

Sec. 1. Formation
Following election and continuing for three years following ordination, new Bishops shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of Bishops. This process of formation shall provide a mentor for each newly ordained Bishop.

Sec. 2. Continuing Education
The House of Bishops shall require and provide for the continuing education of Bishops and shall keep a record of such education.

Sec. 3. Duties

(a) Each Bishop Diocesan shall visit the Congregations within the Diocese at least once in three years. Interim visits may be delegated to another Bishop of this Church.

(1) At every such visitation the visiting Bishop shall preside at the Holy Eucharist and at the Initiatatory Rites, as required, preach the Word, examine the records of
the Congregation required by Canon III.9, and examine the life and ministry of the Clergy and Congregation according to Canon III.9.

(2) If no visitation has occurred in a congregation for three years, the Bishop Diocesan or the Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry or comparable body may apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint five Bishops Diocesan who live nearest to the Diocese in which such Congregation is situated as a Council of Conciliation. The Council shall determine all matters of difference between the parties, and each party shall conform to the decision of the Council. Provided, that, in case of any subsequent trial of either party for failure to conform to the decision, any right of the Accused under the Constitutions and Canons of this Church or the Diocese holding the trial may be pleaded and established as a sufficient defense, notwithstanding the former decision; and Provided, further, that, in any case, the Bishop may at any time apply for such Council of Conciliation.

(b) The Bishop Diocesan may deliver, from time to time, a Charge to the Clergy of the Diocese and a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese on points of doctrine, discipline, or worship. The Bishop may require the Clergy to read the Pastoral Letter to their Congregations.

(c) Each Bishop shall keep a record of all official acts, which record shall be the property of the Diocese and shall be transmitted to the Bishop’s successor.

(d) At each Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention the Bishop Diocesan shall make a report of the State of the Diocese since the last Annual Meeting of the Convention; including the names of the Congregations visited; the number of persons confirmed and received; the names of those who have been admitted as Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, of those ordained, and of those suspended or deposed from Holy Orders; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and other matters the Bishop desires to present to the Convention; which statement shall be inserted in the Journal.

(e) No Bishop shall perform episcopal acts or officiate by preaching, ministering the Sacraments, or holding any public service in a Diocese other than that in which the Bishop is canonically resident, without permission or a license to perform occasional public services from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Bishop desires to officiate or perform episcopal acts.

(f) Sec. 4. Residency

(1) Each Bishop serving in a Diocese shall reside in that Diocese.

(2) The Bishop Diocesan shall not be absent from the Diocese for a period of more than three consecutive months without the consent of the Convention or the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

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

Sec.45. Assistant Bishops

(a) When a Diocese, in the opinion of its Bishop, requires additional episcopal services, the Bishop may, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, ask the Convention of the Diocese to approve the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and to authorize the Bishop to appoint a Bishop for the position, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and under such conditions as the Bishop may determine.

(b) An Assistant Bishop may be appointed from among the following:

(1) Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, or Bishops Suffragan, who under the Constitution and Canons of this Church would be eligible for election in that Diocese; Provided, that at the time of accepting any such appointment a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;

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

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

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

(4) Before the appointment of a Bishop who is not otherwise a member of the House of Bishops as an Assistant Bishop under the provisions of Secs. 4(b)(2) or 4(b)(3) of this Canon, the consent of the House of Bishops or, if the appointment is to be made more than three months prior to a meeting of the House of Bishops, the consent of a majority of Bishops exercising jurisdiction must be obtained.

(c) Before an Assistant Bishop so appointed begins service in this position, the Bishop of the Diocese shall give certified evidence of the appointment to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and shall transmit notice of the appointment to the Presiding Bishop and to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese.
(d) An Assistant Bishop shall serve at the discretion, and under the control and direction of, the Bishop Diocesan.
(e) No person may serve as an Assistant Bishop beyond the termination of the jurisdiction of the appointing Bishop or after attaining the age of seventy-two years.

Sec.5 6. Missionary Bishops
(a) Any Bishop or Bishops elected and consecrated as a Missionary Bishop shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote in the House of Bishops, and shall be eligible for election to the office of Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan in any organized Diocese within the United States; Provided, that such Bishop shall not be so eligible within five years from the date of consecration, except to the office of Bishop of Diocese formed in whole or in part out of such Missionary Diocese.
(b) In the case of the permanent impairment of the Bishop of a Missionary Diocese, where the said Bishop shall not have submitted a resignation of jurisdiction, the Presiding Bishop shall, upon certification of the said permanent impairment by at least three reputable physicians, declare the jurisdiction vacant.
(c) When the Bishop of a Missionary Diocese is unable, by reason of age or other permanent cause of impairment, fully to discharge the duties of office, a Bishop Coadjutor may be elected by the said Diocese, subject to the provisions of Canon III.11.

Sec.6 7. Renunciation of the Ordained Ministry
(a) If any Bishop of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Presiding Bishop a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed therefrom, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Presiding Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the person’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, and with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council the Presiding Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Bishop is released from the obligations of all Ministerial offices, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordinations. The Presiding Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed.
(b) If a Bishop making the aforesaid declaration of the renunciation of the ordained Ministry be under Presentment for any canonical Offense, or shall have been placed on Trial for the same, the Presiding Bishop shall not consider or act upon such declaration until after the Presentment shall have been dismissed or the said Trial shall have been concluded and the Bishop judged not to have committed an Offense.
(c) In the case of such renunciation by a Bishop as provided in this Canon, a declaration of 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 is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident, to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Recorder, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the General Convention, The Church Pension Fund, and the Church Deployment Board.

Sec. 78. The Resignation or Incapacity of Bishops

(a) Each Bishop, upon attaining the age of seventy-two years, shall resign as required by Article II, Sec. 9 of the Constitution. The resignation shall be sent to the Presiding Bishop, who shall immediately communicate it to every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and shall declare the resignation accepted, effective at a designated date not later than three months from the date the resignation was tendered.

(b) The Presiding Bishop shall communicate to the resigning Bishop the acceptance of the resignation effective as of the date fixed. In the case of a Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor, the Presiding Bishop shall certify the resignation to the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned, and in the case of other Bishops, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese concerned. The Presiding Bishop shall also order the Secretary of the House of Bishops to record the resignation, effective as of the date fixed, to be incorporated in the Journal of the House.

(c) If any Bishop, for any reason, fails to resign upon attaining the age of seventy-two years, as provided in Sec. 6 of this Canon, the Presiding Bishop shall certify that fact to the House of Bishops. The House of Bishops shall then declare the Bishop’s position terminated, effective at a date not later than three months from the date of declaration; and shall order the Presiding Bishop’s certificate and its own declaration and action to be recorded in its Journal. The Presiding Bishop shall then pronounce the position terminated, effective as of the date fixed, and shall communicate the fact to the Bishop Diocesan and Standing Committee of each Diocese.

(d) Any Bishop who desires to resign shall send the resignation with the reasons therefore in writing to the Presiding Bishop at least thirty days before the date set for a meeting of the House of Bishops. The Presiding Bishop shall notify without delay every Bishop of this Church, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Bishop desiring to resign, in order that the Standing Committee may be heard on behalf of the Diocese, either in person or by correspondence, upon the subject. The House during its session shall accept or refuse the resignation by a majority of those present.

(e) If a resignation has been tendered more than three months before a meeting of the House of Bishops, the Presiding Bishop shall communicate it, together with any statement from the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned, to every
Bishop of this Church. If a majority of the Bishops consents to the resignation, the
Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify the resigning Bishop and the Standing
Committee of the Diocese concerned of the acceptance of the resignation, effective
as of the date fixed. The Presiding Bishop shall also order the Secretary of the
House of Bishops to record the resignation, effective as of the date fixed, to be
incorporated in the Journal of the House.

(f) At each meeting of the General Convention, the Presiding Bishop shall
communicate to the House of Deputies, when in session, a list of the resignations
which have been accepted since the preceding meeting of the General Convention.

(g) A resigned Bishop shall be subject in all matters to the Constitution and Canons
of this Church and to the authority of the General Convention.

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

(i) A resigned Bishop may, at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese in which
the resigned Bishop resides, and upon presentation of Letters Dimissory from the
Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop has had
canonical residence most recently, be enrolled among the Clergy of the new
Diocese, and become subject to its Constitution and Canons including being given
a seat and vote in the Diocesan Convention, in accordance with its canonical
provisions for qualification of clergy members.

(j) When a resigned Bishop accepts a pastoral charge or other ministerial post
within a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall process the Letters Dimissory, and
the resigned Bishop shall be enrolled among the Clergy of the Diocese and be given
seat and vote in the Diocesan Convention in accordance with the canonical
provisions of the Diocese for qualification of clergy members, and subject to the
provisions of paragraph (o) of this section.

(k) A resigned Bishop may, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in
which the resigned Bishop resides, accept a pastoral charge in that Diocese, and,
subject to the Diocese’s canonical provisions for the filling of vacancies, may accept
election as the Rector of a Parish therein.

(l) A resigned Bishop may, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which
the resigned Bishop resides, accept any position created under the authority of the
Diocesan Convention, including that of Assistant Bishop and may, at the same
time, occupy a pastoral charge.
A resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed. 

Enrollment among the Clergy of, or acceptance of any position within, a Diocese shall not deprive a resigned Bishop of the seat and vote in the House of Bishops to which the Bishop may be entitled under Article I, Sec. 2 of the Constitution.

The provisions of this section shall be applicable to a resigned Bishop who continues to reside within the limits of the resigned Bishop’s former Diocese, except that the resigned Bishop shall not have the right to vote in the Diocesan Convention, unless the Canons of the Diocese specifically so provide.

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

If it is certified to the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese by two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority, that the Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese is permanently unable, by reason of medical, psychological or psychiatric condition, to carry out the duties of Bishop Coadjutor, the Ecclesiastical Authority, upon the advice of three Bishops of three neighboring Dioceses, may declare that the right of succession of the Bishop Coadjutor is terminated and a new Bishop Coadjutor may then be elected as provided in Canon III.11.

CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops

Sec. 1. A Diocese without a Bishop may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop, who shall by that act be authorized to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese until a Bishop is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked.

Sec. 2. Any Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or of the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and exercise episcopal offices in that Diocese or any part of it. This invitation may include a letter of agreement, shall be for a stated period and may be revoked at any time.
Sec. 3. A Diocese, while under the provisional charge of a Bishop, shall not invite any other Bishop to visit and exercise episcopal acts or authority without the consent of the Bishop in charge.

The Bishop of Minnesota moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon III.8, under Sec. 7(a)(1), delete “eighteen” and restore “six.” After the words, “under this Canon,” insert “and eighteen months.”

The question was called.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.
Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

The amendment reads as follows:
(1) after at least six eighteen months since ordination as a Deacon under this Canon and eighteen months from the time of acceptance of nomination by the Nominee as provided in III.8.2(b). and

The Bishop of North Dakota moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon III.10, under Sec. 3(a)(3) after the words, “in this Church” delete the rest of the sentence. In Canon III.10, under Sec. 4(a)(2)(i) after the words, “in this Church” delete the rest of the sentence.

The question was called.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.
Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

The amendment reads as follows:
III.10 Sec. 3(a)(3)
(3) Evidence of moral and godly character; and that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of Holy Orders in this Church; that the person is no longer functioning within the previous ordained ministry; and that the person has provided a written notification of intentions to the previous church or ministry setting and a copy of this letter to the Bishop.
III.10 Sec. 4(a)(2)(i)
(i) Whether the applicant has served in the previous Church with diligence and good reputation and has stated the causes which have impelled the applicant to leave the body and seek ordination in this Church, whether the person has ceased to function in his or her previous ordained ministry, has provided his or her church or ministry setting with written notice of his or her intention to leave, and has provided a copy of this letter to the Bishop.

The Bishop of Lexington moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon III.10, under Sec. 4(a)(4) in the second sentence delete the words, “At any time” and restore the words, “No sooner than six months” at the beginning of the sentence.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The amendment reads as follows:

III.10 Sec. 4(a)(4)
(4) Having fulfilled If all the requirements of this Canon have been fulfilled, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate a Deacon, but may do so no sooner than twelve months after the Candidate became a confirmed communicant of this Church. At any time No sooner than six months thereafter, the Candidate may be ordained a Priest at the Bishop's discretion. and, no sooner than six months, thereafter, a Priest. At the time of such ordination the Bishop shall read this preface following the signing of the declaration of conformity:

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A082 as amended.
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #195)

Special Legislative Committee
The Chair of the Special Legislative Committee addressed the House in preparation for the consideration of Resolution A161, Resolution A159, and Resolution A166 on the next day.
Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 10:45 a.m. on the Eighth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 6:12 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Battle.
The House resumed at 2:40 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

**Agenda of the Day**
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

*Motion carried*
*Agenda Adopted*

**Previous Day’s Minutes**
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

*Motion carried*

**Messages from the House of Deputies**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

- **HD Message # 148**: Special Order for the Consideration of A160 (Expression of Regret) Adopted.
- **HD Message # 149**: Special Order for the Consideration of A161 (Election of Bishops) Adopted.
- **HD Message # 150**: D080 (Episcopal-Moravian Dialog) Adopted.
- **HD Message # 151**: A160 (Expression of Regret) Adopted substitute.

**Consent Calendar**

**Evangelism**
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #5 on HD Message #92 on Resolution A101 (Stewardship of Relationships) and moved concurrence.

*The House concurred*
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #196)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A101)\n\nResolved, That as our Baptismal Covenant calls us “to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [our] neighbors as [ourselves],” that each member of the 75th General Convention offer him/herself to an individual from whom he/she has become separated, asking Christ’s forgiveness from that person before the close of this Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That members of the 75th Convention, upon returning to their worshipping communities, invite their church to participate in a similar act of reconciliation.

Education

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #9 on Resolution D023 (Affirming Principles for Decisions at the End of Life) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D023)\n\nResolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm Resolution 1991–A093a of the 70th General Convention, as amended in Resolution 1994–A056 of the 71st General Convention regarding Principles With Regard to the Prolongation of Life; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on dioceses and parishes of this Church to become informed of the laws of states and policies of health care institutions regarding decisions at the end of life and regarding medical futility; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend chaplains endorsed by the Office of the Suffragan Bishop of Chaplaincies, members of the Assembly of Episcopal Healthcare Chaplains and of National Episcopal Healthcare Ministries, and chaplains certified by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, the Association of Professional Chaplains, or the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy as appropriate resource persons for discussions regarding ethical care, medical futility, and decisions at the end of life.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #197)

Ecumenical Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #8 on Resolution B024 (Celebrating the Bonn-Vienna Agreement) and moved adoption.
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention give thanks to God for the 75th anniversary of the Bonn-Vienna Agreement that created full communion between the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht and the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention warmly welcome the Most Rev. Joris Vercammen, Archbishop of Utrecht, to share in our fellowship as he becomes the first Bishop (other than Anglican) in full communion with The Episcopal Church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist for a General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #198)

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #4 on HD Message #38 on Resolution A048 (Information Technology Working Group) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #199)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Church Center and other church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That task force groups of not fewer than five persons be named to serve as volunteer consultants as needed to help the entities of the church implement this guideline. These persons shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer of DFMS.

The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #5 on HD Message #37 on Resolution A049 (Adopt Open Standards for Data) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #200)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A049)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church move toward adopting recognized open standards for the data that are used in its electronic communications and data storage. A recognized open standard is defined to be one that is documented by, and whose specification is controlled by, a well-known national or international standards body; and be it further
Resolved, That proprietary data descriptions using these standards be fully published; and be it further
Resolved, That these recommended standards be communicated to the dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church and our ecumenical partners.

The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #6 on HD Message #126 on Resolution D082 (Launch an Information Technology Cooperative) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #201)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D082)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication to organize an information technology cooperative network for dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that could be met with standard technology solutions: identifying, documenting, and publishing best practices already in use or working with technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions.

(End of Consent Calendar)

Committee of Conference
The Chair of the House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee delivered the report of the Committee of Conference.

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #4 on Resolution A025 (Amend Canon I) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A025)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I be amended by adding a new section 20, as follows:

Sec.1. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:
(a) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,
(b) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(c) the Philippine Independent Church, and
(d) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

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

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon Title I be amended by adding a new section Canon 20, to be named “Of Churches in Full Communion,” as follows:

Sec.1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:
(a) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,
(b) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(c) the Philippine Independent Church, and
(d) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

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

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #202)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #5 on Resolution A026 (Amend Canon III.12.1(d)) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A026)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.1(d) be amended to read as follows:
(d) The provisions of this Section 1 shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies before January 1, 2001, as well as those ordained after that date by Bishops of that Church, any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopate succession with which The Episcopal Church is in full communion as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the covenant of the two Churches as adopted by the General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.1(d) be amended to read as follows:
(d) The provisions of this Section 1 shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies before January 1, 2001, as well as those ordained after that date by Bishops of that Church, any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopate succession with which The Episcopal Church is in full communion as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the covenant of the two Churches as adopted by the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #203)

Dispatch of Business

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #9 on a Special Order of Business for a Procedure for Election of a Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #205)

Final Text of Resolution:

The Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Province shall nominate two Clerical Deputies and two Lay Deputies at the Provincial Caucuses on the 8th Legislative Day, Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Those eighteen persons constitute the only nominees upon which the House of Deputies shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop pursuant to Title I, Canon 2, Section 1.
The Committee on Dispatch of Business moves the adoption of the following resolution:
Resolved, That the following procedures be followed in the election of the members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop pursuant to Title I, Canon 2, Section 1:

1. That the Secretary of the House prepare a form for nominations of the members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, which shall contain blanks for the inclusion of:
   a. Name of Nominee
   b. Order
   c. Province
   d. Diocese
   e. Parish and City
   f. Certification that the nominee has been duly nominated by another Deputy of the particular Province of the nominee
   g. Certification that if elected the nominee will accept the office
   h. Signature of an officer of the nominating Province, his or her title or order and diocese
   i. A biographical sketch of the nominee not longer than 150 words and which forms shall be made available and furnished to representatives of each Province on or before the date of the Provincial Caucuses and returned to the Secretary or designated agent of the Secretary by 3:00 p.m. on the 8th Legislative Day, Tuesday, June 20, 2006, and distributed to the House of Deputies by 10:45 a.m. on the 9th Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 21, 2006;

2. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 12:45 p.m. on the 9th Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 21, 2006, for the purpose of electing one Clerical Deputy and one Lay Deputy from each Province as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop to remain in office until the sooner of the election of the next Presiding Bishop or the adjournment of the next General Convention. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot form listing numerically by Province and by Order within the Province the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each Deputy shall vote for one Clerical nominee and one Lay nominee from each Province; any ballot with votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. The Clerical nominee and the Lay nominee in each Province receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected, provided that votes equal to or in excess of a majority of the ballots cast on any ballot shall be required for election. Balloting shall continue until there shall be nine Clerical members and nine Lay members elected;

3. In the event of a significant tie, another ballot shall be required for election.

4. The House may, at the discretion of its presiding officer, proceed to other business during the balloting for such election.

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #10 on HD Message #40 on the Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #204)
Elected for six-year terms:

The Rev. A. Thomas Blackmon
The Rev. Randall Chase, Jr.
Ms. Barbara B. Creed
Mr. Vincent C. Currie, Jr.
Ms. Deborah Harmon-Hines, Ph.D.
The Rt. Rev. Peter J. Lee, D.D.
The Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, D.D.
Ms. Diane B. Pollard
Mr. Quintin E. Primo III
Ms. Katherine Tyler Scott
The Very Rev. George L. W. Werner
Mr. Cecil Wray

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #11 on HD Message #2 informing the House of the Election of N. Kurt Barnes as the Treasurer of General Convention and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #206)

Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #9 on HD Message #118 on Resolution C047 (Amend Canons: Proposed Amendments to Title I, Canon 15) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #207)

[Editor's Note: The House reconsidered Resolution C047 later in the session. See p. 303 for the text of the resolution and the final action.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #10 on HD Message #129 on Resolution D045 (Restore “Equally Applicable” Language to Canon III.1.2) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #208)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D045)

Resolved, That Canon III.1 be amended by the addition of a new Section 3:

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.
National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #14 on Resolution A096 (Create Consortium) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A096)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on National Concerns to create a consortium to secure people with expertise from seminaries and other institutions of scholarship and learning to research and produce informative papers and curricula on major issues of national concern from Episcopal perspectives, and to make them accessible to the church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on National Concerns encourage the Executive Council to create a consortium to secure people with expertise from seminaries and other institutions of scholarship and learning to research and produce informative papers and curricula on major issues of national concern from Episcopal perspectives, and to make them accessible to the church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #209)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #15 on Resolution C051 (Study Responsibility for Reparations) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Social and Urban Affairs.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #210)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #16 on Resolution A013 (Investment in Palestine) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A013)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention request Executive Council to consider investments in support of an economically viable Palestine.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #211)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #17 on Resolution B021 (Voting Rights for the District of Columbia Residents) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B021)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge that Citizens of the United States residing in the District of Columbia have no voting representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church has already expressed its support for providing full representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on Congress and the President to ensure that at a minimum the elected delegate from the District of Columbia to the House of Representatives be granted full rights and privileges in order to fully represent the interests of District of Columbia residents; and be it further
Resolved, That Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level support legislative efforts that guarantee District of Columbia residents full representation in the US Congress.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #212)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #18 on Resolution D085 (Reaffirming Commitment to Eradicating Hunger) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D085)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to eradicate hunger in the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge congregations to deepen their commitment to this goal by advocating for policies that eliminate the systemic causes of hunger; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the Church to call upon the U.S. Congress to support policies and appropriations consistent with the elimination of hunger in the United States.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #213)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #19 on Resolution D055 (ACC Resolution on Global Warming) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D055)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention endorse and implement Resolution 13/32 of the Anglican Consultative Council’s meeting in Nottingham in 2005, submitted by the Anglican Communion Environment Network, which:

- recommends all Anglicans be encouraged to:
  1. recognize that global climatic change is real and that we are contributing to the despoiling of creation
  2. commend initiatives that address the moral transformation needed for environmentally sustainable economic practices such as the Contraction and Convergence process championed by the Archbishop of Canterbury
  3. understand that, for the sake of future generations and the good of God’s creation, those of us in the rich nations need to be ready to make sacrifices in the level of comfort and luxury we have come to enjoy
  4. expect mission, vision, and value statements to contain commitment to environmental responsibility at all levels of church activity
  5. educate all church members about the Christian mandate to care for creation
  6. work on these issues ecumenically and with all faith communities and people of good will everywhere
  7. ensure that the voices of women, indigenous peoples, and youth are heard
  8. press government, industry, and civil society on the moral imperative of taking practical steps towards building sustainable communities.

Asks Provinces to take the following steps urgently:

1. Include environmental education as an integral part of all theological training.
2. Take targeted and specific actions to assess and reduce our environmental footprint, particularly greenhouse gas emissions. Such actions could include energy and resource audits, land management, just trading and purchasing, socially and ethically responsible investment.
3. Promote and commit ourselves to use renewable energy wherever possible.
4. Revise our liturgies and our calendar and lectionaries in ways that more fully reflect the role and work of God as Creator.
5. Press for urgent initiation of discussions, which should include all nations, leading to a just and effective development beyond the Kyoto Protocol.


7. Bring before governments the imperative to use all means, including legislation and removal of subsidies, to reduce greenhouse gases.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #214)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #20 on Resolution D016 (Pre-Emptive Military Strike Against Islamic Republic of Iran) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D016)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention, most strongly urge the United States government to respect the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention most strongly urge the United States government not to conduct pre-emptive military strikes against the Islamic Republic of Iran; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention most strongly urge the United States government to work with other nations in diplomatic talks with the Islamic Republic of Iran, towards the de-escalation of the current crisis over nuclear research and development in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #215)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #21 on Resolution A016 (U.S. Policy Toward Cuba) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A016)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call for an immediate end to all portions of the United States economic embargo against the Republic of Cuba, particularly revisions to the embargo implemented by the U.S. Department of State in 2004; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church consider the establishment of companion relationships with the Episcopal Church of Cuba in
order to help support the IEC spiritually and, where possible, financially; and be it further
Resolved, That, in order to promote the exchange of religious and political ideals, all
members of The Episcopal Church are encouraged to travel to Cuba subject to the
availability of licenses from the U.S. government; and receive delegations from the
Episcopal Church of Cuba subject to approval by the U.S. government; and be it
further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recommit itself at all levels to pray for the
reconciliation of the United States and the Republic of Cuba, in the Name of the
Prince of Peace whose most passionate desire for the Church is the ministry of
reconciliation.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of
The Episcopal Church call for an immediate end to all portions of the United States
economic embargo against the Republic of Cuba, particularly revisions to the embargo
implemented by the U.S. Department of State in 2004; and be it further
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reconciliation of the United States and the Republic of Cuba, in the Name of the
Prince of Peace whose most passionate desire for the Church is the ministry of
reconciliation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #216)

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report
#23 on Resolution D073 (Asylum for Persecuted Lesbian and Gay People) and
moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D073)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church note with concern that homosexuality and the advocacy of equal treatment for gay men and lesbians is being criminalized in various countries around the world and that in addition to formal criminalization there is increasing violence against lesbians and gay men who are denied the protection of governments; and be it further
Resolved, That in light of such criminalization and lack of police protection that the government of the United States be encouraged to grant asylum to those whose advocacy of homosexuality is illegal in their home countries or whose lives are threatened for this reason; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church aid in the resettlement of such individuals; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention commend groups aiding persons seeking asylum in the United States because of serious intolerance of their sexual orientation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #217)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #25 on Resolution B025 (Establishing a Minimum Time Length for Anti-Racism Training) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B025)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention establish a minimum requirement of fourteen (14) hours of anti-racism training that is called for in Resolution B049 (GC2000) and supported by Resolution A010 (GC2003).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #218)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #26 on Resolution A093 (Reconciliation Task Force) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A123.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #219)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #27 on Resolution D028 (Close Guantanamo Prison) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D028)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention call for the U.S. military prison at Guantánamo Bay to be closed; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call on the United States government to oppose the use of secret detention centers around the world, and to cease the practice of “extraordinary rendition,” in which terror suspects are sent without judicial review to states where they may be tortured.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention call on the United States government to close the for the U.S. military prison at Guantánamo Bay to be closed; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call on the United States government to oppose the use of secret detention centers around the world, and to cease the practice of “extraordinary rendition,” in which terror suspects are sent without judicial review to states nations where they may be tortured; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Secretary of the General Convention to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to appropriate members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #220)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #49 on Resolution D084 (Upholding Communion of the Baptized) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D084)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th Convention reaffirm the historic teaching of the Christian Church throughout the centuries, the consistent witness of our ecumenical partners, and the explicit provision of the Constitution and Canons (I.17.7), that only those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention recognize the position of reaffirm the historic teaching of the Christian Church throughout the centuries, the consistent witness of our ecumenical partners, and the explicit provision of the Constitution and Canons (I.17.7), that only those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion; and be it further Resolved, That the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops, in deliberate consultation with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and others they may deem appropriate, provide to the 76th General Convention a pastoral and theological understanding of the relationship between Holy Baptism and eucharistic practice.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #221)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #50 on Resolution D069 (Supreme Authority of Scripture) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D069)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge that the Bible has always been at the centre of Anglican belief and life, and declares its belief that Scripture is the Church’s supreme authority, and as such ought to be seen as a focus and means of unity.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge the authority of the triune God, exercised through Scripture.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #222)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #51 on Resolution D061 (Pastoral Plan to Revise the Book of Common Prayer) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D061)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to present to the 76th General Convention a pastoral plan for the future revision of the Book of Common Prayer.
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D061.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #223)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #52 on Resolution D041 (Liturgy for the Loss of a Companion Animal) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D041)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm that all animals are a part of All Creation, for which we are called to be stewards of God’s gifts; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church embrace the opportunity for pastoral care for people who grieve the loss of a companion animal; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop a rite to observe the loss of a companion animal for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services and that it report its work to the 76th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm that all animals are a part of All Creation, for which we are called to be stewards of God’s gifts; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church embrace the opportunity for pastoral care for people who grieve the loss of a companion animal; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop prayers recognizing a rite to observe the loss of a companion animal for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services and that it report its work to the 76th General Convention.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D041 as amended.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #224)
Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #19 on Resolution A138 (Domestic Abuse Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A138)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention provide for the development of a standardized curriculum in the area of domestic and intimate partner violence for clergy and lay professionals; and be it further
Resolved, That all clergy and lay professionals be required to take a minimum of six hours of such training by the year 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 to the Committee on the Status of Women for the purpose of development of materials and a training program, to then be implemented by each Diocese.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention strongly encourage that each diocese provide education in the area for the development of a standardized curriculum in the area of domestic and intimate partner violence for clergy and lay professionals which will focus on awareness, identification, and prevention of domestic violence; and be it further
Resolved, That all clergy and lay professionals receive this education be required to take a minimum of six hours of such training by the year 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 to the Committee on the Status of Women for the purpose of evaluating and recommending materials for such education. development of materials and a training program, to then be implemented by each Diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #225)

The House of Bishops on Education presented its Report #20 on Resolution A141 (Open Dialogue on Difficult Issues) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A141)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commit itself to foster moral deliberation on social and theological questions, seeking to be a community where open, passionate, and respectful deliberation of challenging, contemporary issues is expected and
encouraged; engage those of diverse classes, genders, ages, races, cultures and perspectives in the deliberation process so that our limited horizons might be expanded and our witness in the world enhanced; address the issues faced by the people of God, in order to equip them for their discipleship and citizenship in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Peace and Justice Ministries Office, Ethnic Congregation Development Office, and Women’s Ministries Office to collaborate in developing models and trainers, lay and ordained, across the Church to guide conversations on difficult issues facing our country and church today; 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 $28,000 be allocated for this work, including $6,000 for planning the process and printing materials, $20,000 to bring trainers from dioceses and provinces together to learn the process and $2,000 to sustain the process.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commit itself to foster moral deliberation dialogue on social and theological questions, seeking to be a community where open, passionate, and respectful deliberation of challenging, contemporary issues is expected and encouraged; engage those of diverse classes, genders, ages, races, disabilities, and sexual orientation, engaging cultures and perspectives in the deliberation process so that our limited horizons might be expanded and our witness in the world enhanced; address the issues faced by the people of God, in order to equip them for their discipleship and citizenship in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Peace and Justice Ministries Office, Ethnic Congregation Development Office, and Women’s Ministries Office to collaborate, in developing models, drawing on moral and theological resources, and trainers, lay and ordained, across the Church to guide conversations on difficult issues facing our country and church today in order to participate in the reconciling work of Christ; 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 $28,000 be allocated to the Office of Women’s Ministries for this work, including $6,000 for planning the process and printing materials, $20,000 to bring trainers from dioceses and provinces together to learn the process and $2,000 to sustain the process.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #226)
Resignation of Bishops
The House of Bishops Committee on Resignation of Bishops presented its Report #2 on the resignation of the following bishop:
   
   Motion carried
   
   (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #227)

Constitution
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution moved to suspend the Rules of Order for a reconsideration of Resolution A018 (Amend Article II. 2 [Election of Bishops-Second Reading]) for an editorial change.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A018)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the second sentence of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:
Section 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction. But if the election shall have taken place within three months next one hundred and twenty days before the meeting of General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of the Standing Committees. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.

A vote was taken to suspend the rules.
   
   Motion carried
   Rules suspended

It was moved to reconsider the resolution to delete “and” from “one hundred and twenty days.”

The question was called.

The question was called.

A vote was taken on Resolution A018.

The Presiding Bishop called for a ten-minute recess at 3:26 p.m.

The House resumed at 3:48 p.m.
Canons
The Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Canons moved to reconsider Resolution C047 (Amend Canons: Proposed Amendments to Title I, Canon 15).

Motion carried

Bishop Rowley moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.

Final Text of Resolution:

(C047)

Resolved, That the text of Canon I.15 be amended as follows:

Of Congregations in foreign lands-countries

Sec. 1. (a) It shall be lawful, under the conditions herein after stated, to organize Congregations of this Church may be organized in any foreign land and country not within the jurisdiction of any Missionary Bishop of this Church nor within any Diocese, Province, or Regional Church of the Anglican Communion.

Sec. 2. (b) The Presiding Bishop, or the Bishop in charge (as the case may be) of such Congregations, and the Council of Advice, hereinafter as provided for below, may authorize any Presbyter of this Church to officiate temporarily at any place to be named by them within any such foreign land-country upon being satisfied that it is expedient for reasons of the mission of the Church to establish at such place a Congregation of this Church.

Sec. 3. (c) Such Presbyter, after having publicly officiated at such place on four consecutive Sundays, may give notice, in the time of Divine Service, that a meeting of the persons of full age and adults attending the services, will be held, at a time and place to be named by the Presbyter in charge, to organize the Congregation. The said meeting may proceed to effect an organization subject to the approval of the said Bishop and Council of Advice and in conformity to such regulations as the said Council of Advice may provide, as well as the laws of the country in which it is to minister.

Sec. 4. (d) Before being Such Congregations shall be taken under the direction of the General Convention of this Church. For this to happen, the Congregation shall be required, in its Constitution, or Plan, or Articles of Organization, to recognize and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and to agree to submit to and obey such directions as may be, from time to time, received from the Bishop in charge and Council of Advice.

Sec. 5. (e) The desire of such Congregation to be taken under the direction of the General Convention shall be duly certified by the Member of the Clergy, one Warden, and two Vestry members or Trustees of said Congregation, duly elected.
Sec. 6. (f) If the Bishop in charge and the Council of Advice agree, such this certificate, and the Constitution, Plan, or Articles of Organization, shall be submitted to the General Convention, if it be in session, or to the Presiding Bishop at any other time; and in case the same are found satisfactory, the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, under written instruction from the Presiding Bishop, shall thereupon place the name of the Congregation on the list of Congregations in foreign lands countries under the direction of the General Convention; and certificate of the said official action shall be forwarded to and filed by the Registrar of this Church. Such Congregations are placed under the government and jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop.

Sec. 7. Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop may, from time to time, by written commission under the episcopal signature and seal, assign to a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, or of a Church in communion with this Church, the care of, and responsibility for, one or more of such Congregations and the Clergy officiating therein, for such period of time as the Presiding Bishop may deem expedient. Provided, that, should such term expire in a year during which a General Convention is to be held, prior to said Convention, the commission may be extended until the adjournment of the Convention.

Sec. 8. Sec. 3. Nothing in this Canon is to be construed as preventing the election of a Bishop to have charge of such Congregations under the provision of Canon III.24. Such Congregations, duly organized under Section 1, may agree to call the Clergy and Lay Delegates chosen by its Vestry or Committee to a joint meeting, or the Presiding Bishop or Bishop in charge may convene such a meeting. The Convocation established by such meeting shall have the power to organize itself and meet according to its own rules mutually agreed upon; and it may adopt its own Constitution and Canons, which shall recognize and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church.

Sec. 9. Sec. 4. To aid the Presiding Bishop or the Bishop in charge of these foreign Churches Congregations in administering the affairs of the oversight of the same, and in settling such questions as may, by means of their peculiar particular situation, arise, a Council of Advice, consisting of four Clergy and four Lay Persons, shall be constituted as follows, and shall act as a Council of Advice to the Bishop in charge of the foreign Churches these Congregations. They shall be chosen to serve for two three years and until their successors are elected and have accepted election, by a duly convened Convocation. duly convened, of all the Clergy of the foreign Churches or Chapels, and of two Lay representatives of each Church or Chapel, chosen by its Vestry or Committee. The Council of Advice shall be convened on the requisition of the Presiding Bishop or Bishop in charge whenever the Bishop may desire their advice, and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may wish to advise the Bishop. When a meeting is not practicable, the Bishop may ascertain their mind ask their advice by letter or electronic
The Council of Advice shall otherwise act as a Standing Committee in all respects, as set forth in the Canons of the General Convention.

It shall be lawful for the Presiding Bishop at any time to may authorize by writing under the episcopal hand and seal the Council of Advice to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop in charge, or disability or inhibition of the same.

Sec. 10. In case a Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation in a foreign land shall be accused of any offense under the Canons of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such Congregations to summon the Council of Advice, and cause an inquiry to be instituted as to the truth of such accusation; and should there be reasonable grounds for believing the same to be true, the said Bishop and the Council of Advice shall appoint a Commission, consisting of three Clergy and two Lay Persons, whose duty it shall be to meet in the place where the accused resides, and to obtain all the evidence in the case from the parties interested; they shall give to the accused all rights under the Canons of this Church which can be exercised in a foreign land. The judgment of the said Commission, solemnly made, shall then be sent to the Bishop in charge, and to the Presiding Bishop, and, if approved by them, shall be carried into effect; Provided, that no such Commission shall recommend any other discipline than admonition or removal of the Member of the Clergy from charge of said Congregation. Should the result of the inquiry of the aforesaid Commission reveal evidence tending, in their judgment, to show that said Member of the Clergy deserves a more severe discipline, all the documents in the case shall be placed in the hands of the Presiding Bishop, who may proceed against the Member of the Clergy, as far as possible, according to the Canons of the General Convention.

Sec. 5. A Convocation of these Congregations shall have the right and power to elect a Bishop in charge under Title III.16 of these Canons, subject to the Presiding Bishop’s agreement to the first such election. However, the Convocation may choose to request that the Presiding Bishop appoint a Bishop in charge for a specific term of office, or that the Bishop in charge be selected following the procedures set forth for the choice of Missionary Bishops under Title III.17.

Sec. 6. The Convocation shall elect an Ecclesiastical Trial Court following the provisions of Title IV.4. In case a Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation in a foreign country shall be accused of any offense under the Canons of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such Congregation to follow the procedures set forth under Title IV of these canons.

Sec. 7. If there be a Congregation exists within the limits of any city in a foreign land country, no new Congregation shall be established in that city, except with the written consent of the Bishop in charge and the Council of Advice.

Sec. 8. In case of a difference between the Member of the Clergy and a Congregation in a foreign land country, the Bishop in charge shall duly
examine the same, and the said Bishop shall, with the Council of Advice, have full power to settle and adjust such difference upon principles recognized in the Canons of the General Convention.

Sec. 13. Sec. 9. No Member of the Clergy shall be allowed to take charge of a Congregation in a foreign land—country, organized under this Canon, until nominated by the Vestry or Bishop’s Committee thereof, or, if there be no Vestry or Committee exists, by the Council of Advice, and approved by the Bishop in charge; and once having accepted such appointment, the Member of the Clergy shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #207)

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #22 on Resolution A011 (Israel/Palestine Peace Commitments) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A011)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm The Episcopal Church's commitment to:
1. the rightful existence of the State of Israel as a nation among nations;
2. the rightful existence of a State of Palestine as a nation among nations;
3. the recognition of Jerusalem as the shared capital of the two states;
4. the end of all violence and its crippling impact on Israeli and Palestinian societies;
5. the withdrawal by Israel from its settlements in the West Bank;
6. the return of all parties to the negotiating table rather than unilateral action by any party;
7. the eradication of the sin of anti-Semitism.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm The Episcopal Church's commitment to:
1. the rightful existence of the State of Israel as a nation among nations;
2. the rightful existence of a State of Palestine as a nation among nations;
3. the recognition of Jerusalem as the shared capital of the two states;
4. the end of all violence and its crippling impact on Israeli and Palestinian societies;
5. the withdrawal by Israel from all occupied Palestinian territories as established in 1967 its settlements in the West Bank;
6. the return of all parties to the negotiating table rather than unilateral action by any party;
7. the eradication of the sins of anti-Semitism and all other forms of racism.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #229)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #23 on Resolution D020 (End the War in Iraq) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D020)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm the statements contained in the House of Bishops letter to members of Congress dated October 1, 2002, stating that the conditions for justifying a war against Iraq had not been met; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the statements contained in the Executive Council Resolution of June 18, 2004 in which the U.S. government was urged to seek alternative military forces to replace the U.S. military apparatus in Iraq; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the statements contained in the letter signed by the leaders of the National Council of Churches, including the Presiding Bishop, dated May 12, 2004, which called for a change of course in Iraq, and for a transition of authority and post-war reconstruction to the United Nations, recognizing the U.S. responsibility to contribute generously to reconstruction through international agencies; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Congress and the President to develop and implement a plan to begin the immediate withdrawal of U.S. Armed Forces from Iraq, to provide for a transfer of peacekeeping functions to an international peacekeeping force, to work through international and Iraqi organizations in the reconstruction of Iraq’s civil and economic infrastructure, and for the full restoration of Iraqi sovereignty; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call upon church members to be active as peacemakers in seeking an end to the Iraq war through advocacy, protest and electoral action.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the conclusion of the October 1, 2002 letter of statements contained in the House of Bishops letter to members of Congress dated October 1, 2002, stating that the conditions of the “Just War” tradition have not been met in the national government’s decision to attack the nation of Iraq for justifying a war against Iraq had not been met; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the statements contained in the Executive Council Resolution of June 18, 2004 in which the U.S. government was urged to seek alternative military forces to replace the U.S. military apparatus in Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the statements contained in the letter signed by the leaders of the National Council of Churches, including the Presiding Bishop, dated May 12, 2004, which called for a change of course in Iraq, and for a transition of authority and post-war reconstruction to the United Nations, recognizing the U.S. responsibility to contribute generously to reconstruction through international agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Congress and the President to immediately develop for implementation and implement a plan for the stabilization of Iraq, to be followed by the prompt to begin the immediate withdrawal of U.S. Armed Forces from Iraq, to provide for a transfer of peacekeeping functions to an international peacekeeping force, to work through international and Iraqi organizations in the reconstruction of Iraq's civil and economic infrastructure, and for the full restoration of Iraqi sovereignty; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to acknowledge and confess that our participation in the war in Iraq has resulted in individual and global injustices including passive acceptance of the loss of our military personnel, lack of support and care for those returning home, indifference to the loss of countless Iraqi citizens, silent response to atrocities, illegal confinement without representation or formal charges and torture; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to request the Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer to step-up dialogue with the Iraqi Muslim and Christian community to work toward nonviolent resolutions to conflict; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention, as a community of faith committed to reconciliation and nonviolence taught in the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, direct the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to encourage wide use of Christian formation materials that stress nonviolent methods to conflict resolution and change; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Standing Liturgical Commission to commission prayers and liturgies to be used in time of war, and that the General Convention call on Episcopalians to honor and support, through their prayers and actions, the armed service men and women who return home with injuries to body, mind, and spirit that they might be restored to wholeness of life and assisted in recovering from injury and trauma; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on all Episcopalians to honor through their prayers and actions the men and women who conscientiously serve their country and especially those who have been killed and wounded; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call upon all Episcopalians church members as an act of penitence, to oppose and resist to be active as peacemakers in seeking an end to the Iraq war through advocacy, protest, and electoral action the continuation of the war in Iraq, and encourage Congress to take proactive steps to end our participation as soon as possible.
The Bishop of Indianapolis moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the fifth resolve clause, insert the word “government’s” after the words “that our.”

- Motion carried
- Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Maryland moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the final resolve clause, insert the words “the President and” after the words “and encourage.”

- Motion carried
- Amendment adopted

The question was called.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D020 as amended.

- Motion carried
- Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #230)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #24 on Resolution D077 (Remembering Hurricanes Katrina and Rita) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D077)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention offer its continued prayers for the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention express deep appreciation and thanks for all Episcopalians who have offered prayers, support and contributed financial and material assistance to all those affected by the hurricanes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention express deep appreciation and thanks for the Gulf Coast diocesan staffs as they continue to minister to the congregations and individuals of their dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention encourage Episcopalians to continue to press the federal government to meet its commitments for the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention recognize that the widespread presence of potentially toxic substances poses an immediate health risk to returning residents and cleanup
workers; and that unsafe disposal of hazardous materials or burning waste will impact human and environmental health; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention support the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast communities which are racially and economically diverse, and rebuilt in an environmentally sustainable manner; and be it further
Resolved, That we recognize that the Gulf Coast Hurricanes are not catastrophes isolated to a subsection of God’s world, but are tragedies that have touched and will continue to touch all of God’s creation, and that poverty and environmental degradation exists in every community in our nation; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention challenge Episcopalians to be reminded that across the country and around the world, our lifestyles often produce silent destruction and undermine the health of marginalized communities; and be it further
Resolved, That as Christians, we are called to act on our beliefs and to work for justice and peace for all of God’s creation and that these actions include personal actions, congregational action, and public witness with policy makers.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention offer its continued prayers for the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention express deep appreciation and thanks for all Episcopalians who have offered prayers, support and contributed financial and material assistance to all those affected by the hurricanes; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention express deep appreciation and thanks to the bishops, diocesan staffs, and congregations of the dioceses of the Central Gulf Coast, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas for the Gulf Coast diocesan staffs as they continue to minister to the congregations and individuals of their diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention encourage Episcopalians to continue to press the federal government to meet its commitments for the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention recognize that the widespread presence of potentially toxic substances poses an immediate health risk to returning residents and cleanup workers; and that unsafe disposal of hazardous materials or burning waste will impact human and environmental health; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention support the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast communities in a manner that supports racial and economic justice which are racially and economically diverse, and rebuilt in an environmentally sustainable manner; and be it further
Resolved, That we recognize that the Gulf Coast Hurricanes are not catastrophes isolated to a subsection of God’s world, but are tragedies that have touched and will continue to touch all of God’s creation, and that poverty and environmental degradation exists in every community in our nation; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention challenge Episcopalians to be reminded that across the country and around the world, our lifestyles often produce silent destruction and undermine the health of marginalized communities; and be it further
Resolved, That as Christians, we are called to act on our beliefs and to work for justice and peace for all of God’s creation and that these actions include personal actions, congregational action, and public witness with policy makers.

The Bishop of North Dakota moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause, add the words “Western Louisiana” after the word “Louisiana.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Central Florida moved to divide the first four resolve clauses from the last five resolve clauses.

Motion carried
Resolution divided

A vote was taken on the first, second, third, and fourth resolve clauses of Resolution D077 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolved clauses adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #231)

A vote was taken on the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth resolve clauses of Resolution D077 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolved clauses adopted
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #251)

[Editor's Note: Due to a management system data error, the second part of the resolution was reported as B034; neither Resolution D077 or B034 was reported to the floor of the House of Deputies.]

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #25 on Resolution B018 (Comprehensive Children’s Policy) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B018)
[The original text of the resolution is not included due to its length.]
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention urge Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level to work to ensure that local, state and federal governments provide adequate funding for programs that combat social and economic conditions that place children at risk or diminish children’s ability to achieve their full potential in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention adopt receive and endorse the National Council of Churches (NCC) comprehensive policy statement, entitled The Church and Children: Vision and Goals for the 21st Century Policy. The Episcopal Church is a member of the NCC whose governing body, the General Assembly, passed this statement on November 11, 2004 to ensure that all children have the opportunity to develop and flourish. The statement reads in part:

THE CHURCH AND CHILDREN: VISION AND GOALS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Policy Statement

As Christians, we are called to make a commitment to work together, as families, congregations, denominations and as an ecumenical community of member communions, to ensure that all children have the opportunity to develop and flourish. Therefore we, the member communions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, working with others in communities of faith and concern, strive to achieve the following Vision and Goals for Children.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

All children need to be part of nurturing communities where they are included as full members and participants in the common life of worship, prayer, witness and service. Therefore, we commit to:

Ensure through leader development and assignment of resources that faith communities are places of joy, nurture and safety for children
Nurture the spiritual life of children and teach them of the love, grace and fellowship of God
Receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God
Give high priority to the quality of planning for children and the preparation and support of those who minister with them
Foster community beyond the family unit, in which children, youth and adults know each other by name, minister to each other, and are partners together in serving Christ in the world
Appreciate children's abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to God’s grace wherever that may be, and according to gifts given them, to carry on the faithful work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship, ministry of the community of faith and governance according to each communion’s distinctive polity.

FAMILY

All children have a right to be a part of loving and safe families. All segments of society share responsibility for supporting families in raising their children and future generations. Therefore, we commit to:

Protect the dignity and value the diversity of every family
Respect and preserve the child's bond and covenant with parents, family and community
Ensure that families have the skills, knowledge and resources to develop, support and sustain loving homes
Nurture families in recognizing and appreciating their children’s abilities and their gifts for ministry and in supporting their spiritual development
Provide families resources and systems that enable them to balance the demands of parenting, work and education and make time for recreation
Encourage parents to be active in their communities, in the democratic process, and in the promotion of the interests of children and families
Encourage adoption as a healthy and appropriate means of securing for children a permanent family structure
Be intentional in providing church and community support in those kinship care situations when children are being cared for by relatives other than their parents
Encourage congregations to become caring partners with institutions and systems providing care for children, and engage in advocacy for children in those settings.

EDUCATION
All children have a right to quality public education that fosters their intellectual, social, emotional, physical, cultural and creative development. Therefore, we commit to:

Respect and support family as the child's first teacher, recognizing that learning begins at birth
Value and invest in teachers as a key component of every child's development
Create an educational system that is a partnership of family, community, and school
Respect and provide for each child's differences and capacities to learn, recognizing the needs of those children with disabilities and with special gifts
Ensure the availability of remedial education for children and their adult caregivers who need special help to be ready for further education and eventually to become employable
Support an equitable, fully-funded system that prepares every child for life-long learning
Ensure that every community provides safe, excellent, well-funded public schools for all their children
Develop the use of schools as community resources during and beyond school hours
Teach children to understand, respect, and celebrate diversity, multiple cultures and languages, and a global perspective

SAFETY
Every child has a right to live in a physically and emotionally safe environment that cultivates acceptance and peace and in which they are protected from the myriad of dangers confronting them. Therefore, we commit to:

Provide child protection policies, safe church training and other resources that promote and ensure safe, non-violent family and community environments
Promote legislation that eliminates children's access to handguns
Teach and practice healthy conflict resolution in all segments of society
Promote social justice through the elimination of prejudice and discrimination
Promote non-violent, positive images and language that respect the dignity of every human being
Advocate for reducing violence on TV, in movies, video games and on the Internet
Ensure equal protection and due process of law for all children and youth in a system, which recognizes their differing capacities and promotes rehabilitation and learning.

ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
All children have a right to express and celebrate their souls and spirits through arts, culture and recreation. Children need to have open time to dream, play and create. Therefore, we commit to:

- Advocate for the integration of arts, culture and recreation into the core curriculum of education
- Provide access to a wide variety of affordable, quality arts, cultural and recreational programs for children of all ages
- Promote an increase in safe indoor and outdoor neighborhood recreational activities
- Create ongoing opportunities in congregations, schools, and before and after-school programs to discover, recover, preserve and celebrate traditions across cultures
- Ensure that museums, libraries, parks and diverse cultural resources are supported as vital parts of our communities.

ECONOMIC SECURITY
All children have a right to economic security and economic justice: meaning that all families have access to food, clothing, transportation and safe, affordable housing, and that all families have equal opportunities to provide these basic economic needs. Therefore, we commit to:

- Continue to strengthen the commitment to overcome poverty
- Promote family-friendly policies in the workplace
- Actively pursue a just tax policy
- Cultivate marketable job skills through providing congregational and community models of training and education
- Provide accessible, affordable, high-quality child care
- Promote corporate partnerships that strengthen communities
- Provide economic security through government initiatives for the children whose parents cannot support them
- Enhance access to jobs through sound policies for housing and transportation.

HEALTH
Every child and family has a right to guaranteed quality, comprehensive health care. All children deserve to live in a healthy environment that allows them to thrive. Therefore, we commit to:

- Ensure quality pre-natal care is available for all
- Focus on prevention as a key to preserving the health and well-being of children
- Ensure that no children go hungry
- Implement an effective health and nutrition education curriculum
- Work for publicly funded, integrated, accessible and high quality mental health care
- Develop partnerships for clean air, water, land and a healthy ecosystem.

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “local, state and federal.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution B018 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #250)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #26 on Resolution B029 (Indigenous People and the Millennium Development Goals) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B029)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention recognize that many Native peoples of this Church suffer under the circumstances addressed by the Millennium Development Goals, including extreme poverty, substandard education, high infant and maternal mortality rates, the devastation of HIV/AIDS, diabetes, inadequate healthcare, threats to environmental resources, inadequate housing and astounding unemployment rates; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to provide full funding for this critical Domestic Mission through the Office of Native American Ministries and the Episcopal Council of Indigenous Ministries.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention recognize that many Native peoples of this Church suffer under the circumstances addressed by the Millennium Development Goals, including extreme poverty, substandard education, high infant and maternal mortality rates, the devastation of HIV/AIDS, diabetes, inadequate healthcare, threats to environmental resources, inadequate housing and astounding unemployment rates; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to provide full funding for this critical Domestic Mission through the Office of Native American Ministries and the Episcopal Council of Indigenous Ministries.

The Bishop of New York moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, after the words “to provide” add the words “, from among the appropriate Millennium Development Goals line items, the funding.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution B029 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #232)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #27 on Resolution D042 (“Material Support” Provisions of Patriot Act) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D042)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church
1. strongly oppose the “material support” provisions of the Patriot Act, now incorporated into the US Immigration and Nationality act, which because of an overly broad interpretation, provide the basis for denying bona fide refugees admission to the United States and otherwise exclude other categories of immigrants such as asylum seekers and those adjusting status and pursuing naturalization from the benefits to which they aspire;
2. recommend an interpretation of “material support” which pertains only to members of formally designated foreign terrorist organizations and not be applied to those who are not a threat to the security of the United States such as refugees, asylum seekers, asylees, or those adjusting to permanent residence or pursuing naturalization;
3. advocate for policies and practices that exempt those from the “material support bar” who under duress or the threat of violence unwittingly or involuntarily associate with a terrorist organization;
4. advocate for policies and practices that exempt those from the “material support bar” who have been members of groups who have resisted regimes which victimized or persecuted them or denied them their basis human rights.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church
1. strongly oppose the “material support” provisions of the Patriot Act, now incorporated into the US Immigration and Nationality act, which because of an overly broad interpretation, provide the basis for denying bona fide refugees admission to the United States and otherwise exclude other categories of immigrants such as asylum seekers and those adjusting status and pursuing naturalization from the benefits to which they aspire;
2. recommend an interpretation of “material support” which pertains only to members of formally designated foreign terrorist organizations and not be applied to those who are not a threat to the security of the United States such as refugees, asylum seekers, asylees, or those adjusting to permanent residence or pursuing naturalization;

3. advocate for policies and practices that exempt those from the “material support bar” who under duress or the threat of violence unwittingly or involuntarily associate with a terrorist organization;

4. advocate for policies and practices that exempt those from the “material support bar” who have been members of groups who have resisted regimes which victimized or persecuted them or denied them their basis human rights;

5. urge The Episcopal Church to join with the Refugee Council USA and other refugee programs to address the issues of the “material support bar” with the United States government.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #233)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #28 on Resolution A130 (Promote Sustainable Agriculture) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A130)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention instruct the Committee on Science, Technology and Faith (ST&F) to explore theological, social, scientific and technological connections between having a sustainable food supply, locally and globally, and reducing poverty to create societies that are more just; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee develop educational materials for the Church through its Resource Center and other channels on the means to establishing a just and sustainable food supply.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention, in recognition that the needs of the poor must be considered if advances in science and technology are to serve justice, instruct the Committee on Science, Technology and Faith (ST&F) to explore theological, social, scientific and technological connections between practicing sustainable agriculture, having a sustainable food supply, locally and globally, and reducing poverty to create societies that are more just; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee develop educational materials for the Church through its electronic resource center and other channels on the means to establishing a just and sustainable food supply.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #234)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #29 on Resolution A012 (Palestine/Israel Peace Process) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A012)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention declare that the following positions constitute policies of The Episcopal Church and direct The Episcopal Church’s Office of Peace and Justice Ministries to advocate:
1. an end to the isolation of East Jerusalem and Bethlehem from the West Bank created by the continued construction of Israeli settlements, settler roads and the Wall;
2. removal of the Wall;
3. assurance of human rights for Palestinians;
4. support for the return of sovereign control of Gaza's airspace, coastline and borders to the Palestinian people; and
5. assurance that no U.S. tax dollars are used to finance the Occupation, directly or indirectly.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention declare that the following positions constitute policies of The Episcopal Church and direct The Episcopal Church’s Office of Peace and Justice Ministries to advocate:
1. an end to the isolation of East Jerusalem and Bethlehem from the West Bank created by the continued construction of Israeli settlements, settler roads and the barrier Wall;
2. removal of the barrier Wall by Israel where it violates Palestinian territory and termination of the policy and practice of terrorism by any constituency of the Palestinian Authority;
3. assurance of human rights for Palestinians and Israelis;
4. support for the return of sovereign control of Gaza's airspace, and coastline and borders to the Palestinian people and mutual respect for borders; and
5. elimination of corruption within the Palestinian Authority and appropriate financial transparency to better serve human and economic rights of Palestinians; and
6. assurance that no U.S. tax dollars are used, directly or indirectly, to finance the building of the barrier and bypass roads that support the settlements or the Occupation, directly or indirectly.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #235)
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #30 on Resolution B012 (The Episcopal Church and the State of Israel) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was considered in Resolution A011.

**Motion carried**

**Committee discharged**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #236)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #31 on Resolution B014 (War in Iraq) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was considered in Resolution D020.

**Motion carried**

**Committee discharged**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #237)

**Social and Urban Affairs**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #28 on Resolution C048 (Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC)) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C048)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church U.S.A. does hereby rescind the affiliation of The Episcopal Church U.S.A. with the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice effected by the Executive Council on 12 January 2006.

The Bishop of Tennessee moved to substitute the resolution.

**Proposed Substitute:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention rescind the Executive Council's January 2006 decision to join the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and re-affirm its 1994 Resolution A054 that includes the statement “We emphatically oppose abortion as a means of birth control, family planning, sex selection, or any reason of mere convenience.”

The Bishop of Vermont moved an amendment to the substitute.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Delete the words “rescinds the Executive Council’s January 2006 decision to join the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and”
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment to the proposed substitute.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Bishop of Los Angeles moved to table Resolution C048.

Motion carried
Resolution withdrawn

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #29 on Resolution B026 (Policy on Affiliation) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B026)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Executive Council to develop a policy governing its procedure for affiliation with organizations outside The Episcopal Church; and be it further Resolved, That said policy also govern the affiliations of those agencies subsidiary to the Executive Council and the General Convention; and be it further Resolved, That such decisions be subject to review by General Convention; and be it further Resolved, That, once developed, said policy be used to review within the next triennium all current affiliations.

A vote was taken on Resolution B026. The result of the vote was: Aye, 63 votes; Nay, 68 votes; and Abstain, 1 vote.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #238)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #30 on Resolution B027 (Support Prisoner Reentry Program) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B027)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention call on Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level to urge their members of Congress and elected officials to support reentry programs for prisoners and ex-offenders.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention call on Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level to urge their members of Congress and elected officials to support reentry programs for prisoners and ex-offenders; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Secretary of the General Convention to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to appropriate members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and to other appropriate officials and institutions.

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, after the words “House of Representatives,” add the words “and their counterparts in other countries,.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution B027 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #239)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #31 on Resolution D070 (Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D070)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm Resolution 1985-A087 and urge all churches that have not yet done so to designate a person or persons to be particularly responsible for disability concerns; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm Resolution 1985-A087 and urge the dioceses that have not yet done so to convene committees on disability concerns.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm Resolution 1985-A087 and urge dioceses to convene committees on disability concerns to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act affording access for persons with disabilities to all church properties; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge all congregations to designate a person or persons to be particularly responsible for disability concerns; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge all churches, affiliated organizations, and institutions of The Episcopal Church to use only facilities which are accessible to all persons.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #240)

Evangelism
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #6 on HD Message #145 on Resolution A037 (Evangelism) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #241)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A037)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm our commitment to improve the health of our congregations and our church by faithfully living out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and by working toward the goals of 20/20; and be it further
Resolved, That each and every bishop deepen his/her commitment, intention, prayer, and action, individually and by working together through the House of Bishops, to cast a vision of mission for the church, and to lead us there; and be it further
Resolved, That every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church speak with passion about what God is doing in our lives in order to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That following the example of radical hospitality entrusted to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church invite others to join us in praise and service; and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention direct the Church Center staff to engage diverse populations including among others, youth and young adults, ethnic and racial populations, persons of various sexual orientation, persons with disabilities, various socio-economic classes, new immigrants, and communities in Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti, the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe to identify and develop practical resources and training for personal and congregational evangelism; and be it further
Resolved, That this resolution be published in congregational and diocesan media to affirm our commitment to evangelism.

The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections in its Report #8 and placed in nomination:
The Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub as Registrar of the General Convention

Motion was made to approve the nomination.

Motion carried

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #242)

Consecration of Bishops
The Presiding Bishop read HD Message #154 on Resolution D038 regarding consent for the consecration of the Rev. Canon Barry L. Beisner as Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Northern California.

The House of Bishops Committee on Consecration of Bishops found all to be in order regarding this candidate. The committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Rev. Canon Barry L. Beisner as Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Northern California and ballot #6 was taken.

Ballot #6 taken

The Presiding Bishop read the results of ballot #6 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Coadjutor-elect Beisner of the Diocese of Northern California. Of 106 bishops with jurisdiction, 68 have given consent.

The House consented

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #243)

The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #11 on the appointment of bishops to certify canonical changes made at this Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick, Bishop of Indianapolis
The Rt. Rev. Robert D. Rowley, Jr., Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania

Motion was made to approve the appointments.

Motion carried

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #244)

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #9 on Resolution A094 (Federal Statutory Protection) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A094)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support federal statutory protection for the right of all citizens to vote in local, state,
and federal elections, especially provisions prohibiting imposition of discriminatory practices or identification requirements; and be it further
Resolved, That these actions be communicated to the Office of Government Relations for action and distribution to the Episcopal Public Policy Network.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support federal statutory protection for the right of all citizens to vote in local, state, and federal elections, especially provisions prohibiting imposition of discriminatory practices or identification requirements; and be it further
Resolved, That these actions be communicated to the Office of Government Relations for action and distribution to the Episcopal Public Policy Network agencies of The Episcopal Church at all levels be encouraged to support these actions.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #245)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #10 on Resolution B022 (On the Kyoto Protocol) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B022)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention join the Third Conference on Afro-Anglicanism in support of the Kyoto Protocol; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the United States Senate to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and the President to implement and enforce it; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge all nations on God’s earth to sign on to the Kyoto Protocol.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention join the Third Conference on Afro-Anglicanism in support of the Kyoto Protocol; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the United States Senate government to sign and ratify the Kyoto Protocol and the President to implement and enforce it; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge all nations on God’s earth to sign on to the Kyoto Protocol.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #246)
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #11 on Resolution B015 (Religious Rights for the Greek Orthodox Church in Turkey) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

**(B015)**

*Resolved,* the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request the President of the United States to urge the government of the Republic of Turkey to:

1. allow the Eastern Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople (Istanbul) to reopen immediately its theological seminary at the Monastery of the Holy Trinity on Halki Island for the training of Orthodox clergy;
2. recognize the Patriarch’s title of Ecumenical Patriarch, the honorific title for him recognized and used by all Christian Churches since the sixth century;
3. restore all properties confiscated from the Patriarchate in Turkey, in particular the Orthodox orphanage of Prinkipos on the Prince Island (Buyukado);
4. establish clearly the legal status of the Patriarchate in the context of Turkish civil law; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to pursue these objectives; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention inform the government of Turkey of these concerns; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention notify His All Holiness Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch and His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America of these actions.

The Bishop of Southeast Florida moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the first resolve clause, delete the words “the President of the United States.” And add the words “all the governmental leadership in which The Episcopal Church is present” after the words “The Episcopal Church request.”

*Motion carried*

*Amendment adopted*

The Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the third resolve clause, after the words “government of Turkey” add the words “and the Foreign Minister of the European Union.”

*Motion carried*

*Amendment adopted*
A vote was taken on Resolution B015 as amended.  
Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #247)

Church in Small Communities
The House of Bishops Committee on Church in Small Communities presented its Report #2 on HD Message #144 on Resolution D057 (Priorities for Standing Commission on Small Congregations) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #248)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D057)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations work with Church Center staff to develop and offer opportunities for leadership training in Small Church Ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations work with Church Center staff to facilitate sharing and cooperation among the various networks and organizations committed to collaboration, training, and education that enrich and equip small congregations for mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations continue conversation with the Church Pension Fund regarding compensation and benefit issues for clergy and lay participants in the Church Pension Fund serving small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations plan with the General Convention Office opportunities to celebrate the life and ministry of small congregations at the 76th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #10 on the appointment of bishops to certify constitutional changes made at this Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Stacey F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington  
The Rt. Rev. Gordon Paul Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

Motion was made to approve the appointments.

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #249)

The Rev. Canon Barry L. Beisner, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Northern California, was introduced to the House.
The Secretary made announcements.

**Introduction of Ecumenical Guest**
The Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe introduced Bishop Mamo Rumalshaw, Diocese of Peshewar, Pakistan.

**Special Legislative Committee**
Discussion was held on the progress of resolutions relating to the Windsor Report and the action of the House of Deputies in rejecting Resolution A161 (Election of Bishops).

The Presiding Bishop yielded the chair to the Vice-Chair.

The Presiding Bishop returned to the chair.

The Presiding Bishop will call a Joint Session after tomorrow’s Eucharist. The Bishops and Deputies of the Special Legislative Committee will meet to put together succinct language for the Joint Session to consider.

**Recess**
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until the Joint Session after the Eucharist on the Ninth Legislative Day.

*Motion carried*

The House recessed at 7:31 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Battle.
MORNING SESSION

The House reconvened at 11:06 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda Adopted

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day's minutes.

Motion carried

The Bishop of Virginia moved that debate on Resolution B033 be limited to thirty minutes with speakers limited to two minutes each.

Motion carried

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its report on Resolution B033 (On Election of Bishops) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B033)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention receive and embrace The Windsor Report's invitation to engage in a process of healing and reconciliation; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention therefore call upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.

The Bishop Suffragan of Alabama moved to substitute the resolution.
Substitute Resolution:
The Episcopal Church unreservedly embraces the spirit of The Windsor Report, the maintenance of the unity of the Anglican Communion for the purposes of witness and mission.
We see the hurt, confusion, anger, and pain caused by our actions and we express our sorrow for this, and we seek a new mind with our communion partners to be led by the Holy Spirit into all truth.
In addition to resolutions of the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church that already addressed several suggestions of the Windsor Report we resolve the following:
Resolved, That Dioceses, Diocesan Conventions, Standing Committees, and Bishops with Jurisdictions exercise caution and have in mind the Body of Christ and the good of the Anglican Communion when nominating, electing, and giving consent to candidates for the episcopacy.

A roll call vote was requested.

A Point of Order was raised as to whether the proposed substitute is in proper resolution form. The Chair ruled the substitute out of order. The Bishop Suffragan of Alabama withdrew the substitute.

The Bishop of Washington moved to amend the Resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, delete the words "by not consenting" and replace with "in considering consent."

The Bishop of Southern Virginia moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “by not” and replace with “in.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Bishop of Southern Virginia amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the Bishop of Washington amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
A vote was taken on Resolution B033.

\textbf{Motion carried}  
\textbf{Resolution adopted}  

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #252)

\textbf{Messages from the House of Deputies}

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

\textbf{HD Message # 152:} Special Order for Consideration of D038. Adopted.

\textbf{HD Message # 153:} A161 (Election of Bishops) Rejected.


\textbf{HD Message # 156:} A078 (Liturgical Development and Episcopal Authority) Concurred.

\textbf{HD Message # 157:} A139 (Celebration of Women's Ministries) Concurred with amendment.


\textbf{HD Message # 159:} A140 (Women Clergy Retirement Needs) Concurred.

\textbf{HD Message # 160:} D065 (Family Leave Pension Waiver) Adopted with amendment.


\textbf{HD Message # 162:} A047 (Amend Canon I.1.2(12)) Adopted with amendment.

\textbf{HD Message # 163:} A020 (Amend Article I.2) Concurred.

\textbf{HD Message # 164:} A019 (Amend Article I.7 [Meeting of General Convention-Second Reading]) Concurred.

\textbf{HD Message # 165:} B020 (Amendment to Title I. Canon 15) Adopted with amendment.

\textbf{HD Message # 166:} D058 (Salvation Through Christ Alone) Discharged.

\textbf{HD Message # 167:} C040 (Support Biblical Literacy) Concurred.

\textbf{HD Message # 168:} C045 (Support of Historically Black Colleges) Concurred.


\textbf{HD Message # 170:} A147 (Church-wide Healthcare Feasibility Study) Concurred.

\textbf{HD Message # 171:} D048 (Equitable Benefits for Small Church Workers) Adopted with amendment.

\textbf{HD Message # 172:} B003 (Church Pension Fund and Chaplains to the Retired) Concurred.

\textbf{HD Message # 173:} D075 (Study of Retirement Benefits of Ordained Overseas Clergy) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message # 174: A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) Concluded.


Election of the Vice-President, Secretary, and Registrar of the House of Bishops

The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #9 and placed the following nominations for the House of Bishops:

The Rt. Rev. Richard S.O. Chang, Bishop of Hawaii, was nominated as Vice-President of the House of Bishops.

Secretary: The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr., Bishop in Ohio, was nominated as Secretary of the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau was nominated as Registrar of the House of Bishops.

A vote was cast for each nomination.

Motion carried

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #253)

Balloting for Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

Ballots were distributed for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop:

Province I The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island
The Rt. Rev. Roy Frederick ("Bud") Cederholm, Jr., Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts
Province II The Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam, Suffragan Bishop of New York
The Rt. Rev. Edward Ambrose Gumbs, Bishop of the Virgin Islands
Province III The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware
The Rt. Rev. William Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
Province IV The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky
The Rt. Rev. John W. Howe, Bishop of Central Florida
Province V Province V: The Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac
The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little, II, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Province VI The Rt. Rev. Michael Gene Smith, Bishop of North Dakota
The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr., Bishop of Montana
Province VII The Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas
The Rt. Rev. Rayford B. High, Jr., Suffragan Bishop of Texas
Province VIII The Rt. Rev. Johny Itty, Bishop of Oregon
The Rt. Rev. Bavi Edna Rivera, Suffragan Bishop of Olympia
The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Emmanuel Allen, Bishop of Honduras  
The Rt. Rev. Julio Cesar Holguin, Bishop of Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana

Program, Budget and Finance
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #2 on HD Message #155 on Resolution D079 (Budget for the Church 2007–2009) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on D079.

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #255)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D079)
Resolved, That the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the next triennium be adopted as set forth:

1.0 The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate, and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $152,002,295.00.

1.1 Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $29,149,874.00 as follows:
   For the year 2007 $ 8,820,134.00
   For the year 2008 $ 9,059,966.00
   For the year 2009 $ 11,269,773.00

1.2 Program (mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $93,569,078.00 as follows:
   For the year 2007 $ 31,020,138.00
   For the year 2008 $ 30,991,486.00
   For the year 2009 $ 31,557,453.00
1.3 Corporate portion, providing for the requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $30,108,344.00 as follows:
   - For the year 2007 $ 9,893,439.00
   - For the year 2008 $ 10,003,909.00
   - For the year 2009 $ 10,210,995.00

1.4 In order to achieve a balanced budget for the triennium, management will identify and effect staff cost reductions of $825,000.00 through attrition and retirement. This reduction will be achieved throughout the Canonical, Program and Corporate portions of the Budget.

2.0 The funding policy for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 is adopted, based on a single Asking (apportioned share) of the dioceses. After a $100,000 exemption from total income, a single asking shall be applied at a flat rate of 21% of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g.: 2007 Askings (apportioned share) are to be based on 2005 actual income figures]. “Income” includes 1) all congregational giving to the diocese, 2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, 3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and 4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

2.1 We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that give at and above, the 21% Asking. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of The Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the 21% Asking; then we could allocate an additional 8 million dollars each year toward fulfilling the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 75th General Convention.

2.2 For the budgetary period income from diocesan commitments, totaling $92,978,494.00 is anticipated as follows:
   - For the year 2007 $ 30,087,248.00
   - For the year 2008 $ 30,983,865.00
   - For the year 2009 $ 31,907,381.00
2.3 For the budgetary period 2007–2009, payment by the dioceses of the Askings shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

2.4 All additional income, other than from the Askings of the dioceses, totaling, is projected as follows $59,024,493.00:
   - For the year 2007 $18,551,046.00
   - For the year 2008 $19,376,194.00
   - For the year 2009 $21,097,253.00

2.5 A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of examination as appropriated in the budget. A candidate for Holy Orders eligible for examination and so certified by the diocesan bishop shall not be disqualified for examination because the fee has not been paid.

2.6 General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2009 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1 Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the assured income of the Executive Council so as to carry out the Budget for The Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.

3.2 Resolutions of the General Convention calling for the expenditures of any moneys (or containing implied funding) which are not included in the adopted Budget for The Episcopal Church will not have special claim, advanced standing or priority for funding by the Executive Council.

3.3 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.4 If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas.

3.5 Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.
3.6 Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.

3.7 Each Committee, Commission, Agency and Board (CCAB) proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance a detailed budget in support of its plan(s), including cost estimates from contractors and suppliers for all goods and services, by no later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

3.8 Subsequent editions of the Mission Statement and Budget Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church contain the following information for each year of the preceding triennium:

- A description of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities with accompanying narrative.
- Endowment balance and total investment return, with accompanying narrative.
- Posting of this report on the DFMS website when it is released to the Bishops and Deputies.

Committee of Conference
The Committee of Conference presented Resolution B032 (Seperate and Independent Status) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B032)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention affirm that no resolution of the General Convention is intended to affect either the historic separate and independent status of the churches of the Anglican Communion or the legal identity of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #254)

There was one abstention.

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution B007 (Amend Canon III.18.4) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(B007)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.18.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4 (a) A Bishop of the Diocese Each Diocesan Bishop shall visit the Congregations within the Diocese at least once in three years. Interim visits may be delegated to another Bishop of this Church.

(b) At every visitation the visiting Bishop shall preside at the Holy Eucharist and at the Initiatory Rites, as required, preach the Word, examine the records of the Congregation required by Canon III.9.5(c), and examine the life and ministry of the Clergy and Congregation according to Canon III.9.5(b)(5).

(c) If a Bishop of the Diocese has declined to visit a Parish or Congregation for three years, the Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry (or the Corporation), or the Bishop, may apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint five Diocesan Bishops who live nearest to the Diocese in which such Parish or Congregation is situated as a Council of Conciliation, who shall determine all matters of difference between the parties, and each party shall conform to the decision of the Council. Provided, that, in case of any subsequent trial of either party for failure to conform to the decision, any right of the Accused under the Constitutions and Canons of this Church or the Diocese holding the trial may be pleaded and established as a sufficient defense, notwithstanding the former decision; and Provided, further, that, in any case, the Bishop may at any time apply for such Council of Conciliation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #256)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #14 on HD Message #119 on Resolution A136 (Enriching Our Worship Support) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #257)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A136)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention encourage use of the liturgical resources in the “Enriching Our Worship” series as appropriate for Sunday worship.
Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #9 on HD Message #150 on Resolution D080 (Episcopal-Moravian Dialog) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #258)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D080)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge with gratitude our ongoing relationship of Interim Eucharistic Sharing with The Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces, as approved by the 74th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend and encourage the work of the Moravian-Episcopal Dialogue as it continues to seek full communion between our two churches.

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #9 on Resolution A168 (Human Rights for “Homosexual Persons”) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A168)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm “its conviction that homosexual persons are entitled to equal protection of the laws with all other citizens, and calls upon our society to see that such protection is provided in actuality” (GC 1976–A071); and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the statement in the Windsor Report paragraph 146: “Moreover, any demonizing of homosexual persons, or their ill treatment, is totally against Christian charity and basic principles of pastoral care. We urge provinces to be proactive in support of the call of Lambeth Resolution 64 (1988) for them to ‘reassess, in the light of … study and because of our concern for human rights, its care for and attitude toward persons of homosexual orientation;’” and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns seek ways to address this concern through the Anglican Communion Office.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm “its conviction that homosexual persons are entitled
to equal protection of the laws with all other citizens, and calls upon our society to see that such protection is provided in actuality” (GC 1976–A071); and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the statement in the Windsor Report paragraph 146: “Moreover, any demonizing of homosexual persons, or their ill treatment, is totally against Christian charity and basic principles of pastoral care. We urge provinces to be proactive in support of the call of Lambeth Resolution 64 (1988) for them to ‘reassess, in the light of … study and because of our concern for human rights, its care for and attitude toward persons of homosexual orientation;’” and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns seek ways to address this concern through the Anglican Communion Office.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #259)

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #14 on HD Message #174 on Resolution A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #260)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A159)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm that The Episcopal Church is in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention join with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council in making a commitment to the vision of interdependent life in Christ, characterized by forbearance, trust, and respect, and commend the Windsor Report and process as a means of deepening our understanding of that commitment; and be it further

Resolved, That as an expression of interdependence, the Presiding offices of both Houses work in partnership with the churches of the Anglican Communion to explore ways by which there might be inter-Anglican consultation and participation on Standing Commissions of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #21 on HD Message #151 on Resolution A160 (Expression of Regret) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #261)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A160)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, mindful of “the repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation enjoined on us by Christ” (Windsor Report, paragraph 134), express its regret for straining the bonds of affection in the events surrounding the General Convention of 2003 and the consequences which followed; offer its sincerest apology to those within our Anglican Communion who are offended by our failure to accord sufficient importance to the impact of our actions on our church and other parts of the Communion; and ask forgiveness as we seek to live into deeper levels of communion one with another.

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #22 on HD Message #175 on Resolution A166 (Anglican Covenant Development Process) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #262)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A166)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as a demonstration of our commitment to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Anglican Communion, support the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant that underscores our unity in faith, order, and common life in the service of God’s mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and The Episcopal Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow the development processes of an Anglican Covenant in the Communion, and report regularly to the Executive Council as well as to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention report these actions supporting the Anglican Covenant development process, noting such missiological and theological resources as the Standing Commission on World Mission and the House of Bishops’ Theology Committee to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the
Primates, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and that the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church report the same to the Primates of the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Noonday Prayers

Noonday prayers were led by Chaplain Battle.

Communications

The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #7 on HD Message #162 on Resolution A047 (Amend Canon I.1.2(12)) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #263)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A047)

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n)(12) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(12) A Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication consisting of 14 (12 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to guide the policies, participate in the strategic planning, and share in the oversight of implementing a comprehensive communication strategy for The Episcopal Church identify, study and consider communication strategies, policies, priorities, and technologies, to strengthen the Church’s communication of the Gospel and the mission of the Church to the world at large, and to improve communication among members of the Church, Parishes, Missions, Congregations, Dioceses, and the various bodies of the General Convention. The Commission shall report on its work and recommendations to the General Convention.

Election of the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop

The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections nominated the Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, to the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop to an unfilled term ending in 2012.

Motion was made to approve the nomination.

Motion carried

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #264)

Special Order of Business

The Presiding Bishop introduced the Rt. Rev. John Patterson, Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council. Bishop Patterson addressed the House.
RECESS
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. on the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:29 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION
The House reconvened at 3:57 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

The Secretary made announcements.

Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
The Secretary announced the results of the ballot on Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Province I The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island
Province II The Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam, Suffragan Bishop of New York
Province III The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware
Province IV The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky
Province V The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little, II, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Province VI The Rt. Rev. Michael Gene Smith, Bishop of North Dakota
Province VII The Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas
Province VIII The Rt. Rev. Bavi Edna Rivera, Suffragan Bishop of Olympia
Province IX The Rt. Rev. Julio Cesar Holguin, Bishop of Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #265)

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #12 on HD Message #182 on Resolution A153 (Proposed Title IV Revisions) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #266)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A153)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express its sincere and abiding appreciation and gratitude for the diligent, intensive, and dedicated work and
leadership of the Task Force on Disciplinary Policies and Procedures (“Task Force I”) since 2001, in the research, drafting, listening, and communicating of and about its work to develop a comprehensive revision to Title IV of the Church Canons, so that our Canons on discipline reflect our ecclesiology and theology; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the principles and values expressed in Task Force I’s proposed new Canon IV.1:

By virtue of our Baptismal Covenant, all members of this Church are called to holiness of life and accountability to one another. The Church and each Diocese shall support their members in their life in Christ and shall hold one another accountable as provided in this Title.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge that the work of Task Force I requires further work, reflection, and perfection; and be it further

Resolved, That Resolution A153 and the work of and documents from Task Force I be referred to a new Title IV Task Force (“Task Force II”) of twelve persons comprising: three members appointed by the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, three members appointed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, and six other members, to include three members of Task Force I, jointly appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop. Task Force II shall be charged to complete and perfect this vital work, continuing the focus on the following critical goals, concerns, and values:

1. Reflect the values, ecclesiology, and theology of the Church;
2. Move Title IV towards a reconciliation model for all appropriate circumstances;
3. Encourage the prompt resolution of conflicts in the Church and the reconciliation of persons involved in those conflicts at the earliest appropriate time and the lowest appropriate level of the Church;
4. Consider the possible inclusion of certain Lay Persons in Title IV whose office or other leadership role makes inclusion appropriate, provided the treatment of their accountability and discipline is commensurate with their lay status, responsibilities, and commitments;
5. Maintain the historic pastoral role and canonical authority of Bishops; and
6. Respect the roles, rights, and integrity of those persons subject to Title IV, and of injured persons, communities, Parishes, Missions, Congregations, and the Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Task Force II meet during the next triennium, giving the Church due notice of its meetings; that it make available such periodic reports of its work as will best inform the Church of its activities; and that it make a final report, with a proposed Title IV revision along with explanatory and educational materials, to the 76th General Convention not later than January 1, 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #54 on HD Message #85 on Resolution C021 (Bertha and Ethelbert) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #267)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C021)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider adding Queen Bertha and her husband King Ethelbert (baptized by St. Augustine in 597 and died 616), early Christian witnesses in England who shared with St. Augustine of Canterbury the reestablishment of Christianity in England and who practiced religious tolerance, to the Calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, with appropriate Propers and biographical materials.

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #16 on HD Message #157 on Resolution A139 (Celebration of Women's Ministries) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #268)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A139)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church offer thanksgiving for the gift of all women in ministry, and especially those enabled by General Convention action including the seating of lay women deputies in 1970, the canons enabling the ordination of women to the diaconate in 1970, the priesthood in 1976, the consecration of a woman as bishop in 1989, and the election of a woman as Presiding Bishop in 2006; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses be encouraged to celebrate these ministries in ways that are appropriate to their locale; and be it further
Resolved, That pioneers in the ordination of women in all orders be part of this celebration and that their witness and courage be recognized; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses that as yet have not ordained women to the priesthood continue to be encouraged to provide for the ordination and exercise of priestly ministry by women in their dioceses.
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #18 on HD Message #110 on Resolution D019 (Pastoral Concern for Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their Families) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #269)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D019)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention pray for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan and for all those who are working to bring peace to those lands, particularly United States military personnel and their families, relief forces from allied nations, and all civilian aid workers from the United States and other countries; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention express its particular concern and support for all personnel serving in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urges all Episcopalians and all congregations of The Episcopal Church to join in such prayer and support; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention offer its thanks and gratitude to all Episcopal chaplains serving in the military for their pastoral ministries, particularly those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies to communicate to all Episcopal military chaplains and to the Episcopal service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan these commitments of prayer, concern, support, and thanksgiving.

Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #7 on HD Message #160 on Resolution D065 (Family Leave Pension Waiver) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #270)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D065)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request that the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund study the feasibility of a Family Leave Pension Waiver policy for clergy taking time off to care for family members with the results of the study to be reported to the 76th General Convention.
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #8 on HD Message #173 on Resolution D075 (Study of Retirement Benefits of Ordained Overseas Clergy) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #271)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D075)
Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund study the retirement benefits of members of the clergy originally ordained in another Anglican jurisdiction who have joined the Church Pension Fund and that the Church Pension Fund make a report with recommendations to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #9 on HD Message #171 on Resolution D048 (Equitable Benefits for Small Church Workers) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #272)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D048)
Resolved, That the Convention request that the CPF investigate the formula for awarding credited years of service for the Church Pension Fund participants receiving part-time compensation.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #12 on HD Message #181 on Resolution D098 (To Refer Incompleted Resolutions to Interim Bodies) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #273)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D098)
Resolved, That resolutions not finalized at the 75th General Convention be referred for information to an appropriate interim body at the discretion of the Secretary of General Convention.
Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #13 on HD Message #165 on Resolution B020 (Amendment to Title I, Canon 15) and moved adoption with a referral to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #274)

[Editor's Note: The final status of Resolution B020 is non-concurrence because the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies did not vote on the same action for the legislation. See p. 569.]

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #12 on HD Message #183 on Resolution D059 (Child Care Facilities at General Convention) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #275)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D059)
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangement be directed to make age appropriate care and educational programs available for children birth to age twelve available for the duration of the 76th General Convention and all future General Conventions; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses and provinces be encouraged to provide similar services for conventions and synod meetings.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #13 on HD Message #186 on Resolution A154 (Regarding General Convention Resolutions) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #276)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A154)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of the General Convention to convey electronically to all bishops, deputies, and alternates all filed resolutions on a weekly basis beginning 60 days before the opening day of General Convention.
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #14 on HD Message #187 on Resolution A105 (Amend Canon I.1.2: Standing Commission on Youth & Christian Formation) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #277)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A105)

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended to add a subsection (14), reading as follows:

A Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation consisting of twelve members (3 Bishops, 3 Presbyters and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for children, youth, adults, and seniors for lifelong Christian formation.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $48,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #15 on HD Message #185 on Resolution A104 (Amend Canon I.1.2: Standing Commissions) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

In Sec. 2(n)(4) restore the words, “consisting of 16 members (2 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 8 Lay Persons).” And in Sec. 2(n)(5) restore the words, “consisting of 18 members (6 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 6 Lay Persons).”

The question was called on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called on the Resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution A104.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #278)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A104)

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2 (a) The General Convention by Canon may establish Standing Commissions, to study and draft policy proposals to make recommendations to the General Convention on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church. The Canon shall specify the size, composition and duties of each such Commission. Standing Commissions shall be composed of three (3) Bishops, three (3) Priests and/or Deacons of this Church and six (6) Lay Persons, who shall be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. Priests, Deacons and Lay Persons may but need not are not required to be members of the House of Deputies.

(b) The terms of all members of Standing Commissions shall be equal to the interval between the regular meeting of the General Convention preceding their appointment and the adjournment of the second succeeding regular meeting of the General Convention, and such terms shall be rotated so that, as near as may be, the term of one half of the members shall expire at the conclusion of each regular meeting of the General Convention. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Commission occurring in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Commission for good cause.

(c) The Presiding Bishop shall appoint the Episcopal members, and the President of the House of Deputies the Lay and other Clerical members, of such Commissions as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the General Convention, but not later than ninety (90) days following the close of General Convention. Episcopal members appointed after the adjournment of any General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is elected shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop-elect. Vacancies shall be filled in similar manner; provided, however, that vacancies occurring within one year of the next regular General Convention shall not be filled unless so requested by the Commission.

(d) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies may shall jointly appoint members of the Executive Council as liaison persons to provide for communication between the Executive Council and any each Commission. Notice of such appointments shall be given to the Secretaries of both Houses. Such appointed liaison persons shall not be members of the Commission and shall have voice but not vote. The reasonable expenses thereof shall be provided for by the Executive Council. Each such Commission shall have a member of the Presiding Bishop’s staff appointed by the Presiding
Bishop to assist in its work. Each such Commission shall have the power to constitute committees, from among members or non members of the Commission, and to request the services of Executive Council staff; and, subject to the Commission’s budget, engage the services of consultants and coordinators necessary to the carrying on of its work.

(c) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall be members ex officios of every Commission with the right, but no obligation, to attend meetings, and with seat and vote in the deliberations thereof, and shall receive their minutes and an annual report of their activities; Provided, that the said presiding officers may appoint personal representatives to attend any meeting in their stead, but without vote.

(f) The Executive Officer of the General Convention shall, not later than the month of January one hundred and twenty (120) days following the meeting of the General Convention, notify the members of the respective Houses of their appointments upon Commissions and their duty to present Reports to the next Convention. One year prior to the opening day of the Convention, the Executive Officer of the General Convention shall remind the Chairs and Secretaries of all Commissions of this duty.

(g) Every Commission appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and when convened shall be organized by electing a chair, vice-chair and secretary. In the event that the Commission is not convened as above provided within six months from the date of adjournment of each Convention, one-third of the members may take such action as shall be necessary to convene the Commission. After the Commission shall have been convened, and its officers chosen, the Chair or, in the absence of the Chair or in the Chair’s inability or refusal to act, the Vice-Chair shall be empowered to call a meeting and fix the time and place and shall do so upon signed request of one-third of the members.

(h) It shall be the privilege of either House to refer to a Commission any matter related to the subject for which it was appointed; but neither House shall have the power, without the consent of the other, to instruct the Commission as to any particular line of action.

(i) It shall be the duty of each Commission to give appropriate notice in the Church press of issues before it and the time and place of meetings at which such issues are to be considered, together with instructions as to the manner in which members of the Church may address their views to such Commission.

(j) Every Commission shall prepare a Report, which, together with any minority Report, shall be sent, not later than 150 days prior to the opening day of each Convention, to the Executive Officer of the General Convention, who shall print and distribute the same, as far as practicable, to all members of said Convention.

(k) The Report of every Commission presented at the General Convention shall:
(1) Set forth the names of its original members, any changes in membership, the names of all those who concur in and all those who dissent from its recommendation, and shall further state, if less than a majority of its entire membership sign the Report, their authority for presenting it.

(2) Summarize the work of the Commission, including the various matters studied, the recommendations for action by the General Convention and drafts of Resolutions proposed for adoption to implement the recommendations of the Commission.

(3) Include a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures, including moneys received from any source whatsoever, during the preceding interval since the last meeting of the General Convention, and if it recommends that it be continued, the estimated requirements for the ensuing interval until the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

(l) Every Commission, as a condition precedent to the presentation and reception of any Report in either House, in which such Commission proposes the adoption of any Resolution, shall, by vote, authorize a member or members of that House, who, if possible, shall be a member of the Commission, with such limitations as the Commission may impose, to accept or reject, on behalf of the Commission, any amendments proposed in such House to any such Resolution; Provided, however, that no such amendment may change the substance of the proposal, but shall be primarily for the purpose of correcting errors. The name of the member or members of the particular House upon whom such authority has been conferred, and the limitations of authority, shall be communicated in writing to the Presiding Officer of such House not later than the presentation of such Report in that House. The application of this Rule in either House may be suspended, in any particular case, by the majority vote of the members of such House.

(m) Every Commission whose Report requests expenditure out of the funds of the General Convention (except for the printing of the Report) shall present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance its written request, on or before the first business day of the session, and all Resolutions providing for any such expenditures shall be immediately referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance. No proposition involving such expenditures shall be considered unless so presented and until after report of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance.

(n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

(1) A Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns, consisting of 14 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop recommendations and strategies regarding common ministry opportunities and concerns with other Provinces of the Anglican Communion as to the work of this Church and the Anglican Communion.
on issues of international peace with justice and to make recommendations pertaining thereto to the Presiding Bishop, the Executive Council and the General Convention.

(2) A Standing Commission for Small Congregations, consisting of 10 members (3 Bishops, 2 Priests and/or Deacons, and 5 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to concern itself with plans for new directions for Small Congregations.

(3) A Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, consisting of 12 members (3 Bishops, 3 Priests and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). The Standing Commission shall: **It shall be the duty of the Commission to:**

   (i) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; **Provided, however,** that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the House of membership, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

   (ii) Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons with respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and on the basis of such a review propose to the General Convention such technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such consistency and clarity without altering the substance of any Constitutional and Canonical provisions; **Provided, however,** that the Commission shall propose, for the consideration of the appropriate Legislative Committees of the two Houses, such amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are technically desirable but involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision.

   (iii) On the basis of such review suggest to the Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society such amendments to their respective By-laws as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to conform the same to the Constitution and Canons.

   (iv) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

(4) A Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism consisting of 16 members (2 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 8 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider major general policies, priorities and concerns as to the domestic mission of this Church. This shall include a review of the shaping of new
patterns and directions for evangelism particularly in rural and metropolitan areas. The Commission shall develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies and strategies to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

(5) A Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations consisting of 18 members (6 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 6 Lay Persons). Its duties: It shall be the duty of the Commission to recommend to the General Convention a comprehensive and coordinated policy and strategy on relations between this Church and other Churches, and this Church and other religions, to make recommendations to General Convention concerning interchurch cooperation and unity, and interreligious dialogue and action, and to carry out such instructions on ecumenical and interreligious matters as may be given it from time to time by the General Convention. It shall also nominate for appointment by the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, persons to serve on the governing bodies of ecumenical and interreligious organizations to which this Church belongs by action of the General Convention, who shall report to the Presiding Bishop, Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.

(6) A Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consisting of 16 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons and 8 Lay Persons). In addition, the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. The Standing Commission shall: It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.

(ii) Collect, collate and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.

(iii) Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or House of Bishops.

(iv) Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.

(v) Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.

(vi) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications regularly in
use in this Church and encourage the composition of new musical materials.

(vii) Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.

(viii) At the direction of the General Convention, to serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and strategies concerning Church music.

(7) A Standing Commission on Ministry Development consisting of 24 members. Nine members shall be appointed on the nomination of the nine Provincial Presidents, one nomination from each Province. The remaining 15 shall include 3 bishops, 4 priests and/or deacons, provided that two shall be deacons, and 8 lay persons. It shall be the duty of the Commission:

(i) to recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention for the development, affirmation and exercise of the ministry of all the baptized;

(ii) to encourage and facilitate networks of individuals, institutions and agencies engaged in education, training, deployment and formation for ministry by all four orders;

(iii) to study the needs and trends of theological education for all four orders with this Church, including issues of recruitment, training, deployment, evaluation and continuing education; to make recommendations to the several seminaries, the Executive Council and the General Convention; and to aid the General Board of Examining Chaplains in the exercise of its function;

(iv) to discharge such other duties as shall be assigned by the General Convention.

(8) A Standing Commission on National Concerns consisting of 16 members (2 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 8 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider general policies, priorities and concerns about the theological, ethical and pastoral issues and strategies as to the ministries of this Church serving Christ, to strive for justice and peace among all peoples through the proclamation of the Gospel and to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies and strategies applicable to the same.

(9) A Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, consisting of 12 members (2 Bishops, 2 Priests and/or Deacons, and 8 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to hold up before the Church the responsibility of faithful stewardship of time, talent and treasure in grateful thanksgiving for God’s gifts. It shall recommend strategies for stewardship education throughout the Church with special sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic diversity of our Church. It shall recommend programs for long-range planning and development, ensuring that other Church bodies, including the Executive Council, are part of the process. It shall assure that
there is an official, periodic gathering, interpretation, evaluation and reporting of stewardship from throughout the Church. It shall help coordinate all church-wide fund-raising activities.

(10) A Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church, consisting of 12 members (3 Bishops, 3 Presbyters and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of the Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees and Commissions to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee or Commission, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church for its consideration and advice.

(11) A Standing Commission on World Mission, consisting of 12 members (3 Bishops, 3 Priests or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons), whose members shall include persons broadly representative of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with and experience in world mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission, as to all mission outside the United States, to review and evaluate existing policies, priorities and strategies, and to promote partnership for global mission among the various groups within the church, to plan and propose policy on overseas mission, and to make recommendations pertaining to the Executive Council and the General Convention.

(12) A Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication consisting of 14 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to guide the policies, participate in the strategic planning, and share in the oversight of implementing a comprehensive communication strategy for The Episcopal Church.

(13) A Standing Commission on Health consisting of 11 members (3 Bishops, 3 Priests and/or Deacons, and 5 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Articulate and communicate positions adopted by The Episcopal Church on health care policy to Episcopalians, the public, and public policy makers;
(ii) Advocate, in cooperation with the Office of Government Relations, for a health care system in which all may be guaranteed decent and appropriate primary health care during their lives and as they approach death;
(iii) Bring together those within The Episcopal Church who develop, provide and/or teach health care and health policy to continue to develop a Christian approach to pressing issues that affect the health care system of this nation;
(iv) Understand and keep abreast of the rapidly changing health care market and developments in biomedical research that affect health policy;
(v) Collect and develop resources and teaching materials related to access to health care for the use of dioceses, congregations, and individuals;
(vi) Advocate health ministry in and through local Episcopal congregations; and
(vii) Discharge such other duties as shall be assigned by the General Convention.

And be it further
Resolved, That this amendment shall be effective immediately; and be it further
Resolved, That the transition in number of members on the Standing Commissions whose number of members is changed by this resolution shall be achieved as follows:
1. All persons currently serving on any Standing Commission shall continue to serve to the normal expiration of their terms.
2. The Presiding Bishop-elect and the President of the House of Deputies shall, in accordance with the requirements of this resolution, appoint six (6) persons to each Standing Commission whose terms shall conclude at the end of the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
3. The President of the House of Deputies shall appoint one additional lay person to the Standing Commission for Small Congregations. This appointee’s term shall conclude at the end of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
4. The Presiding Bishop-Elect and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint six additional members to the Standing Commission on Health and to any Standing Commissions created by the 75th General Convention. These appointees’ terms shall conclude at the end of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #33 on Resolution D056 (Empowering God's People in the City) and moved to refer the resolution to the Executive Council.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D056)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention call upon Bishops to appoint in each Diocese a Metropolitan Ministry Team of persons who have demonstrated commitment and ability in partnership with marginalized people and with broad coalitions for local action:

- to join with the Church in Metropolitan Areas network (Empowering God's People in the City),
- to receive further support and training in inclusive theology and community development;
to take other actions which implement the Millennium Development Goals in our local settings; and to share their experience and understanding with emerging ministry teams in metropolitan area congregations.

Resolution adopted

Resolution referred to Executive Council

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #279)

Special Legislative Committee

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #25 on HD Message #136 on Resolution A163 (Pastoral Care and Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #280)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A163)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the centrality of effective and appropriate pastoral care for all members of this Church and all who come seeking the aid of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to the ongoing engagement of and sensitive response to the request and need of all the people of God – in particular, but not exclusively, those who agree and those who disagree with the actions of this body, those who feel isolated thereby, and gay and lesbian persons within and without this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize the agonizing position of those who do not feel able to receive appropriate pastoral care from their own bishops, and urges the members of the House of Bishops to seek the highest degree of communion and reconciliation within their own dioceses, using when requested in good faith the Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) process detailed in the March 2004 statement of the House of Bishops, “Caring for All the Churches;” and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge continued maintenance of historic diocesan boundaries, the authority of the diocesan bishop, and respect for the historical relationships of the separate and autonomous Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Special Order of Business

The Presiding Bishop introduced the new president of Episcopal Church Women, Ms. Kay Meyer. Ms. Meyer addressed the House.
Evangelism
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #7 on HD Message #211 on Resolution B011 (Special Missionary Initiative) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #281)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B011)
Resolved, That the Presiding Officers, Executive Council, and staff of The Episcopal Church Center, the standing committees of the Church, the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund and the Church Pension Group, in coordination with the Bishop of and Diocese of Louisiana develop a strategy for a model missionary initiative, including both evangelism and service, for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Area (New Orleans, North and East Shore), to support overall church evangelism and the 20/20 goals, while providing a model and a test-bed for organization in areas of natural disaster or economic impoverishment; and be it further
Resolved, That the office of Mission at The Episcopal Church Center develop a recommended structure and a time line for implementation of said strategy. The initiative should consider: organization and methods, identification of resources, periodic sharing of progress and lessons-learned; it should also consider relief and development projects, leadership formation and training for personal and congregational evangelism and service with the diverse populations of the region. The officers, council and staff shall recommend quantitative measures of accountability for mission performance; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Center head of Mission report the findings and recommendations of this initiative to the Executive Council annually at the Council’s third meeting each calendar year, beginning in 2007 for one triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That every diocese and congregation be encouraged to participate in this endeavor by supplying mission teams to enable implementation of this Special Missionary Initiative; and be it further
Resolved, That all Convention, Church, and Executive Council offices and agencies plan a portion of their budget to support this initiative in the next Triennium; and further, that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $100,000.00 per annum to provide an officer to be based in Louisiana for three years to coordinate implementation of this initiative.
Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop addressed the House.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Miscellaneous Resolutions presented its Report #2 on Resolution B036 (Gratitude to the Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(B036)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops expresses deep gratitude to the Presiding Bishop, Frank T. Griswold, III, for his guidance throughout the 75th General Convention, as well as his faithful service as chief pastor and Primate of The Episcopal Church; and for his prayerful and gracious leadership.
And be it further
Resolved, That we also express our gratitude to Phoebe Griswold for her life and ministry in witness to all God's children around the world.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #283)

Adjourn
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House adjourn sine die.

Motion carried

The House adjourned at 5:58 p.m.
Appendix D
Day 9

Change in Status
The following are changes in status received by the Secretary since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 17–22, 2006:

July 22, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Mark Andrus
Bishop Suffragan of Alabama
To Bishop Diocesan of California

July 1, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Mark L. MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska
As Assisting Bishop of the Navajoland Area Mission

Resignations
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 17–22, 2006, the Secretary received notification of the intent of the following bishops to resign:

April 1, 2007  The Rt. Rev. Richard S. O. Chang
              Bishop of Hawaii
October 31, 2006  The Rt. Rev. Bertram N. Herlong
                 Bishop of Tennessee
January 1, 2007  The Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb
                 Bishop of Northern California
               Bishop of South Carolina
July 22, 2006  The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing
              Bishop of California

Necrology
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 17–22, 2006, the following bishops have departed this life:

April 30, 2006  The Rt. Rev. Adrian Caceres
                Retired Bishop of Ecuador
May 8, 2006  The Rt. Rev. William Davidson
             Retired Bishop of Western Kansas
June 12, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Wally Hayes
Retired Bishop of Panama
HOUSE OF DEPUTIES
MINUTES
FIRST DAY

Tuesday
June 13, 2006

MORNING SESSION

This being the day and place designated for the meeting of the 75th General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner of Pittsburgh, called the House to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio, in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

The President remarked on the organization of the House.

Appointment of the Chaplains

Appointment of the Parliamentarian
The President announced the appointment of Pauline “Polly” Getz of San Diego as Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies.

The President called on the Secretary to report on the recording of the names of those whose testimonials have been presented.

There were no objections.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #1. For the morning session of the First Legislative Day, there were 415 clerical deputies and 410 lay deputies certified and seated. The total count of the House is 825. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 413.

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted. Motion carried

Quorum
The President requested the Secretary to certify that a quorum was present.
The Secretary so certified:

I hereby certify that, pursuant to Article 1, Section 4 of the Constitution, the clerical order being represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of dioceses entitled to representation in this Convention, and the lay order being likewise represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of the dioceses entitled to representation, there is a quorum of this House present for the transaction of business.

_The Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub, Secretary_

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that, since the Secretary had certified to this body the presence of a quorum, the House dispense with the calling of the roll, pursuant to the provisions of Canon I.1.1(a).

**Motion carried**

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

The President called for nominations for Secretary of the House of Deputies. Deputy Anderson of Michigan placed in nomination the name of the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub as Secretary of the House of Deputies.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations.

**Motion carried**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved for a single ballot.

**Motion carried**

The President called on the Vice-President of the House of Deputies, Deputy Anderson of Michigan, to cast a single ballot for the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub for Secretary of the House of Deputies.

**Motion carried**

**Secretary of the House of Deputies elected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #4)

The President spoke of the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub stepping in to take the place of the Rev. Rosemari G. Sullivan of Virginia as Secretary of the House of Deputies.

**House of Deputies Organized**

The President declared that the House of Deputies was now organized. The President appointed Deputy Kelley of Rio Grande and Deputy Tyler-Scott of Indianapolis to so inform the House of Bishops. 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:
1. Voting Secretary: The Rev. Saundra Richardson
2. Recording Secretary: The Rev. Willie Smith
3. Assistant Recording Secretary: The Rev. Benjamin Musoke-Lubega

Approval received
Assistant Secretaries appointed

The Secretary called on the Voting Secretary to explain voting procedures and cueing system.

Point of Order
The President recognized Deputy Eaton of San Joaquin who expressed concern that deputies would not be given full rights under Rule 33, based on the procedures outlined for approaching the speaking platforms. The President addressed the concerns and expressed thanks for the inquiry.

House of Bishops Organized
The President welcomed and recognized visitors from the House of Bishops: Bishop Barbara Harris and the Bishop of California. Bishop Harris addressed the House and announced that the House of Bishops has a quorum and is organized for business.

Legislative Committees
The Secretary announced the appointment of Legislative Committees, including Chairs and Vice-Chairs (See Appendix A).

Personal Privilege
The President recognized Deputy Zamboni of New Jersey who expressed concern with the number of invalid votes on the practice vote. It was noted that additional instruction would be provided.

Election of the Secretary of General Convention
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to elect the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub as Secretary of the General Convention.

Motion carried
Secretary of General Convention elected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #1)
Election of the Treasurer of the General Convention


The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations.

Motion carried

The Chair of the House of Deputies committee on Dispatch of Business moved for the Secretary to cast one ballot for N. Kurt Barnes.

Motion carried

Treasurer of General Convention elected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #2)

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business reminded the House that the Rules of Order limit floor access to Deputies only. The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order to allow pages, volunteers, and others needed for the conduct of business.

The President reminded the House that a two-thirds majority is required to suspend the Rules.

Motion carried

Rules suspended

Delegations with Seat and Voice

The House of Deputies committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order to allow admission to the floor of the House for specified periods such as episcopal visitors or other official visitors from the Anglican Communion as authorized by the President, the Vice-President or the Secretary, each of whom shall have seat only.

Motion carried

The President spoke of the importance and opportunity for laity and clergy to work fully together. The President welcomed and recognized visitors from The Episcopal Church in Liberia, who have seat and voice in the House. The President welcomed two youth representatives from each Province, who have seat and voice in the House. The order of no applause was suspended to welcome these representatives.
Noonday Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for noonday prayers.

ECW President
President Neer brought greetings from the Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women. She invited members of the House to noon time offerings and ECW workshops.

Personal Privilege
The President recognized Deputy Harmon Hines of Western Massachusetts who expressed concern with the projected images not being visible to all parts of the floor. The President thanked Deputy Hines for bringing this to the attention of the House and asked deputies to be patient as the media problems are resolved.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #1 on Resolution A002 (2006 General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A002)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention function through the following activities:
1. formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. a joint session for the nomination of a Presiding Bishop;
3. a joint session for the presentation of the budget proposal;
4. meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
5. open hearings to be conducted as needed by all legislative committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 75th General Convention held in Columbus, Ohio in 2006, be:

Saturday, June 10, 2006
11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Volunteer Supervisors Gathering
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Secretariat & Dispatch Orientation

Sunday, June 11, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Secretariat & Dispatch Meeting
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Officers Orientation

Monday, June 12, 2006
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Legislative Committees
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7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
10:00 a.m. UTO Ingathering & Eucharist
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Joint Session: Presiding Bishop Nomination
5:00 p.m. Special Order: To Honor George Werner
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Bishop Dinner
8:00 p.m. “A Tribute to the 25th Presiding Bishop”

Sunday, June 18, 2006 – Sixth Legislative Day
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Legislative Session
10:30 a.m. House of Bishops Election
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
8:00 p.m. Seminary Dinners

Monday, June 19, 2006 – Seventh Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Legislative Session
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Joint Session: Program, Budget and Finance
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Suggested Time for Provincial Gatherings
8:00 p.m. Reserved for Legislative Session

Tuesday, June 20, 2006 – Eighth Legislative Day
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Deputy Certification
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Eucharist & Scripture Reflection
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Legislative Session
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Provincial Caucuses
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
8:00 p.m. Reserved for Legislative Session

Wednesday, June 21, 2006 – Ninth Legislative Day
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Closing Eucharist
10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Legislative Session
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
Joint Adjournment – Sine Die

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

Special Order of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business in its Report #11 moved to adopt a Special Order of Business:

Resolved, the Joint Committee on Nominations having submitted names for election as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, pursuant to Title I, Canon 8, Section 2, and Joint Rule of Order 18(a) (see Blue Book, pages 9 through 15 inclusive), that the following procedures be followed in the election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund at this General Convention pursuant to Title I, Canon 8, Section 2:

two Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to fill unexpired terms of three years each and until his or her successor has been elected and has qualified and for the purpose of electing twelve Trustees of the Church Pension Fund for a term of six years each and until their successors have been elected and have qualified. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot form listing the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each member shall vote for the number of Trustees to be or remaining to be elected; any ballot with votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. The person nominated for the unexpired term receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected and the

1. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 3:45 p.m. on the 2nd Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 14, 2006, for the purpose of electing two Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to fill unexpired terms of three years each and until his or her successor has been elected and has qualified and for the purpose of electing twelve Trustees of the Church Pension Fund for a term of six years each and until their successors have been elected and have qualified. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot form listing the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each member shall vote for the number of Trustees to be or remaining to be elected; any ballot with votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. The person nominated for the unexpired term receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected and the twelve persons receiving the largest number of votes for the full six year terms shall be deemed elected, provided that votes equal to or in excess of a majority of the ballots cast on any ballot shall be required for election;

2. Balloting shall continue until there shall be Trustees so elected, provided that on the third and subsequent ballots there shall be retained on the ballot from those persons receiving the highest number of votes only that number of nominees equal to twice the number of Trustees then remaining to be elected;

3. In the event of a significant tie, election shall be by lot cast by the Secretary. The House may, at the discretion of its presiding officer, proceed to other business during the balloting for such election.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies committee on Dispatch of Business in its Report #12 moved to adopt a Special Order of Business:

Resolved, the Committee on Dispatch of Business, having been instructed by the President of the House to recommend an appropriate procedure for election, pursuant to Title I, Canon 1, Sec. 1(b), of a President and Vice-President, That the Secretary of the House prepare a form for nominations for President of the House and another form for nominations for Vice-President of the House, which shall contain blanks for the inclusion of:
1. Name of Nominee
2. Order
3. Diocese
4. Parish and City
5. Certification that if elected the nominee will accept the office
6. Signature of the nominator, his or her order and diocese, and shall be made available as soon as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That this House set a Special Order of Business at 11:30 a.m. the 2nd Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 14, 2006, for the purpose of receiving nominations for President of this House, at which time all duly completed nomination forms shall be filed with the Secretary and each nominator shall have the privilege of speaking for not more than two minutes in support of the nominee, provided that not more than one nominator shall be recognized to speak on behalf of each nominee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed thereafter to prepare in uniform fashion a biographical sketch of each nominee based on the information provided to the Secretary (by 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 14), which sketches shall be limited to 150 words, arranged in alphabetical order by name of nominee and distributed to the members of the House no later than 4:00 p.m. the 2nd Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 14, 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That this House set a Special Order of Business at 10:50 a.m. the 3rd Legislative Day, Thursday, June 15, 2006, for the purpose of electing a President of the House to take office at the adjournment of the regular meeting at which elected pursuant to Canon I, Title 1, Sec. 1(b), provided that at the discretion of its presiding officer the House may proceed to conduct other business during the balloting for such election; and be it further

Resolved, That following the election of a President a similar procedure be followed for the election of a Vice President of the House, with
1. a Special Order of Business at 10:45 a.m. the 4th Legislative Day, Friday, June 16, 2006 for the purpose of receiving nominations under the same procedures,
2. the distribution of similar biographical sketches (delivered to the Secretary by 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 16) prior to 5:00 p.m. the 4th Legislative Day, Friday, June 16, 2006, and
3. a Special Order of Business at 3:00 p.m. the 5th Legislative Day, Saturday, June 17, 2006, to elect a Vice President of the House for the same term under the same proviso; and be it further
Resolved, That the President of the House be requested to appoint a chairman and
tellers of elections to serve the House on the occasions of each of its several elections.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

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

Personal Privilege
Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast requested additional information on the terms
of those candidates being elected to the Church Pension Fund. The President said
they would check on this matter and report back to the House.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Renton of California requested a place for recycling of paper. The President
stated he would speak with the proper individuals.

Recess
Following announcements the President announced that the House would stand in
recess until 4:15 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President reconvened the House at 4:21 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #2 for the
second session of the First Legislative Day. There were 415 clerical deputies and 412
lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 827. The
number of votes necessary for a motion to prevail is 414. There were no new deputies
certified and 12 changes on this day, as follows:

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

*HB Message #1:* The House of Bishops is organized and ready to proceed to business.

*HB Message #2:* A019 (Amend Article I.7 [Meeting of General Convention - Second Reading]) Adopted.

*HB Message #3:* A078 (Liturgy Development and Episcopal Authority) Adopted.

*HB Message #4:* A041 (University Ministry) Re-referred to Evangelism.

*HB Message #5:* A038 (Diocesan Development Initiative) Re-referred to Evangelism.

*HB Message #6:* A117 (Seminarian Cross-cultural Formation) Re-referred to World Mission.

*HB Message #7:* A114 (Young Adult Service Corps) Re-referred to World Mission.

*HB Message #8:* A121 (CPF: An Instrument of Mission) Adopted.

*HB Message #9:* A147 (Church-wide Healthcare Feasibility Study) Adopted.

*HB Message #10:* B003 (Church Pension Fund and Chaplains to the Retired) Adopted.


Special Order of Business
The Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business moved the Supplemental Calendar, Day 1.

Motion carried

Diocese of Southern Ohio
The President invited Bishop Price and Deputy Stokes of Southern Ohio to address the House. Bishop Price brought greetings from The Honorable Robert Taft, Governor of Ohio. Deputy Stokes brought greetings from the Honorable Michael B. Coleman, Mayor of Columbus, Ohio.

Episcopal Church Foundation
The President introduced the Executive Director of The Episcopal Church Foundation, Donald Romanik. Mr. Romanik addressed the House and spoke to Episcopal Church Foundation goals, including providing resources to Episcopal dioceses and parishes concerning financial giving, endowment planning, managing daily action in parishes, and working with the Presiding Bishop and the Dioceses of Louisiana and Mississippi on hurricane relief.
Church Pension Group
The President introduced Mr. Dennis Sullivan, President of the Church Pension Group, who brought greetings from the Church Pension Group. Mr. Sullivan presented recent activities of the Pension Group, noted that it is currently in strong financial health, and highlighted several resolutions related to the Pension Group that will come before the House.

Election Process for Presiding Bishop
The President recognized three members of the Joint Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop: Deputy Pollard of New York, co-chair, along with two youth representatives, Deputy Woodall of West Missouri and Deputy Wilkinson of Georgia, to address the House on the process to elect the 26th Presiding Bishop.

The Joint Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop will present its report on Saturday, June 17, 2006, at a joint session. The names of candidates submitted by petition will be presented to the House. On Sunday, June 18, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, the first ballot of the House of Bishops will be at 10:45 a.m. and the second ballot at 11:30 a.m. If the House of Bishops elects on the second ballot, it will notify the House of Deputies to remain in session until the candidate is confirmed. If no candidate is elected, the third ballot will be after lunch. If no election occurs, the House of Bishops will continue this process until it elects a Presiding Bishop.

Reconsideration of Special Order of Business
The Chair of Dispatch of Business moved reconsideration of the Special Order of Business for the Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Motion carried
Special Order reconsidered

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business in its Report #11 moved to adopt a Special Order of Business with amendment:

Resolved, the Joint Committee on Nominations having submitted names for election as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, pursuant to Title I, Canon 8, Section 2, and Joint Rule of Order 18(a) (see Blue Book, pages 9 through 15 inclusive), that the following procedures be followed in the election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund at this General Convention pursuant to Title I, Canon 8, Section 2:

1. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 3:45 p.m. on the 2nd Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 14, 2006, for the purpose of electing two Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to fill unexpired terms of three years each and until his or her successor has been elected and has qualified and for the purpose of electing twelve Trustees of the Church Pension Fund for a term of six years each and until their successors have been elected and have qualified. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot form listing the names of all persons...
nominated. On each ballot, each member shall vote for the number of Trustees to be or remaining to be elected; any ballot with votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. The person nominated for the unexpired term receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected and the twelve persons receiving the largest number of votes for the full six year terms shall be deemed elected, provided that votes equal to or in excess of a majority of the ballots cast on any ballot shall be required for election;

2. Balloting shall continue until there shall be Trustees so elected, provided that on the third and subsequent ballots there shall be retained on the ballot from those persons receiving the highest number of votes only that number of nominees equal to twice the number of Trustees then remaining to be elected;

3. In the event of a significant tie, election shall be by lot cast by the Secretary. The House may, at the discretion of its presiding officer, proceed to other business during the balloting for such election.

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

**Special Order of Business**


**Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution B004 (Amend Canon I.9: Provincial Leadership Conference) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Structure.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #5)

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #2 on Resolution A022 (Amend Canon I.1.2(i)) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Communication.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #6)

**Personal Privilege**

Deputy Wrangel of Albany asked if it was possible to distribute to the House the message from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Secretary responded that if the text was available, it would be distributed.
Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #2 on Resolution A112 (Directions for the Future) and moved for adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A112)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That all Commissions and Committees reevaluate their mandate and placement within the church structure, and to communicate their findings and suggestions to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church one year before the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review and correct the Defined Terms for CCAB’s as presented in their report to the 75th General Convention in response to feedback received pursuant to this resolution and propose structural changes to the CCAB system where changes would appear to be useful; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th General Convention resolutions concerning any proposed changes to the Preamble of the Constitution with reference to the ‘official’ name of this Church, with particular consideration of being inclusive of our overseas dioceses and parishes; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to a future meeting of the General Convention resolutions concerning changes to the process by which the Presiding Bishop would be elected by both Houses of General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That all Commissions and Committees reevaluate their mandate and placement within the church structure, and to communicate their findings and suggestions to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church one year before the 76th General Convention; and be it further
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Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th a future meeting of the General Convention resolutions concerning changes to the process by which the Presiding Bishop would be nominated and elected by both Houses of General Convention.

Deputy Vance of Easton moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the last resolve clause, add the words “by both Houses of General Convention” at the end of the sentence.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Chapman of Minnesota moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the first resolve clause and add a new first resolved clause, The House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church reevaluate the mandates and placements within the church structure of all commissions and committees.

The question was called.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Gracey of Ohio moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, after the words “within the church structure” add the words “according to a process defined by the Standing Commission on Structure.”

A vote was called on the amendment. Since the voice vote was inconclusive, the Voting Secretary called for an electronic vote.
Deputy Snow of Alaska expressed concern about discussion on the amendment being terminated. The President clarified the matter.

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment. The result of the vote was: Yes, 363 votes (45.1%) and No, 442 votes (54.9%).

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A112 as amended.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #2 on Resolution A111 (Criminal Justice to National Concerns) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A111)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on National Concerns to investigate issues relating to criminal justice in the United States and The Episcopal Church’s ministry within the criminal justice system.

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

Personal Privilege of the President
The President spoke to the House about the nations represented in the House and noted the flags of these nations hanging above the podium.

Announcements
The Secretary announced that the statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury was available online. The process for distribution of tickets for Special Committee #26 Hearing on Wednesday evening was explained. The Secretary apologized to the Diocese of Ecuador for misspelling their name. Recycling boxes suitable for all recyclables are located behind the green garbage cans. He apologized for the problems with sight lines. The Secretary noted that the Haitian flag was not the current flag and will be replaced with the correct flag.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 5:55 p.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 10:45 a.m.
Appendix A
Day One

House of Deputies Legislative Committees

01 Dispatch of Business
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Matthews, Mrs. Elizabeth P., Secretary (Arkansas, VII)
Armstead, Ms. Joann Roberts (Nevada, VIII)
Blue, Mr. Eddie Michael (Maryland, III)
Bradberry, The Hon. James E. (Southern Virginia, III)
Brown, Dr. Harold H. (Maine, I)
Burwell, The Very Rev. John B. (South Carolina, IV)
Christie, Mrs. Marjorie L. (Newark, II)
Cooley, The Rev. Andrew (Colorado, VI)
Doyle, The Rev. Canon C. Andrew (Texas, VII)
Glasspool, The Rev. Canon Mary D. (Maryland, III)
Jim, The Rev. Rosella A. (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)
Kilpatrick, Ms. Patricia B. (Ohio, V)
Kistler, Mrs. Matilda O. (Western North Carolina, IV)
Miller, Mr. Richard E. (Southeast Florida, IV)
Moore, The Rev. Stephen E. (Olympia, VIII)
Perry Esq., Richard P. (Atlanta, IV)
Shearouse, Mr. Jim (East Tennessee, IV)
Teter, The Rev. Canon Jane B. (Bethlehem, III)
Woodall, Mr. Brad (West Missouri, VII)

02 Certification of Minutes
Freeman, Dr. Linda R., Chair (Washington, III)
White, The Very Rev. Terry, Vice-Chair (West Missouri, VII)
Russell, Ms. Sally, Secretary (Western Kansas, VII)
Dewey, Ms. Josephine (Rochester, II)
Herald, Ms. Erin (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)
Linder, The Rev. Mark (Kentucky, IV)
Smitherman, The Rev. Suzanne N. (East Tennessee, IV)

03 Rules of Order
Anderson, Ms. Bonnie, Chair (Michigan, V)
Isaac, Mr. Fred C., Vice-Chair (Florida, IV)
Dyson, The Rev. Thack H., Secretary (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Coyle, The Rev. D. Lorne (Central Florida, IV)
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Herbert Esq., David B. (Tennessee, IV)
Lattime, The Very Rev. Mark (Rochester, II)
Wirth, The Rev. Bradley S. (Montana, VI)

04 Constitution
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Paraison, Mr. Webster (Haiti, II)
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Thomas, The Rev. Canon Allisyn (San Diego, VIII)

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Babb, Mr. Kevin J. (Springfield, V)
Barron, The Rev. Carol (Southeast Florida, IV)
Bayne, Mr. Duncan A. (Olympia, VIII)
Brenner Esq., Talmadge (Quincy, V)
Cole, Ms. Lilith Zoe (Colorado, VI)
Crosby, Mr. William W. (Georgia, IV)
Davidson, Mr. David E. (Lexington, IV)
Esmay, Ms. Judith (New Hampshire, I)
Fleener Jr., Mr. William (Western Michigan, V)
Hays, The Rev. Canon Mary M. (Pittsburgh, III)
Herring, The Rev. Virginia N. (North Carolina, IV)
Jennings, The Rev. Gay C. (Ohio, V)
Kennington, The Rev. S. Albert (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
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Schwenke, Mr. Roger D. (Southwest Florida, IV)
Stranch, Mrs. Jane (Tennessee, IV)
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Waddell, Mr. J. Patrick (El Camino Real, VIII)

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07 Consecration of Bishops
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Crawford, The Rev. Hayden G. (Southwest Florida, IV)
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Crawford, The Rev. Dr. Lee Alison (Vermont, I)
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Linares, The Rev. Ivette (Puerto Rico, IX)
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Baldwin, Mr. Wesley (Washington, III)
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Sandlin, The Rev. Allan (Churches in Europe, II)
Schaefer, Mrs. Margaret (Nebraska, VI)
Shaw, The Rev. Lee (Utah, VIII)
Watkins, The Rev. LeeAnne (Minnesota, VI)
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13 Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

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Baker, The Rev. Brian (Northern California, VIII)
Bartol, Ms. Cynthia Smith (Virginia, III)
Burke, The Rev. Michael (Alaska, VIII)
Charney, Mrs. Janet G. (Bethlehem, III)
Clark, The Rev. Deacon Beatryce (Northern California, VIII)
Cook, The Very Rev. Peter J.A. (Western Louisiana, VII)
Coulter, Mrs. Barbara K. (Western Michigan, V)
Davis, The Rev. Zabron (Mississippi, IV)
Donnelly, Mrs. Anne E. (Northern Indiana, V)
Downie, The Rev. Elizabeth Morris (Eastern Michigan, V)
Green, The Rev. M. Andrew (San Diego, VIII)
Griffin, The Rev. Calvin R. (Upper South Carolina, IV)
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Raining, Ms. Hillary Dowling (Bethlehem, III)
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15 Education

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Bolden, Mr. Clarence, Secretary (Alaska, VIII)
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Bedell, Doris E. (Albany, II)
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Walker, Ms. Laura (Michigan, V)

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Carlson, Mr. Donald (Central New York, II)
Deaderick, The Rev. Laura (Northwest Texas, VII)
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Fancher, Mr. Kay L. (Rio Grande, VII)
Moggo, Ms. Carol (Eastern Michigan, V)
Pfaff, The Rev. David (Milwaukee, V)
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Rushing, The Hon. Byron, Secretary (Massachusetts, I)
Bardol, Ms. Anne E. (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)
Bickford, Mr. Peter C. (Maine, I)
Bjontegard, Mr. Arthur (Upper South Carolina, IV)
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Dawson, Mr. Pete (Eau Claire, V)
Floberg, The Rev. Canon John Fredrick (North Dakota, VI)
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McAlpen, Ms. Holly (California, VIII)
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Wade, The Rev. Francis H., Chair (Washington, III)
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Wells, Mr. Christopher, Secretary (Northern Indiana, V)
Douglas, The Rev. Dr. Ian T. (Massachusetts, I)
Echeverry, Ms. Blanca Lucia (Colombia, IX)
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Kuhr, The Rev. Carolyn S. (Montana, VI)
Mack, Mr. Timothy A. (Dallas, VII)
Martins, The Very Rev. Daniel H. (San Joaquin, VIII)
Melniky, Ms. Debby (Florida, IV)
Osberger, The Rev. Charles E. (Easton, III)
Palmore, Mr. Russell V. (Virginia, III)
Snow, Ms. D. Rebecca (Alaska, VIII)
Wilson, The Rev. Sandye A. (Newark, II)
SECOND DAY

Wednesday
June 14, 2006

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 10:57 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Gunter 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 first session of the Second Legislative Day. There were 420 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 837. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 419. There were 46 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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

HB Message #13: (Secretary of House of Deputies Made Secretary of General Convention) Concurred.
HB Message #15: C023 (Anti-Semitism) Discharged.
HB Message #16: A068 (Enriching our Worship Daily Office) Discharged.
HB Message #17: C001 (Anti-Jewish Prejudice in Liturgical Texts) Adopted substitute.
HB Message #18: A074 (Authorize Enriching Our Worship 3) Adopted substitute.
Announcements
The President called on the Secretary for announcements.

Personal Privilege of the President
The President addressed remarks to the House.

Sharing the Story
The President called on Deputy Johnson of Mississippi to share his faith story.

Chancellor/Parliamentarian
The President called on the Chancellor who spoke to the House about potential demonstrations during the General Convention, and, as Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules of the House.

Introduction
The President acknowledged the presence of the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, noting that he would speak to the Convention at a later time.

Nominations for President of the House of Deputies
The President called for nominations for President of the House.

Deputy Wilkinson of Georgia nominated Deputy Bonnie Anderson of Michigan.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations.

Motion carried
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved unanimous consent for a single ballot.

**Motion carried**

The President called on Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast to cast a single ballot for Deputy Anderson for President of the House of Deputies.

**Motion carried**

**President of the House of Deputies elected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops Message #14)

The Chair asked the deputation from Michigan to escort President-elect Anderson to the platform. The President-elect addressed the House, thanked the House for its confidence in her, and introduced her family. The President-elect introduced Bishop H. Coleman McGehee and the Bishop of Michigan. The President-elect was given permission to proceed to the House of Bishops for recognition, escorted by the Bishop of Michigan.

**Dispatch of Business**

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business returned the House to the regular Calendar of Business.

**World Mission**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #1 on Resolution A116 (Short-Term Mission Pilgrimages) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A116)

*Resolved,* The House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to provide increased resources and programmatic support for short-term overseas mission pilgrimages; 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 $120,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

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

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on Resolution A115 (World Mission Education Materials) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A115)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to ensure the development of a range of world mission educational materials and resources designed for use among all ages in the various contexts of Christian community; 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 $180,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to ensure the development of a wide range of world mission educational materials and resources designed for use among all ages in the various contexts of Christian community; 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 $180,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #16)

Noonday Prayers
The President called upon Chaplain Gunter to lead the House in noonday prayers.

Personal Privilege
The President called upon Deputy Moore of Olympia who read a personal message from Deputy Bayne of Olympia thanking the House for its support and well wishes as he deals with major health issues.

Dispatch of Business
The Chair of Dispatch of Business returned the House to the regular Calendar of Business.

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #3 on Resolution A113 (Missionaries & Volunteers for Mission) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A113)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm and celebrate the reconciling ministries of its missionaries; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to recruit, receive, and send missionaries especially capable of engaging in God’s reconciling work in the specific arenas of challenge facing our Church and Communion in the coming triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to provide such budget allocation so as to maintain the Volunteers for Mission and Appointed Missionary programs with adequate institutional and pastoral support: a minimum of $1,100,000 per year (not including YASC), with $834,000 per year for Appointed Missionaries and $267,000 per year for Volunteers for Mission, for a minimum of $3,300,000 for the 2007–2009 triennium.

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Deputy Glasspool of Maryland called the question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A113 as amended.

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

The Secretary read the announcements.

RECESS

The President recessed the House at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene at 3:45 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene

The Vice-President called the House to order at 3:48 p.m.

Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #4 for the second session of the Second Legislative Day. There were 421 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 838. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 420. There were 51 changes on this day, as follows:

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Southern Ohio          Paula Jackson       Richard Schisler
Southwest Florida      Ted Tripp           Roger Schwenke
Vermont                Stannard Baker     Anne Brown
Virginia               Roderick DeArment   Russell Palmore
Washington            John Vanderstar    Darren McCutchen
West Tennessee         Michael Bilger      Julie Denman
West Texas             Karen Lee           Alice Fischer
West Texas             Ram Lopez           Nancy Coon
Western Massachusetts  Jonathan Ho         Deborah Harmon Hines

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

HB Message #25: Replaced by Message #27.
HB Message #28: A085 (Amend Constitution II.2 [First Reading]) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #30: D013 (Amend Constitution: Article I, Sec.3-Election of Presiding Bishop) Referred to a Standing Commission.
HB Message #31: A020 (Amend Article I.2 [House of Bishops-Second Reading]) Re-referred to Legislative Committee.
HB Message #32: A097 (First Responders Network) Discharged—ERD already responded to concern.
HB Message #33: C012 (Episcopal Network for Economic Justice) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #34: C008 (Right of Workers to Organize) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #35: A098 (Small Church Growth and Strategy Handbook) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #36: A136 (Enriching Our Worship Support) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #37: A066 (Multi-sensory Resources) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #38: A058 (Continue Lesser Feasts & Fasts Revision) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #39: A069 (Enriching our Worship Eucharistic Prayers) Adopted with amendment.

Election for Church Pension Fund Trustees
The Voting Secretary provided instructions on voting procedures. Deputy Keucher of New York moved to proceed with a paper ballot for the Election of the Church Pension Fund Trustees because of the 20% invalid ballots in the test vote. Since the voice vote on this was inconclusive, the Vice-President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 358 (45.1%) and No, 435 (54.9%).

Motion defeated

Deputy Wilson of El Camino Real moved that the House would move to a paper ballot if the error rate was higher than ten percent on the electronic vote for the Church Pension Fund Trustees.

Motion carried

Ballot #1 for Church Pension Fund Trustees
Ballot #1 was taken for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

Ballot #1 taken

Deputy Ota of California moved for reconsideration of the motion to move to a paper ballot.

Motion defeated

Deputy Ota of California moved that written instructions be provided for future electronic votes.

Motion defeated

Introduction
The Vice-President introduced the Most Rev. Orlando Santos, Primate of Brazil, hosted by the Diocese of Massachusetts, and the Rt. Rev. Phillip Baji from the Province of Tanzania, hosted by the Diocese of Spokane, and indicated that applause was in order.

Episcopal Relief and Development
The Vice-President introduced Dr. Robert W. Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). Dr. Radtke encouraged the House to follow the teachings
of Matthew 25: care for the sick, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger. He outlined financial donations for the past three years, spoke of world need, and commended the House for its continued support of ERD.

Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #1. The invalid ballot percentage of the electronic vote was higher than ten percent and a paper ballot will be cast at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15.

Dispatch of Business
The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to the supplemental daily calendar for the first legislative day.

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #1 on Resolution A051 (Electronic CCAB Meetings) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A051)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Boards of the General Convention to begin a process to accomplish an appropriate portion of their work more efficiently and economically by using online tools, conference calls, and video conferences.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #2 on Resolution A133 (HIV/AIDS Media Campaign) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A133)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Communication Office to create a media campaign for The Episcopal Church as well as the broader population that will raise awareness about HIV disease.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church authorize the Communication Office to collaborate with the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) in calling together and coordinating a
working group of interested parties for the purpose of designing, funding, and implementing a campaign which raises awareness throughout The Episcopal Church about the continuing HIV pandemic.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #19)

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #5 on Resolution A047 (Amend Canon I.1.2(12)) and announced that the resolution had been withdrawn for canonical review.

Resolution withdrawn

Program, Budget and Finance
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #1 on Resolution D031 (Budget Priorities) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D031)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention endorse the following statement of mission priorities in rank order for the for the 2007–09 triennium and direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance to use these priorities in forming the Budget for The Episcopal Church.
We offer these mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ. We are committed to the importance of our ministry of reconciliation and communion at every level of our communion.
We embrace diversity and seek to promote inclusion and power sharing which underlie and inform all priorities, decisions, and all that we do. In faithfulness to these commitments, we continue to honor our covenants and partnerships with domestic and overseas dioceses. We recognize that the work of mission depends in large part on increasing the leadership capacity of clergy and lay leaders of the church. We affirm the spirit of the budget adopted by the 74th General Convention and identify for the mission of the Church during 2007–2009 the following priorities, listed in rank order of importance:

1. JUSTICE AND PEACE: Promoting justice and peace for all of God’s creation and continuing and accelerating the leadership role and programs of The Episcopal Church, which support the eight (8) Millennium Development Goals* in the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and in the world.

2. YOUNG ADULTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN: Reaching out to young adults, youth and children through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church.

3. RECONCILIATION AND EVANGELISM: Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God’s mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the church.
4. **CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION:** Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, lifelong learning, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.

5. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with provinces of the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.

*The Millennium Development Goals*
- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child Mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

Deputy Lane of Rochester moved an amendment to the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Rank priority number two, “Young Adults, Youth and Children,” as the first priority on the priority list.

Debate followed on the amendment.

Deputy Vanderstar of Washington moved an amendment to the amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Rank priority number three, “Reconciliation and Evangelism,” as the first priority with Young Adults, Youth and Children as the second priority on the priority list.

Debate followed on the amendment.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on all amendments and the original motion.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

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

A vote was taken on the amendment.

- **Motion defeated**
- **Amendment defeated**
Deputy Thomas of Alaska challenged the decision of the Chair on the voice vote. A vote was taken to sustain the decision of the Chair.

Motion carried
Chair upheld

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D031.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

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

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Blue of Maryland asked that for voice votes the words “yea” and “nay” be used instead of “yes” and “no.”

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**
The Vice-President recessed the House at 5:58 p.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2006.
THIRD DAY

Thursday
June 15, 2006

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 10:58 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Baskerville-Burrows 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 #5 for the first session of the Third Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 421. There were 70 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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

**HB Message #29:** A021 (Amend Article VIII [First Reading]) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #40:** A077 (Revised Common Lectionary) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #41:** A092 (Applaud Anti-Racism Work) Adopted.

**HB Message #42:** A131 (Continue HIV/AIDS Standing Committee) Adopted.

**HB Message #43:** A070 (Enriching our Worship Adoption of Children) Adopted.

**HB Message #44:** A071 (Burial & Reconciliation Liturgical Materials) Adopted.

**HB Message #45:** A072 (Multi-Cultural Musical Resources) Adopted.

**HB Message #46:** A073 (Praise & World Music) Adopted.

**HB Message #47:** A079 (Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations) Adopted.

**HB Message #49:** A088 (Daily Life Liturgies) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**HB Message #50:** A103 (Worship Resources) Rejected.

**HB Message #51:** A080 (Revise the Catechumenal Materials in the Book of Occasional Services) Rejected.

**HB Message #52:** B005 (Commend the Order of St. John of Jerusalem) Adopted.

**HB Message #53:** B019 (Pastoral Concern for Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their Families) Adopted.

**HB Message #54:** A145 (Endorsement of the Digital Archives) Adopted.

**HB Message #55:** A150 (Continue Forward Movement) Adopted.

**HB Message #56:** A089 (Pastoral Leadership Search Effort) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #57:** A040 (Developing Young Adult Leaders) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #58:** A134 (HIV Training) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #59:** A140 (Women Clergy Retirement Needs) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #60:** C018 (Environmental Stewardship) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #61: A114 (Young Adult Service Corps) Adopted.
HB Message #62: A117 (Seminarian Cross-cultural Formation) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #63: D022 (MDGs and the ONE Episcopalian Campaign) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #64: (Election for Bishop Members of Executive Council; BB p. 33) Adopted.
HB Message #65: (Election of Bishops for Trustees of General Theological Seminary; BB p. 35) Adopted.
HB Message #66: A059 (Approve Liturgical Calendar Commemorations) Adopted.
HB Message #67: A060 (Refer Proposed Commemoration) Adopted.
HB Message #68: A057 (Lesser Feasts & Fasts Revision Principles) Adopted.
HB Message #69: A061 (Date Change for Harriet Tubman Commemoration) Adopted.
HB Message #70: A065 (Commemoration Name Change) Adopted.
HB Message #72: C035 (Confession of Martha) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
HB Message #73: C034 (Joan of Arc) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
HB Message #75: C013 (Martyrs of the Sudan) Discharged, already acted on in this Convention in Resolution C003.
HB Message #76: C003 (Martyrs of the Sudan) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
HB Message #77: C006 (Martyrs of Lyon Name Change) Discharged.
HB Message #78: C002 (Deaconess Harriet M. Bedell) Discharged.
HB Message #79: C021 (Bertha and Ethelbert) Adopted.
HB Message #80: B008 (The Dorchester Chaplains) Adopted.
HB Message #81: A062 (Approve a Common for Space Exploration) Adopted with amendment.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Ballot #2 for Church Pension Fund Trustees
Ballot #2 was taken for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees

Ballot #2 taken
Deputy Land of Wyoming moved that if the invalid votes are higher than ten percent on the paper ballot the House return to an electronic ballot.

Motion failed

Sharing the Story
The President called on Deputy Martin of Dallas to share his faith story.

Dispatch of Business
The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to the daily calendar for the second legislative day.

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on Resolution A119 (Covenant with Brazil) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A119)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the “Commitment to be Companions in Christ” between the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Episcopal Church, as expressed in the text below, and by this affirmation authorize the signature of The Episcopal Church on this Covenant:

The Commitment to be Companions in Christ –

Between the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Episcopal Church.

Preamble: The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil share a missionary history in Brazil of over 100 years. The work in Brazil was initiated in 1890 by missionaries Lucien Lee Kinsolving and James Watson Morris, from the Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1907 the missionary efforts in Brazil resulted in the establishment of a missionary district of The Episcopal Church under the leadership of Bishop Lucien Lee Kinsolving. In 1965 this missionary district became the autonomous Province of Brazil, and The Episcopal Church concluded ongoing financial obligations in 1975. In 1990, at the celebration of the centennial of the Church of Brazil, the Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil agreed to establish a Bilateral Committee to reconnect and reconcile dynamics of distance that occurred during and after the establishment of Brazil's autonomy. The experience of the Bilateral Committee has been one of reacquainting the Churches, re-establishing friendship, sharing vision for ministry mission, and encouraging diocesan companionships. The Bilateral Committee believes the endorsement of the following Commitment to be Companions in Christ
will be good for the souls of both provinces. The Bilateral Committee also believes it is wise and appropriate to solidify and make public and structurally accountable this ongoing commitment to one another.

1. The General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Synod of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil commit to mutual support and encouragement for ministry and mission development within both provinces.

2. The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil hereby establish a Bilateral Standing Committee to provide vision and planning to sustain and enhance the Committee relationship. The Bilateral Standing Committee will sustain the two provinces in their commitment to: 1) pray for each other’s life and faith; 2) commit to develop and support diocesan companion relationships; 3) discern and support other initiatives that will mutually enrich the ministry and mission of both provinces. The Bilateral Standing Committee will establish and maintain a list of triennial initiatives consistent with the priorities of both provinces, such as theological education, missionary expansion, stewardship, sustainability and social ministry.

3. The Bilateral Standing Committee will be composed of one bishop appointed by each of the Presiding Bishops, and one priest, deacon or lay person from each province appointed by the President of the House of Deputies (ECUSA) and the Presiding Bishop (IEAB) respectively. Terms for these four members shall be six years, rotated so that one of the two from each province shall be appointed at the start of every triennium. There shall also be two (to four) additional members from each province. For The Episcopal Church, this shall be one member from the Standing Commission on World Mission and one liaison from the Executive Council selected from those bodies for three-year terms. The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil shall appoint its additional members in a manner of its choice. No member shall serve more than six consecutive years.

4. The Bilateral Standing Committee will be accountable to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council of each province. In The Episcopal Church a report will be submitted after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing Committee to the Standing Commission on World Mission and to the Executive Council. In the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil a report to the Executive Council and to the Provincial Synod will be provided after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing Committee.

5. The Bilateral Standing Committee will typically meet every 18 months. Meeting places will alternate between provinces.

6. Evaluation of this commitment will be undertaken at least every three years. The evaluation and recommendations will be furnished to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and to both Presiding Bishops.

7. The Commitment takes effect upon endorsement by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Provincial Synod of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

The Committee agreed to amend its report at the suggestion of Deputy Snow by deleting the word, “ECUSA” and replacing it with “TEC.”

Deputy Matis of Pennsylvania called the question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated  

A vote was taken on Resolution A119.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  

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

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #5 on Resolution A126 (Covenant for Communion in Mission) and moved adoption.  

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(A126)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the call of the Anglican Consultative Council at its 13th meeting in Nottingham, England, in June 2005 for all churches of the Anglican Communion to study and apply the document *A Covenant for Communion in Mission* that was presented to the ACC by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend *A Covenant for Communion in Mission* as a vision for Anglican faithfulness to the mission of God for study by parishes, dioceses and seminaries; by networks such as the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission, the Global Episcopal Mission Network, and the Companion Diocese Network; by the House of Bishops; and by the Standing Commission on World Mission, the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, and the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Standing Commission on World Mission to gather responses to *A Covenant for Communion in Mission* from groups within The Episcopal Church and include reflections and recommendations concerning application of the covenant in its report to the 76th General Convention.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  

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

**Noonday Prayers**  
The President called on Chaplain Baskerville-Burrows to lead the House in noonday prayers.
Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #6 on Resolution A052 (Provincial Communication Specialists) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A052)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse a position of Provincial Communication Specialist for any of the nine provinces who want to have such a position; and be it further
Resolved, That the Provincial Communication Specialist will assist in the implementation of the Communication Strategy of the Church and to work directly with parishes and dioceses in the province to build connections for regional communication, to design websites, to develop story creation skills and to institute methods of distribution of news and information generated by each organization's mission work, educational offerings and evangelical outreach; and be it further
Resolved, That this resource person will assist attendees at workshops led by Church Center and Diocesan program staff in designing stories that will communicate their learning experience as fully as possible to Church members at the local level in order to maximize the effectiveness of such gatherings to the mission, education, and evangelism work of their individual parishes and dioceses, assist in networking information with Standing Commissions and Executive Council as needed and, when possible, offer training to local Church members, both youth and adult; and be it further
Resolved, That persons selected for these positions will be capable communication professionals and will work in coordination with The Episcopal Church Center Office of Communication to teach web design, coordinate dissemination of grass roots stories, both regionally and nationally and create “best practice” networks for continuation of that work throughout the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the resources of the Church Center Office of Communication staff will be available to these persons, who will be based geographically within the Province served, apply for funds up to $3,000 for each position each year, depending on the needs of the Province; and be it further
Resolved, That Provinces are encouraged to coordinate with The Episcopal Church’s Office of Communication for the identification of such person, in consultation with the provincial leadership staff or a special Provincial Communications Committee created for this purpose; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of up to $27,000 for each year for a total of $81,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse a position of Provincial Communication Specialist for any each of the nine provinces who want to have such a position; and be it further

Resolved, That the Provincial Communication Specialist will assist in the implementation of the Communication Strategy of the Church and to work directly with parishes congregations and dioceses in the province to build connections for regional communication, to design websites, to develop story creation skills and to institute methods of distribution of news and information generated by each organization's mission work, educational offerings and evangelical outreach; and be it further

Resolved, That this resource person will assist attendees at workshops led by Church Center and Diocesan program staff in designing stories that will communicate their learning experience as fully as possible to Church members at the local level in order to maximize the effectiveness of such gatherings to the mission, education, and evangelism work of their individual parishes congregations and dioceses, assist in networking information with Standing Commissions and Executive Council as needed and, when possible, offer training to local Church members, both youth and adult; and be it further

Resolved, That persons selected for these positions will be capable communication professionals and will work in coordination with The Episcopal Church Center Office of Communication to teach web design, coordinate dissemination of grass roots stories, both regionally and nationally and create “best practice” networks for continuation of that work throughout the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the resources of the Church Center Office of Communication staff will be available to these persons, who will be based geographically within the Province served, apply for funds up to $3,000 for each position each year, depending on the needs of the Province; and be it further

Resolved, That Provinces are encouraged to coordinate with The Episcopal Church’s Office of Communication for the identification of such person, in consultation with the provincial leadership staff or a special Provincial Communications Committee created for this purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of up to $27,000 9,000 for each year for a total of $81,000 27,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #23)
**Introduction**
The President acknowledged the presence of the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster, seated with the Diocese of Michigan. The House welcomed the bishop.

**Dispatch of Business**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business returned the House to the daily calendar for the second legislative day.

**Rules of Order**
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on HB Message #14 on Resolution A003 (Amend Joint Rules 11) and moved concurrence.

> The House concurred

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

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A003)

Resolved, That the Joint Rules be amended to read as follows:

11. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to the Audit Committee of the Executive Council. The Audit Committee is required to report to the General Convention or the Executive Council when the General Convention is not in session, through the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) at each PB&F Executive Committee meeting and each PB&F committee meeting of the whole.

PB&F shall present the reports of its actions on audit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof.

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #2 on HB Message #26 on Resolution D015 (Amend Joint Rules of Order IV.15) and moved concurrence.

> The House concurred

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

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D015)

Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies be amended by striking section 15 under IV Supplemental Money Bills and adding a new section:
15. After the adoption of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, any resolution calling for the expenditure of any moneys (or containing implied funding) shall be unfunded.

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #6 on Resolution A158 (Continue Task Force) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A158)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Task Force on Institutional Wellness and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct established by the 74th General Convention continue for another triennium, and that the established standards of membership be maintained; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force continue its work to study and gather information concerning matters of institutional wellness for the prevention of sexual misconduct. Its study to include such concerns as screening, selection, and training of clergy, lay employees, and volunteers; monitoring and supervision; behavior management; incident investigation; and the articulation of pastoral standards and codes of ethical behavior; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider the allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Task Force on Institutional Wellness and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct established by the 74th General Convention continue for another triennium, and that the established standards of membership be maintained; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force continue its work to study and gather information concerning matters of institutional wellness for the prevention of sexual misconduct. Its study to include such concerns as screening, selection, and training of clergy, lay employees, and volunteers; monitoring and supervision; behavior management; incident investigation; and the articulation of pastoral standards and codes of ethical behavior; and be it further
Resolved, That the issue of the appropriate continuation of this work beyond this triennium be referred to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider the allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #8 on Resolution A151 (Budgetary Funding Task Force) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A151)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize continuation of the Budgetary Funding Task Force, and that the Task Force report back to Executive Council in 2008 and to the 76th General Convention in 2009 on its findings and recommendations; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention authorize continuation of the Budgetary Funding Task Force, and that the Task Force report back to Executive Council in 2008 and to the 76th General Convention in 2009 on its findings and recommendations; 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 #27)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #9 on Resolution A137 (Baptismal Equality Task Force) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A137)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention commit itself to baptismal equality for members of all ages; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Executive Council to appoint a Task Force for interpreting our biblical and theological language and heritage about God and people in ways that include all those created in God’s image; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will offer guidelines to assure linguistic visibility in the everyday worship, music, education, preaching, written materials, and clip art used at the congregational, diocesan and national levels of The Episcopal Church such as many Protestant denominations already have; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force include theologians, members of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the Committee on the Status of Women, the House of Bishops’ Theology Committee, the Executive Council Anti-Racism Committee, and the Office of Communications; and be further
Resolved, That the Task Force publish by 2009 those principles and guidelines with recommendations for introducing them to congregations, The Episcopal Church Center, church-related organizations, staff and media; and be it further
Resolved, That Baptismal equality is understood as the welcoming of all baptized persons into the Body of Christ, where all are included equally, and the grace and gifts bestowed by God in this sacrament are recognized and fully utilized; 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 $38,000 for two meetings of the Task Force and $2,000 for publication of the principles and guidelines.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #28)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #10 on Resolution A087 (Committee on Missionary Dioceses) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A087)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to create a committee to explore the possibility of a new definition for “Missionary Dioceses.” The ten member committee should include, but not be limited to, representatives of the Domestic Missionary Partnership, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, the Office of Ethnic Congregational Development, the Office of Congregational Development, the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, and the Office of the Director of Mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on this work to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to create a committee to explore the possibility of a new definition for “Missionary Dioceses,” The ten member committee should include, but not be limited to, representatives of the Domestic Missionary Partnership, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, the Office of Ethnic Congregational Development, the Office of Congregational Development, the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, and the Office of the Director of Mission; and be it further Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism and report their findings on this work to the 76th General Convention, and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure announced that Resolution A128 had been withdrawn to a later time.

Resolution withdrawn

Evangelism
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism has re-referred Resolution A041 and Resolution A038 to the House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #1 on HB Message #17 on Resolution C001 (Anti-Jewish Prejudice in Liturgical Texts) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Harmon of South Carolina moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore the original text of Resolution C001, rather than the substitute text adopted by the House of Bishops.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.
A vote was taken to terminate debate. The voice vote being inconclusive the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the vote was: Yes, 619 votes (76%) and No, 196 votes (24%).

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment but the results were inconclusive. An electronic vote was taken and the results were: Yes, 387 votes (47.7%) and No, 424 votes (52.3%).

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution C001. The voice vote being inconclusive the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the vote was: Yes, 549 votes (68.3%) and No, 255 votes (31.7%).

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

Final Text of Resolution:

(C001)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to collect and develop materials to assist members of the Church to address anti-Jewish prejudice expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts, with suggestions for preaching, congregational education, and lectionary use, and to report to the 76th General Convention.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 1:02 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:34 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #6 for the second session of the Third Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 417
lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 421. There were 49 changes on this day, as follows:

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Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #2.

The Secretary announced the newly-elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund. Twelve Trustees were elected:

- The Rev. A. Thomas Blackmon
- The Rev. Randall Chase, Jr.
- Ms. Barbara B. Creed
- Mr. Vincent C. Currie, Jr.
- Ms. Deborah Harmon-Hines, Ph.D.
- The Rt. Rev. Peter J. Lee, D.D.
- The Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, D.D.
- Ms. Diane B. Pollard
- Mr. Quintin E. Primo III
- Ms. Katherine Tyler Scott
- The Very Rev. George L.W. Werner
- Mr. Cecil Wray

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

Consent Calendar

The Secretary explained the Consent Calendar. Resolutions on the Consent Calendar are not subject to debate. A resolution may be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar prior to its consideration upon the request of any three deputations, or the resolution sponsor, or the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business.

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #3 on Resolution A023 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n)(3) be amended by adding the following subparagraph (iv), and renumbering the existing subparagraph (iv) as (v):

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(iv) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the authorized “Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as The Episcopal Church” to reflect actions of General Convention which amend the Constitution and Canons and, in the discretion of the Commission, develop other materials which are appropriate to the purpose of the “Annotated Constitution and Canons,” and facilitate the publication of this document and related materials. The Commission may provide or support forums to promote commentary, discussion, and understanding of the Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #31)

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #4 on Resolution A024 (Amend Canon I.9.1) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A024)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the last sentence of Canon I.9.1 be amended to read as follows:
The Ninth Province shall consist of the Dioceses of this Church in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, and Puerto Rico, and Venezuela.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #32)

Resolution A027 (Amend Canon III.16.3(a)) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.
Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #6 on Resolution A034 (Canonical Residence Study) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A034)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons be directed to study the definition and use in the Constitution and Canons, and elsewhere in the Church, of the term “canonical residence,” and make recommendations to the 76th General Convention whether said term should be discontinued or modified, or whether some alternative should be instituted to replace those terms.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #33)
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #7 on Resolution A031 (Amend Canon IV.3.21(c)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A031)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.3.21(c) be amended to read as follows:

(c) A Bishop may be Presented for an Offense under Canon IV.1.1(c) and any other Offenses arising out of acts alleged to be contrary to the doctrine of the Church which was the subject of the Statement of Disassociation only upon a written Presentment signed by any ten Bishops exercising jurisdiction in this Church. The Presentment shall be filed with the Presiding Bishop, together with a brief in support thereof, and a statement why the issuance of a Statement of Disassociation was not a sufficient response to the acts alleged, within six months of the issuance of a Statement of Disassociation based upon the same doctrine as was alleged in the Request for a Statement of Disassociation. The Presiding Bishop shall thereupon serve a copy of the Presentment upon the Bishop presented, together with a copy of the supporting brief and statement. The Presiding Bishop shall fix a date for the filing of an answer, brief in support thereof, and statement why the issuance of a Statement of Disassociation was a sufficient response to the acts alleged, within three months from the date of service, and may extend the time for answering for not more than two additional months. Upon the filing of an answer, supporting brief, and statement, if any, or upon the expiration of the time fixed for an answer, if none be filed, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith transmit copies of the Presentment, answer, briefs, and statements to each member of the House of Bishops. The written consent of one-third of the Bishops qualified to vote in the House of Bishops shall be required before the proceeding may continue. In case the Presiding Bishop does not receive the written consent of one-third of all the Bishops eligible to vote within sixty days of the date the notification by the Presiding Bishop was sent to them, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the Presentment dismissed and no further proceedings may be had thereon.

If the Presiding Bishop receives the necessary written consents within sixty days as specified above, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith forward the Presentment, answer, briefs, and statements to the Presiding Judge of The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

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

Resolution A032 (Amend Canon IV.5) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn
Structure
Resolution A110 (Review Council Committees) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #4 on Resolution A109 (SRI Committee Mandate) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A109)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention designate the Executive Council Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments as a Committee of the Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention adopt the following mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments (SRI): The Executive Council Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments is comprised of nine (9) members, including at least one (1) Bishop, one (1) Priest or Deacon, and one (1) Lay Person. It is responsible for searching the social responsibility records of corporations whose stock is held in DFMS portfolios, and to recommend appropriate courses of action based on the positions established by the General Convention and Executive Council. With the approval of Council, it will develop shareholder resolutions on social justice issues to be submitted to the companies in which the Church invests its funds.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #35)

Resolution A108 (Executive Council Committees Redesignation) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #6 on Resolution A118 (Covenant Committees) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A118)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct that its representation on covenant committees consist of one bishop appointed by the Presiding Bishop and one priest, deacon, or layperson appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. Terms for these members shall be six years, rotated so that one of the two shall be appointed at the start of every
triennium. There shall also be one member from the Standing Commission on World Mission and one liaison from the Executive Council selected from those bodies for three-year terms to the committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention prohibit any person from serving as a representative of The Episcopal Church to a covenant committee for more than six consecutive years; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct its covenant committee representatives to prepare a report after each of their meetings which will include the minutes of the meeting, provide an update on the use of any Episcopal Church funds, outline any future projects that were planned, and describe any policy recommendations that were raised by members of the delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct its covenant committee representatives to file their report with the Standing Commission on World Mission, the Executive Council Standing Committee on International Concerns, and the Office of Anglican and Global Relations at The Episcopal Church Center within sixty days of the adjournment of each meeting; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on World Mission to include in its future triennial reports an update on covenant committee work, along with any resolutions related to covenant committee work.

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

Resolution A037 (Evangelism) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #3 on Resolution A049 (Adopt Open Standards for Data) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A049)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church move toward adopting recognized open standards for the data formats that are used in its electronic communications and data storage. A recognized open standard is one that is documented by, and whose specification is controlled by, a well-known national or international standards body.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church move toward adopting recognized open standards for the data formats that are used in its electronic communications and data storage. A recognized open standard is defined to be one that is documented by, and whose specification is controlled by, a well-known national or international standards body; and be it further Resolved, That proprietary data descriptions using these standards be fully published; and be it further Resolved, That these recommended standards be communicated to the dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church and our ecumenical partners.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #4 on Resolution A048 (Information Technology Working Group) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A048)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Church Center and other church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions. That a working group of five persons be named from the members of The Episcopal Church to serve as consultants as needed to help the entities of the church implement this guideline. The five persons shall be nominated by the Presiding Bishop, the Chief Operating Officer of DFMS and the President of the House of Deputies. The Executive Council will confirm the selection.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Church Center and other church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions; and be it further Resolved, That a task force working group of not fewer than five persons be named from the members of The Episcopal Church to serve as volunteer consultants as needed to help the entities of the church implement this guideline. These five persons shall be nominated—appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Chief Operating Officer of DFMS and the President of the House of Deputies, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer of DFMS. The Executive Council will confirm the selection.

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

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

**HB Message #82:** A139 (Celebration of Women’s Ministries) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #83:** D033 (Episcopal Clergy Wellness Report) Adopted.

**HB Message #84:** C007 (Anglican Consultative Council Appropriation) Rejected.

**HB Message #85:** A055 (UMC Interim Eucharistic Sharing) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #86:** A017 (Fundamental Immigration Principles) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #87:** A015 (Prayers for the Holy Land) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #88:** A010 (Affirm “Call to Partnership”) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #89:** A063 (Additional Calendar Commemorations) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #90:** A064 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #91:** D006 (Expanded Use of Daily Office Lectionary) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #92:** A075 (A Rite for “The Renewal of Ministry”) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #93:** A076 (Alternatives to the Prayer Book Burial Rites) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #94:** A086 (Committee for Pastoral Materials) Adopted substitute.

Dispatch of Business

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business returned the House to the supplemental calendar for the Second Legislative Day.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #2 on HB Message #18 on Resolution A074 (Authorize Enriching Our Worship 3) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #39)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A074)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize continuing use of *Enriching Our Worship Volume 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Eucharist*, and *Enriching Our Worship Volume 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying, and Burial of a Child*, during the 2006–2009 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #1 on Resolution A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A159)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion, and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the descriptive Preamble of our church’s Constitution that states that The Episcopal Church is in “communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer;” and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention join with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council in making a commitment to the vision of interdependent life in Christ, and commends Sections A and B of the Windsor Report as a means of deepening our understanding of that commitment; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, as an expression of this interdependence, make provision for persons from other Provinces of the Anglican Communion to serve with voice but not vote on each of the Standing Commissions of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion, and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the descriptive Preamble of Our church’s Constitution that states that The Episcopal Church is in “a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church,
of those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer;” and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention join with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council in making a commitment to the vision of interdependent life in Christ, characterized by forbearance, trust, and respect, and commends the ideal expressed in Sections A and B of the Windsor Report as a means of deepening our understanding of that commitment; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, as an expression of this interdependence, the Presiding Officers of both Houses work in partnership with the churches of the Anglican Communion to explore ways by which there might be inter-Anglican consultation and participation on make provision for persons from other Provinces of the Anglican Communion to serve with voice but not vote on each of the Standing Commissions of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Deputy Eastwood of California moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

In the first resolve clause, after the word “possible” insert the words “consistent with the historic, separate, and independent status of the churches comprising the Anglican Communion.”

Deputy Renton of California moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.
A vote was taken to end debate on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion defeated

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved the previous question on the amendment.
A vote was taken to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated

Amendment defeated

The President, at the request of Deputy Crump of Tennessee, and hearing no objection from the floor, accepted the capitalization of “The” whenever it precedes “Episcopal Church.”

Deputy Lehman of California moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

In the third resolve clause, after the word “trust” insert the word “autonomy.”
Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment. A vote was taken to terminate debate on the amendment.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Kilpatrick of Ohio moved the previous question on the main motion. A vote was taken to terminate debate on the main motion.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A159 as amended.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #41)

Dispatch of Business
The Chair of Dispatch of Business asked members of the House to turn to the daily calendar for the third legislative day.

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #8 on Resolution A032 (Amend Canon IV.5) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(A032)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.5, Sections 1 through 9 be amended and renumbered as follows:
Sec. 1. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop is vested with jurisdiction to try a Bishop who is duly Presented for one or more Offenses not including the Offense in Canon IV. 1.1(c). The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine is vested with jurisdiction to try a Bishop who is duly Presented for one or more Offenses pursuant to Canon IV.3.21(c).
Sec. 2. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall consist of five Bishops of this Church, two Priests, and two confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing. Five Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops at each regular meeting of general Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of General Convention. Two Priests and two confirmed lay communicants of this Church in good standing shall be elected by the House of Deputies at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of General Convention.
Sec. 2 3. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine shall consist of nine Bishops of this Church. Three Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops.
at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the third succeeding regular meeting of General Convention.

Sec 4. All judges shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify; Provided, however, there shall be no change in the composition of a Court as to a proceeding pending before it, while that proceeding is unresolved except as specified in Canon IV.5.3.

Sec 5. (a) No judge shall sit as a member of a Court for the Trial of a Bishop who is a Complainant, or is related to the Respondent or Complainant by affinity or consanguinity, or who is excused pursuant to Canon IV.14.13; nor shall any Judge sit who, upon objection made by either party for any reason, is deemed by the other members of the Court to be disqualified.

(b) The death, permanent disability rendering the person unable to act, resignation or declination to serve as a member of the a Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall constitute a vacancy in the a Court. The recusal or disqualification of a member of the a Court from consideration of a particular Presentment shall constitute a temporary vacancy in the a Court.

(c) Notices of resignations or declinations to serve shall be given by any Bishop chosen to serve as a member of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop or Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine by written notice sent to the Presiding Bishop.

(d) Notices of resignation or declinations to serve shall be given by any Priest or Lay Person chosen to serve as a member of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop by written notice sent to the President of the House of Deputies.

(e) Notices of recusal shall be given by a Judge to the Presiding Judge.

Sec 6. The Each Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall from time to time elect from its own membership a Presiding Judge, who shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which chosen. If in any proceeding before the a Court the Presiding Judge is disqualified or is for any cause unable to act, the that Court shall elect from its members a Presiding Judge pro tempore.

Sec 7. When the a Court is not in session, if there is a vacancy in the office of the Presiding Judge, the Bishop who is senior by consecration shall perform the duties of the office of Presiding Judge.

Sec 8. Vacancies occurring in the a Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall be filled as follows:

(a) In the case of a temporary vacancy due to the recusal or disqualification of any Judge, the remaining Judges may appoint a Judge to take the place of the one so disqualified in that particular case. If the recused or disqualified Judge participated in any proceedings other than consideration of whether any Judge should be disqualified, the remaining Judges shall decide whether or not the Judge will be replaced for the remainder of that case.

(b) In the case of a vacancy in the Court, the remaining Judges shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next General Convention, when the House of Bishops shall choose a person Bishop to fill such a vacancy of a Bishop and the House of Deputies shall
choose a Priest or Lay Person, respectively, to fill a vacancy of a Priest or Lay Person. The person so chosen shall serve during the remainder of the term.

Sec. 7. Not less than five of the Judges shall constitute a quorum, but any lesser number may adjourn the Court from time to time.

Sec. 8. (a) Upon receiving a Presentment, the Presiding Judge shall, within 30 days, send to each member of the Court a copy of the Presentment. If the Presentment is issued pursuant to Canon IV.3.2.1(c) the Presiding Judge shall also send a copy of the supporting briefs, answer, and statements.

(b) The Presiding Judge of the Court shall, within not more than three calendar months from the Presiding Judge’s receipt of the Presentment, summon the Respondent to answer the Presentment in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

(c) Court proceedings at which the Respondent and Church Attorney are to appear shall be held within the Diocese of the accused Bishop, or within the Diocese where the accused Bishop lives or serves, at the discretion of the Court. The Court may, for good cause, appoint another place for any such proceedings or conduct such proceedings by telephone conference provided that all participants can hear and be heard by all other participants in the telephone conference.

Sec. 9. Within three months following each regular meeting of General Convention, the Court shall appoint a Church Attorney to serve until the next regular meeting of General Convention and until a successor is duly appointed and qualified, and from time to time for good cause and upon the request of the Church Attorney, appoint one or more assistant Church Attorneys to act for and in the place of the Church Attorney.

Deputy Winslow of Milwaukee moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In section 2, after the words “two Priests” insert the words “or Deacons.”

Deputy Drell of Western Louisiana moved the previous question on the amendment.

A vote was taken to terminate debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Jones of Northern Indiana moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In section 2, delete the word “confirmed” in both sentences.
Deputy Lambert from Dallas moved the previous question on the amendment.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Glasspool of Maryland moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**  
In section 2 in the third sentence, insert the word “adult” between the words “confirmed” and “lay.” Hearing no objection, the President ruled the acceptance of this amendment.

A vote was taken on Resolution A032 as amended.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment

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

**Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #3 on Resolution A110 (Review Council Committees) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A110)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Committees of Executive Council shall be reviewed before each General Convention by Executive Council to determine which committees shall be continued as Committees of Executive Council, which shall be terminated, and which shall be assigned to a Standing Commission of the Church. The Secretary of Executive Council shall communicate these recommendations to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church, one year before each regular meeting of General Convention.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #5 on Resolution A108 (Executive Council Committees Redesignation) and moved adoption.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention designate the Executive Council Economic Justice Loan Committee as a Committee of the Executive Council with no change in mandate or composition resulting from this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the Executive Council’s 2002 resolution to designate the Episcopal Council on Indigenous Ministries as a Committee of the Executive Council and rename it as the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries with no change in mandate or composition resulting from this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the Executive Council’s 1999 decision to rename the Executive Council Working Group on Science, Technology and Faith as the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith, and officially designate it as a Committee of the Executive Council.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #44)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #12 on Resolution A044 (Ethnic Congregational Development Office) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A044)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to study the work of the Ethnic Congregational Development Unit and make policy recommendations to future General Conventions.

Deputy Lawton of California moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the words “to study the work of” and replace with “to consult with the.”

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A044.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #45)
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #12 on Resolution A128 (ST&F Membership) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A128)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That one-third of the members of the ST&F Committee, or as near as possible, be rotated at the conclusion of every triennium, to be replaced by members of the network for ST&F. A list of new members, selected for their personal and professional qualities and expertise from among the members of the NST&F, shall be suggested to the Presiding Bishop (in the case of bishops) and the President of the House of Deputies (for Lay and other Clerical members).

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology, and Faith shall consist of twelve (12) members having terms of office of six years. The terms of one half of the members shall expire at the end of each triennium. Prior to the end of each triennium the co-chairs of the committee shall forward the names of potential new members, recommended for their personal and professional qualities and expertise from among the members of the Network for Science, Technology, and Faith, to the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall jointly appoint members of the Committee.

Deputy Davidson of Lexington moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the last sentence delete the words “from among the members of the Network for Science, Technology, and Faith.”

Point of Order
Deputy Johnson of Minnesota noted that Resolution A128 was inconsistent with the Canons and the resolution was withdrawn for further review.

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure withdrew its Report #13 on Resolution A154 (Regarding General Convention Resolutions) to be considered at a time certain.

Resolution withdrawn
Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to act on Resolution D027 and then proceed with the daily calendar.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Consecration of Bishops
The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #1 on Resolution D027 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. William Howard Love as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Albany) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D027)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.16.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the ordination and consecration of William Howard Love as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Albany.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #2 on Resolution D035 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. David M. Reed as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D035)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.16.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the ordination and consecration of the Rev. David M. Reed as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #3 on Resolution D039 (Consent to the Election of the Venerable Dena Harrison as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D039)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.16.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the ordination and consecration of the Venerable Dena Harrison as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #61)

The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #4 on Resolution D037 (Consent to the Election of the Right Rev. Marc H. Andrus as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of California) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D037)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.16.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the election of the Right Rev. Marc H. Andrus as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of California.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #63)

The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #5 on Resolution D036 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Steven Todd Ousley as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D036)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.16.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Steven Todd Ousley as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #62)

Youth Presence Address
The President welcomed the Youth Presence and introduced its speaker Jessica Lowe of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, who was accompanied by other members of
the Youth Presence. Ms. Lowe addressed the House and spoke about choosing to be a member of The Episcopal Church, even though she is a cradle Episcopalian. She asked the church to move beyond inclusion of youth, to accepting, listening to and inviting youth into the full work and ministry of the church.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 4:26 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.

Reconvene
The Vice-President called the House to order at 4:47 p.m.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business returned the House to the daily calendar for the Third Legislative Day.

Church in Small Communities
The House of Deputies Committee on the Church in Small Communities presented its Report #1 on HB Message #35 on Resolution A098 (Small Church Growth and Strategy Handbook) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #51)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A098)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Congregational Development to compile available resources which promote vitality of mission and ministry in small congregations and communicate, disseminate, and provide access to the larger Church in a variety of possible formats; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Offices of Congregational Development and Communication to develop and implement innovative ways of collecting and telling stories of vitality in mission and ministry occurring in small congregations in such ways that those stories offer opportunity, encouragement, challenge, and hope to other congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That in celebrating the vitality of small congregations within the Church, the 75th General Convention acknowledge with thanksgiving the life and ministry of the Rt. Rev. William Davidson who helped lay the cornerstone and shape the building of support for small congregation and rural ministry within The Episcopal Church and that we dedicate ourselves to the continuation of that work.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #3 on HB Message #38 on Resolution A058 (Continue Lesser Feasts & Fasts Revision) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #52)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A058)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the work of revision begun in the past triennium, in anticipation of the submission of the completed revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, with accompanying materials, for consideration by the 76th General Convention in 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #4 on HB Message #37 on Resolution A066 (Multi-sensory Resources) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #53)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A066)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to
Engage younger generations in the collection and development of liturgical resources appropriate to emergent church context to reflect The Episcopal Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity, and
Further develop networks for sharing these resources, and
Prepare theological and evangelistic materials to assist the church in the introduction of these resources, and
Develop ways to assist congregations in the use of these resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #2 on HB Message #21 on Resolution A102 (Culture of Debt) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Clark of Central Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause, delete the word “February” and add the word “April” in its place.

Deputy Martin of San Joaquin moved a substitute to the proposed amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete any reference to a specific month in the resolution.

Deputy Hallas of Chicago moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the substitute amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive the Vice-President called for an electronic vote. The result of the vote was: Yes 353 votes (43.8%) and No 453 votes (56.2%).

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A102.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(A102)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge each diocese, over the course of the next triennium, to offer training, education, and resources that promote the healthy role of money in our lives, biblical teachings about financial matters, and the faithful habits of budgeting, sharing, saving, responsible handling of debt, and life and estate planning; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Stewardship be directed to train a team of trainers capable of leading these diocesan events; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses be urged to designate February of each year as “Debt Awareness Month,” and that the Office of Stewardship be urged to prepare suitable multi-generational materials for use in congregations, paying special attention to children and youth; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to the supplemental calendar #1 for the third legislative day.

Election of General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #14 on HB Message #65 on the Election of Bishops for Trustees of General Theological Seminary and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #55)

Elected as Trustees of General Theological Seminary for three-year terms:
The Rt. Rev. George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey
The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina

Election of Executive Council
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #15 on HB Message #64 on the Election for Bishop Members of Executive Council and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #56)

Elected as Members of the Executive Council for six-year terms:
The Rt. Rev. David A. Alvarez, Bishop of Puerto Rico
The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles

Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business in its Report #16 moved to adopt a Special Order of Business:
The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, having submitted nominees for
election to the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, the Committee
on Dispatch of Business moves the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following procedures be followed in the election of Trustees of the
General Theological Seminary:

1. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 3:10 p.m. on the 5th
Legislative Day, Saturday, June 17, 2006, for the purpose of receiving
nominations. The names of persons nominated by the Joint Standing
Committee on Nominations shall then be deemed to have been placed in
nomination, and the biographical sketches printed on Pages 28 through 31 of
the Blue Book shall be deemed to be the equivalent of nominating speeches
and no member of the House shall be recognized to speak further on behalf of
any such nominee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by
name and diocese only, accompanied by a written nomination including (1) a
biographical sketch of the nominee not longer than 150 words, (2) a certification
that the nominee will serve if elected, and (3) the name and signature of the
nominator, his or her order and diocese. All these documents shall be submitted
to the Secretary at the time of nomination;

2. That the Secretary be directed to prepare a list of the names and biographical
sketches as in the Committee's report or as filed in nominations from the floor
of all nominees, arranged in alphabetical order by nominee’s name, to be
distributed to the House no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 6th Legislative Day,
Sunday, June 18, 2006;

3. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 3:30 p.m. on the 7th
Legislative Day, Monday, June 19, 2006, for the purpose of electing two
Presbyters or Deacons and two lay persons as Trustees of the General
Theological Seminary. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot form listing by Order
the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each Deputy shall vote for
two Presbyter or Deacon nominees and two Lay nominees. Any ballot with
votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. The Presbyter or Deacon
nominees and the Lay nominees receiving the largest number of votes shall be
deemed elected, provided that votes equal to or in excess of a majority of the
ballots cast on any ballot shall be required for election. Balloting shall continue
until there shall be two Presbyter or Deacon Trustees and two Lay Trustees
elected, following which such elections shall be presented to the House of
Bishops for confirmation;

4. In the event of a significant tie, another ballot shall be required for election.

5. The House may, at the discretion of its presiding officer, proceed to other
business during the balloting for such election.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #57)

Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business in its Report #17 moved
to adopt a Special Order of Business:
The Joint Committee on Nominations, having submitted names for election to the
Executive Council, your Committee on Dispatch of Business moves the adoption of
the following resolution:
Resolved, That the following procedures be followed in election of members of the Executive Council at this General Convention pursuant to the provisions of Title I, Canon 4:

1. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 3:05 p.m. on the 5th Legislative Day, June 17, 2006, for the purpose of receiving nominations. The names of persons nominated by the Joint Committee on Nominations shall then be deemed to have been placed in nomination, and the biographical sketches printed on Pages 16 through 21 of the Blue Book shall be deemed to be the equivalent of nominating speeches and no member of the House shall be recognized to speak further on behalf of any such nominee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by name and diocese only, accompanied by a written nomination including (1) a biographical sketch of the nominee not longer than 150 words, (2) a certification that the nominee will serve if elected, and (3) the name and signature of the nominator, his or her order and diocese. All these documents shall be submitted to the Secretary at the time of nomination;

2. That the Secretary be directed to prepare a list of the names and biographical sketches as in the Committee's report or as filed in nominations from the floor of all nominees, arranged in alphabetical order by nominee's name, to be distributed to the House no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 6th Legislative Day, June 18, 2006;

3. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 3:35 p.m. on the 7th Legislative Day, June 19, 2006, for the purpose of electing two presbyters or deacons and six lay persons for a term equal to twice the interval between regular sessions of the General Convention each until his successor is elected. The secretary shall prepare a ballot listing alphabetically by orders the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each member shall vote for the number of presbyters or deacons and lay persons to be or remaining to be elected, and any ballot with votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. In the clerical order the two persons receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be deemed elected, and similarly in the lay order the six persons receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be deemed elected; provided that votes equal to or in excess of a majority of the ballots cast on any ballot shall be required for election. Balloting shall continue until the required number have been elected; provided that on the third ballot in each order there shall be retained on the ballot from those persons receiving the highest numbers of votes only that number of nominees equal to twice the number to be elected in such order. In the event of a significant tie election shall be by lot cast by the Secretary. Following such election, the results shall be presented to the House of Bishops for confirmation.

4. The House, at the discretion of its presiding officer, may proceed to other business during the balloting for these elections.

Deputy Smith of Chicago moved to amend the Special Order of Business.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In Section 3 change “his” to “his or her.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
Deputy Green of San Diego moved to amend the Special Order of Business.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In Section 3, eliminate the words “less than or” changing the clause to “and any ballot with votes in excess thereof shall be void.”

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question on the amendment. A vote was taken to terminate debate on the amendment.

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

A vote was taken on the amendment.

- **Motion defeated**
- **Amendment defeated**

A vote was taken on the Special Order of Business as amended.

- **Motion carried**

  - **Special Order adopted with amendment**
  - Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #58)

**Constitution**
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #1 on HB Message #28 on Resolution A085 (Amend Constitution II.2 [First Reading]) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Crew of Newark on behalf of the Lay Deputation of Chicago, the Lay and Clergy Deputations of Newark, the Clergy Deputation of Western Michigan, and the Lay and Clergy Deputations of Massachusetts, called for a vote by orders on Resolution A085. The Vice-President ruled the request to be in order.

Deputy Kilpatrick of Ohio moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate. The voice vote being inconclusive, the Vice-President called for an electronic vote. The result of the vote was: Yes, 578 votes (70.7%) and No, 240 votes (29.3%).

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

**Ballot #1—Vote By Orders**
Ballot #1 on Resolution A085 was taken.

- **Ballot #1 taken by orders**
Introduction
The Vice-President introduced the Rt. Rev. Macleod Baker Ochola, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Kitgum, Uganda, hosted by the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

The Vice-President asked for the mind of the House on waiting for the result of the vote by orders on Resolution A085.

Recess
Seeing no objection, the Vice-President recessed the House at 6:20 p.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2006.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 10:53 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Silvestre-Romero for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #3, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Third Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #7 for the first session of the Fourth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 421. There were 94 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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Resolution A085 failed in the clerical order and the lay order.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #59)

**Messages from the House of Bishops**

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

*HB Message #100:* D004 (Amend II Section 2) Discharged – already acted on at this convention in Resolution A085.


*HB Message #102:* A018 (Amend Article II. 2 [Election of Bishops-Second Reading]) Rejected.

*HB Message #103:* A020 (Amend Article I.2) Adopted substitute.

*HB Message #104:* C040 (Support Biblical Literacy) Adopted substitute.

*HB Message #105:* C045 (Support of Historically Black Colleges) Adopted with amendment.

*HB Message #106:* A039 (Reconciliation Training) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #107: D012 (Summer Camp for Children of Persons in Prison) Adopted.

HB Message #108: A056 (Interreligious Relations) Adopted with amendment.


HB Message #110: D031 (Budget Priorities) Concurred.

HB Message #111: (Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains) Adopted.

Communications from the President
The President read a letter to the House from Secretary General John F. Stewart, of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The President provided additional information on the flags displayed behind the podium.

The President introduced the Most Rev. Martín de Jesus Barahona, Primate of Iglesia Anglicana De La Region Central De America (IARCA) and the Bishop of El Salvador, seated with the Diocese of Vermont. The President introduced Ms. Anne Stomp, Chair of the Provincial Council from Australia, seated with the Convocation of Churches in Europe.

Sharing the Story
The President called on Deputy Crawford of Vermont to share her faith story.

Special Order of Business
The President introduced Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea, the Anglican Observer to the United Nations (UN). Archdeacon Tuatagaloa-Matalavea addressed the House and brought greetings from the Secretary General of the UN. During her tenure as the Anglican Observer to the UN, Archdeacon Tuatagaloa-Matalavea oversaw the establishment of the Anglican Union Environmental Network and worked to promote the Anglican presence in world issues to ensure peace and security. The Archdeacon thanked the House for her tenure as Anglican Observer.

Nominations for Vice-President of the House of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business called for nominations for Vice-President of the House of Deputies.

Deputy Johnson of Mississippi nominated the Rev. Gay Jennings of Ohio.
Deputy Linares of Puerto Rico nominated the Rev. Brian Prior of Spokane.
Motion was made to close the nominations.  
Motion carried  
Nominations closed

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to supplemental calendar #1 for the third legislative day.

Constitution
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #2 on HB Message #30 on Resolution D013 (Amend Constitution: Article I, Sec.3-Election of Presiding Bishop) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.

Point of Order
The Parliamentarian informed the President that a vote by orders was not required.  
Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts inquired about the status of the resolution if the House were to refer the resolution rather than adopt it. The President on the advice of the Parliamentarian said that it would be reported to the House of Bishops.

Deputy Dice of Southern Ohio called the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D013.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D013)
Resolved, That the first paragraph of the Article 1, Section 3, of the Constitution be amended to read:
Sec. 3. At the General Convention next before the expiration of the term of office of the Presiding Bishop, it shall elect the Presiding Bishop of the Church.  
The House of Bishops shall choose one of the Bishops of this Church to be the Presiding Bishop of the Church by a vote of a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, except that whenever two-thirds of the House of Bishops are present a majority vote shall suffice, such choice to be subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies.  
The Presiding Bishop shall be chosen from among the Bishops of this Church at a Joint Session of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies by concurrent vote of (a) a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, except that whenever two-thirds of the House of Bishops are present a majority vote shall suffice, (b) a majority
vote of all of the Clerical Deputies present, and (c) a majority vote of all of the Lay Deputies present. The term and tenure of office and duties and particulars of the election not inconsistent with the preceding provisions shall be prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #65)

Noonday Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Silvestre-Romero to lead the House in noonday prayers.

Constitution
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #3 on HB Message #29 on Resolution A021 (Amend Article VIII [First Reading]) and moved concurrence.

The President informed the House that a vote by orders was required on the resolution.

Deputy D’Aqosto of the Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first sentence, add the word, “and” after the word, “canons” and before the words, “who has made...” and, add the word, “and” after the words “predecessor bodies” and before the words, “who has made...”.

The President informed that House that the Parliamentarian had clarified that a vote by orders was not required on a first reading of a proposed change to the Constitution.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A021.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #66)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A021)

Resolved, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

A bishop may permit an ordained minister in good standing in a Church with which this Church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or a minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that Church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting.

Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #9 on Resolution D010 (Amend Canon: I.2.2: Resignation Age of Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D010)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention amend the first sentence of Canon I.2.2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2 The term of office of the Presiding Bishop, when elected according to the provisions of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution, 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, unless attaining the age of seventy years before the term shall have been completed; in that case the Presiding Bishop shall resign the office to the General Convention which occurs nearest to the date of attaining such age. At that Convention a successor shall be elected, and shall assume office on the first day of the month of November following the close of that Convention or immediately upon the death, retirement, or disability of the Presiding Bishop; except that when a Presiding Bishop has been elected by the House of Bishops to fill a vacancy, as provided for in the second paragraph of Article I., Section 3 of the Constitution, the Presiding Bishop so elected shall take office immediately.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #67)
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #10 on Resolution D034 (Amend Title II, Canon 4 Sec. 1(a)) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #68)

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #1 on Resolution C019 (Anglicans Worldwide: Covenant for Communion in Mission) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution A126.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #71)

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #1 on HB Message #33 on Resolution C012 (Episcopal Network for Economic Justice) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #69)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C012)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention support the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice in their facilitation of the training of congregations in economic justice; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request of the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $7,000 annually for training in economic justice.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #2 on HB Message #34 on Resolution C008 (Right of Workers to Organize) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #70)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C008)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the right of workers in the United States to organize and form unions. We especially affirm the right to
organize and form unions for seasonal and migrant workers who historically have been deprived of those rights. We support the right to organize and form unions as a means to securing adequate wages, benefits, and safety conditions for all workers. We encourage all levels of the church to be informed about, and act accordingly, when rights of workers to associate is being jeopardized. We commend the work of Interfaith Worker Justice in calling upon our religious values in support of issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and working conditions for low-wage workers.

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music**
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #6 on HB Message #40 on Resolution A077 (Revised Common Lectionary) and moved concurrence.

The President informed the House that a vote by orders was required.

Deputy Fisher of Georgia moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the words “for purposes of orderly transition” and delete the words “until the First Sunday of Advent 2010.”

Deputy Millard of Western Louisiana moved a substitute to the proposed amendment.

**Proposed Substitute Amendment:**
In the first sentence, after “Convention,” delete “direct that the Revised Common Lectionary shall be the Lectionary of this Church, amending the Lectionary on pp. 889-921 of The Book of Common Prayer, effective the First Sunday of Advent, 2007; with the provision for continued use of the previous Lectionary for purposes of orderly transition, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, until the First Sunday of Advent 2010.” In its place, insert “authorize for optional use the Revised Common Lectionary with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority.”

The President announced that the debate on Resolution A077 would continue in the afternoon session.

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**
The President recessed the House at 1:01 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:38 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #8 for the second session of the Fourth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 421. There were 54 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #7 on Resolution A006 (Triennial Survey of Congregations) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A006)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church work with the Director of Research for The Episcopal Church, who will conduct a survey of the congregations of The Episcopal Church during each triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $48,500 for the implementation of this resolution in the 2007–2009 triennium.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #72)
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #14 on Resolution D001 (Study Presiding Bishop Election Process) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter is considered in Resolution A112.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #73)

Evangelism
Resolution A101 (Stewardship of Relationships) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

Resolution A042 (Church Planting Initiative) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

Resolution B011 (Special Missionary Initiative) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #1 on HB Message #20 on Resolution A100 (Christian Formation) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A100)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct all Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards (CCABs) to respond to the crisis in Christian formation in The Episcopal Church by including in their deliberations and work during the next triennium the task of nurturing the selfless, responsible, and faithful use of resources for the growth, health, and mission of the church and report on their work to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the following CCABs give special focus to this work: the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to provide collects and special forms of prayers of the people and other resources to emphasize formation; the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to design strategies for incorporating formation into all areas of parish life; and be it further
Resolved, That program areas, particularly Ministries with Young People, Congregational Development, and Ethnic Congregational Development,
report their work in formation to the Executive Council for inclusion in its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church provide a comprehensive report on formation (as defined in this resolution) throughout The Episcopal Church and present its report to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #74)

Communications
Resolution A047 (Amend Canon I.1.2(12)) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

(End of Consent Calendar)

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

HB Message #112: (Presiding Bishop’s Nominations – Historiographer) Adopted.
HB Message #113: (Presiding Bishop’s Appointments – Archives Board) Adopted.
HB Message #114: (Presiding Bishop’s Appointments – Board for Church Deployment) Adopted.

Special Order of Business
The President recognized the Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan, former Secretary of General Convention. Canon Sullivan expressed her gratitude to the House, the staff of the General Convention office, and her husband.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed that the House would return to debate on Resolution A077.

Deputy Meyers of Chicago moved the previous question on the substitute, the amendment, and the main motion.
A vote was taken to terminate debate. A voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the vote was: Yes, 559 votes (69.2%) and No, 249 votes (30.8%).

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the substitute.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the amendment. A voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the vote was: Yes, 382 votes (46.8%) and No, 434 votes (53.2%).

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Ballot #2—Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A077.

Ballot #2 taken by orders

The President ordered the calendar to proceed until the results of the ballot were available.

Special Order of Business
Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved to reconsider Resolution A032 (Amend Canon IV.5).

Motion carried

Deputy Johnson moved an amendment from the floor on Resolution A032. After some discussion, the President requested that the amendment be withdrawn in order to perfect the text.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business asked that the House delay reconsideration of Resolution A032 until distribution of the Supplemental Calendar #2 for the Fourth Legislative Day later in the afternoon.

[Editor's note: The House of Bishops concurred on A032 as amended by the House of Deputies on the Third Legislative Day. The motion to reconsider by Deputy Johnson, which took place after the House of Bishops had concurred on the final text, led to a withdrawal by the Committee on Canons. The Committee reported to the House in Report #21 of Day Four with a recommendation to adopt a newly amended resolution, but again withdrew the motion before discussion; see p. 466.]
Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #15 on Resolution D026 (Appointment to CCABs) and moved adoption, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D026)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention request that appointments to Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards (CCABs) be a collaborative effort among the Presiding Officers, the Provincial Leadership Conference (PLC) and The Episcopal Church Center (ECC) staff (depending on the specific CCAB); and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Officers of the General Convention shall coordinate with appropriate representatives from the Provincial Leadership Conference and The Episcopal Church Center staff prior to CCAB appointments in order to implement such a collaborative process for these appointments.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #75)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #16 on Resolution A046 (Scheduling of General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A046)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That future General Conventions be scheduled between July 1 and August 15.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention recommend to the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements that future General Conventions be scheduled between July 1 and August 15 to increase the opportunity for youth and young adults to attend.

Deputy Greneker of Georgia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the words, “August 15 to increase the opportunity for youth and young adults to attend.” Add after the words, “between July 1 and,” add the following, “August 1 to increase the opportunity for youth, young adults, and educators to attend.”
Deputy Ruttan of West Virginia moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion. A vote was taken to terminate debate.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A046 as amended.  

Motion defeated  
Resolution rejected  

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #76)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #18 on Resolution A155 (Length of General Convention) and asked that the resolution be deferred to a time certain.  

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #19 on Resolution D025 (Roles of Presiding Officers in the Governance of the Church) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter is considered in Resolution A112.  

Motion carried  
Committee discharged  

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #77)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #20 on Resolution A143 (Relocation of the Archives of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(A143)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention hereby:  

1. Authorize and direct the Board of the Archives and the Archives Strategy Committee heretofore established by Executive Council, as the same may from time to time be comprised, to investigate, evaluate and adopt a plan, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to relocate the Archives of The Episcopal Church to a site within the United States appropriate to and which will be adequate for the present and future needs of the Archives of this Church, as contemplated by Canon I.5., and those using the resources of the Archives to be completed on or before January 1, 2010;  

2. Authorize the Board of the Archives and the said Archives Strategy Committee, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to commence a fund-
raising case and campaign for the costs of planning, construction, relocation and endowment of an archives facility for The Episcopal Church; and

3. Authorize the Board of the Archives, upon the advice and consent of Executive Council, to incorporate under the State of New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and to seek 501(c)(3) recognition under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; provided, however, that the Articles of Incorporation shall include a dissolution provision conforming with the laws of the State of New York and the Internal Revenue Code that upon dissolution, extinction or the winding up of its affairs, all assets and property of said corporation would be assigned, transferred and paid over to or for the benefit of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #78)

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #7 on HB Message #62 on Resolution A117 (Seminarian Cross-cultural Formation) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Glasspool of Maryland moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A117.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #79)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A117)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide funding toward cross-cultural and international experience for seminarians; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Standing Commission on World Mission to consult with the Council of Deans and Seminary Consultation on Mission regarding how allocation of these funds can ensure participation by seminarians beyond the eleven accredited Episcopal seminaries and especially by those seminarians in institutions located in non-United States jurisdictions of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $250,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #8 on HB Message #61 on Resolution A114 (Young Adult Service Corps) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #80)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A114)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations, in collaboration with the Office of Ministries with Young People, to develop resources for the pastoral care and vocational formation of participants in the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to increase the number of placements available in the Young Adult Service Corps from ten to fifteen per year; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $550,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Young Adult Service Corps**

The President invited members of the Young Adult Service Corps forward for recognition. Deputy Longinotti of Spokane thanked the House for its continued support of this program.

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**

The President declared a recess until 4:15 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The Vice-President called the House to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Messages from the House of Bishops**

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

- **HB Message #116:** A081 (International Anglican Liturgical Consultation)
  Adopted with amendment.
- **HB Message #117:** A024 (Amend Canon I.9.1) Concurred.
- **HB Message #118:** A023 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3)) Concurred.
- **HB Message #119:** A031 (Amend Canon IV.3.21(c)) Concurred.
Results of Ballot #2: Vote By Orders on Resolution A077

The Secretary reported the results of Ballot #2.

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The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #81)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A077)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct that the Revised Common
Lectionary shall be the Lectionary of this Church, amending the Lectionary
on pp. 889-921 of The Book of Common Prayer, effective the First Sunday of
Advent, 2007; with the provision for continued use of the previous Lectionary
for purposes of orderly transition, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical
Authority, until the First Sunday of Advent 2010.

Special Order of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report
#21 to facilitate possible reconsideration of A032 and moved adoption.

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons withdrew the resolution to a later time.

Resolution withdrawn

[See note on p. 461—Editor]
Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #5 on Resolution A042 (Church Planting Initiative) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A042)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention establish a Church Planting Initiative to encourage, support, and fund new congregations in the dioceses of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church be a financial partner with congregations and dioceses by providing matching grants to dioceses for initial start-up, acquisition of land, and first phase building construction; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Planting Office lead and support the Church Planting Initiative by: keeping the church abreast of best practices for church planting; raising awareness of opportunities for starting new congregations throughout the church; assisting individual dioceses in planning and developing a vision and a plan for church planting; developing tools for assessing candidates for new church development; and recommending matching grants for land acquisition and new church development; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request that the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council implement a major gifts campaign to fund the Church Planting Initiative.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention establish a Church Planting Initiative to raise funds for new congregations in the dioceses of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call every diocese of this Church to identify and document with projected costs and demographics including racial, ethnic, generational, and socioeconomic makeup of the targeted areas, prime opportunities for the development of new congregations including new college campus missions, and communicate this list of opportunities to the Office of Congregational Development by June 30, 2007; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Congregational Development be directed to assemble these reports by December 30, 2007, and convey to Executive Council, in its regular report a comprehensive list of opportunities for new church and campus ministry development and projected costs, and to communicate this list through electronic and print media to the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That upon receipt of the comprehensive report for New Church Development the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council implement a major gifts campaign to fund the Church Planting Initiative; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Congregational Development lead and support the Church Planting Initiative by: keeping the church abreast of best practices for church, campus mission and ministry planting; raising awareness of opportunities for starting new congregations, campus mission and ministries throughout the church; assisting individual dioceses in planning and developing a vision and a plan for this Initiative; developing tools for assessing candidates for new church development; and recommending matching grants for church planting; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church be a financial partner with dioceses by providing matching grants to dioceses for church planting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Planting Initiative budget for development staff to identify and nurture new sources of revenue in the grants, gifts, endowments and/or capital fund drives be increased from $75,000 to $475,000 during each year of the 2007–2009 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the annual distribution from endowments during each year of the 2007–2009 triennium be increased from 5.0% to 5.2% in order to fund this increase; and be it further

Resolved, That if adequate New Church Planting, Mission and College Campus Development monies cannot be raised by the 76th General Convention, that the Executive Council be directed to invest church assets in new church planting.

Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the last two resolve clauses and in the seventh resolve clause following “resolved that” insert “The General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider that.”

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A042.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #82)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #12 on HB Message #80 on Resolution B008 (The Dorchester Chaplains) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(B008)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the commemoration of the Dorchester Chaplains as an addition to the Calendar of the Church Year, with appropriate biographical material and propers for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #13 on HB Message #68 on Resolution A057 (Lesser Feasts & Fasts Revision Principles) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #84)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A057)
Resolved, That the Principles of Revision accepted by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be approved by the 75th General Convention and substituted for the Guidelines approved by the 1994 General Convention (2003 edition of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, p. 477 – 479).

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #14 on HB Message #79 on Resolution C021 (Bertha and Ethelbert) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first clause, delete the word “add,” and insert the words “consider adding.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Burns of New York moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution C021 as amended.  

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #16 on HB Message #74 on Resolution C016 (Thurgood Marshall) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Final Text of Resolution:**  
(C016)  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention include Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in the book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, using the date of May 17, the decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*, to be a day to commemorate the Christian witness of Justice Marshall; and be it further  
Resolved, That the following propers be considered for that feast day:  

Eternal and Ever-Gracious God, you blessed your servant Thurgood with special gifts of grace and courage to understand and speak the truth as it has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ. Grant that by his example we may also know you and seek to realize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, whom you sent to teach us to love one another; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.  

Amen.  

- Amos 5:10-15, 21-24  
- Psalm 34:15-22  
- I Corinthians 13:1-13  
- Matthew 23:1-11

Deputy Linder of Upper South Carolina moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.  

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

A vote was taken on Resolution C016.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #87)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #17 on HB Message #73 on Resolution C034 (Joan of Arc) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
Final Text of Resolution:
(C034)
Resolved, That the 23rd Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real request the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to include in the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts Joan of Arc on May 30th.

Deputy Fontaine of Wyoming moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C034.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #88)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #18 on HB Message #72 on Resolution C035 (Confession of Martha) and moved concurrence with a referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C035)
Resolved, That the 23rd Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real request the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to include in the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts the Confession of Martha on April 13th.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #89)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #19 on HB Message #66 on Resolution A059 (Approve Liturgical Calendar Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

Point of Order
Deputy Meyers of Chicago rose to a Point of Order to ask if the changes proposed in Resolution A059 required a vote by orders. The Vice-President ruled that a vote by orders was required.
Ballot #3—Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A059.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

RECESS
The Vice-President recessed the House at 6:05 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2006.
FIFTH DAY

Saturday
June 17, 2006

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the Joint Session to order at 2:34 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Harrison for prayers.

JOINT SESSION FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved a Special Order of Business to receive the nominations for Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried

The President yielded the floor to the Presiding Bishop.

The Presiding Bishop called upon the Co-Chairs, Bishop Lee of Virginia and Deputy Pollard of New York, for the report of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The Committee Co-Chairs introduced the Committee members and gave the Committee report.

[Editor's Note: See the 2006 Blue Book report, pp. 3-5.]


The Presiding Bishop declared the nominations closed.

**Recess**

The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 2:55 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The President called the House to order at 3:05 p.m.

**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 #9 for the first session of the Fifth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 421. There were 100 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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Messages from the House of Bishops

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


*HB Message #112: (Presiding Bishop’s Nominations – Historiographer) Adopted.*

*HB Message #113: (Presiding Bishop’s Appointments – Archive Board) Adopted.*

*HB Message #114: (Presiding Bishop’s Appointments – Board for Church Deployment) Adopted.*

*HB Message #131: C010 (General Convention Site Choices) Adopted with amendment.*

*HB Message #132: A095 (Gay and Lesbian Affirmation) Adopted.*
HB Message #133: C005 (History of Slavery in The Episcopal Church) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A123.

HB Message #134: A123 (Slavery and Racial Reconciliation) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #140: A165 (Commitment to Windsor and Listening Processes) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #142: D007 (Senior Ministries) Adopted.

HB Message #143: A124 (Study the Impact of Slavery) Discharged.

HB Message #144: C032 (Health Care for All Americans) Adopted substitute.

HB Message #145: C022 (Affordable Health Insurance) Discharged.

HB Message #146: D030 (Repentance of Institutional Prejudice and Injustice) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #147: D043 (Dialogue on Mission of the Church) Adopted.


The Secretary asked the deputation of the Diocese of West Texas to escort Bishop Suffragan-elect Reed to the podium to be introduced.

HB Message #136: Consent to the Election of the Rev. David M. Reed as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas. Consented.

The Secretary asked the deputation of the Diocese of Texas to escort Bishop Suffragan-elect Harrison to the podium to be introduced.

Consent Calendar

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #17 on Resolution A001 (77th General Convention) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A001)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sites be considered for the 77th General Convention: Charlotte, NC; New Orleans, LA; Indianapolis, IN; and Kansas City, MO.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #91)

Evangelism

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #2 on A101 (Stewardship of Relationships) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A101)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That as our Baptismal Covenant calls us “to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [our] neighbors as [ourselves],” that members of the 75th General Convention offer themselves to an individual from whom they have become separated, asking Christ’s forgiveness from that person before the close of this Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That members of the 75th Convention, upon returning to their worshipping communities, invite their church to participate in a similar act of reconciliation.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That as our Baptismal Covenant calls us “to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [our] neighbors as [ourselves],” that each members of the 75th General Convention offer themselves him/herself to an individual from whom they have become separated, asking Christ’s forgiveness from that person before the close of this Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That members of the 75th Convention, upon returning to their worshipping communities, invite their church to participate in a similar act of reconciliation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #92)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #5 on HB Message #47 on Resolution A079 (Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

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

Final Text of Resolution:

(A079)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the continuation of the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations (LPM), which provides musicians who serve small congregations with continuing education for musical leadership in liturgy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $75,000 for the implementation of this resolution and that this appropriation be administered by the Office for Liturgy and Music.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #7 on HB Message #49 on Resolution A088 (Daily Life Liturgies) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A088)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgies which recognize and celebrate ministry in daily life for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music carry out this work in collaboration with the Standing Commission on Ministry Development and report on this work to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #94)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #8 on HB Message #44 on Resolution A071 (Burial & Reconciliation Liturgical Materials) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #95)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A071)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to create additional resources in the areas of Burial of the Dead and Reconciliation of a Penitent for inclusion in the Enriching Our Worship series; and be it further
Resolved, That the development of these rites use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM present its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #20 on HB Message #70 on Resolution A065 (Commemoration Name Change) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #96)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A065)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize changing the name for the commemoration of the “Martyrs of Lyons” to “Blandina and Her Companions, The Martyrs of Lyons,” as found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #22 on HB Message #69 on Resolution A061 (Date Change for Harriet Tubman Commemoration) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #97)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A061)
Resolved, That a change in the date of the commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman be duly considered by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music during the preparation of the new revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #24 on HB Message #67 on Resolution A060 (Refer Proposed Commemoration) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(A060)
Resolved, That consideration of the commemoration of The Rev. Dr. John Roberts, missionary to the Wind River Indian Reservation and founder of the Shoshone Episcopal Mission, be referred to the appropriate subcommittee of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for further research, consultation, and recommendation.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #9 on HB Message #43 on Resolution A070 (Enriching our Worship Adoption of Children) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(A070)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to develop liturgical materials for inclusion in the Enriching our Worship series for the pastoral issues in the context of the adoption of children; and be it further
Resolved, That the development of these materials use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM present its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #10 on HB Message #45 on Resolution A072 (Multi-Cultural Musical Resources) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #100)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A072)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to gather a collection of music to broaden the cultural breadth of the music of the church, and to make native-language materials available to non-English speaking worshiping communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the means of gathering and development of these materials use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender, and ethnic diversity; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission be directed to appoint a Committee to oversee the collection of this music; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $35,000 for implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #11 on HB Message #46 on Resolution A073 (Praise & World Music) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #101)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A073)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the work begun in the Praise and World Music Hymnal Supplement project; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #15 on HB Message #76 on Resolution C003 (Martyrs of the Sudan) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:

(C003)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize the commemoration of the Martyrs of the Sudan as an addition to the Calendar of the Church Year, with the following propers:
May 16
The Martyrs of the Sudan
Collect
O God, the One who is steadfast in the midst of persecution, by your providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of the Sudan, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom the refuse to abandon, even in the face of death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalms 109, 110, 111, 116:10-17
Hebrews 10:32-39
Matthew 24:9-14

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #3 on HB Message #54 on Resolution A145 (Endorsement of the Digital Archives) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #103)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A145)
Resolved, That the General Convention recognize the importance of the Digital Archives for access to the Church's historical texts, documents, and images; acknowledge the extraordinary contribution that the Digital Archives has made to the efficiency of the General Convention’s legislative process; and request the Archives expand and enrich this important vehicle, which includes the Acts of Convention 1976–2003 and the Resolves of Council 1976–2000, as well as news articles, photo archives, catalogs, and other documents from the Church Archives; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention endorse the Archives’ website and the Digital Archives as an official site and electronic archive of The Episcopal Church, created under the supervision of the Board of the Archives and the Canonical Archivist; and that the Archives be charged with responsibility to create an authentic, accurate, and trustworthy record for purposes of communicating historical knowledge about The Episcopal Church and its identity to Episcopalians and those who seek a greater awareness of this Church; and that budgetary funding requested for the Digital Archives be

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given priority in support of the mission of reconciliation, evangelism, and education.

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #4 on HB Message #55 on Resolution A150 (Continue Forward Movement) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #104)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A150)
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be authorized to continue Forward Movement Publications under his supervision and to appoint such staff members and commission as may be required to maintain its work.

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #3 on HB Message #60 on Resolution C018 (Environmental Stewardship) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #105)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C018)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that the use of fossil fuels harms air quality and public health and is contributing to changes in the global climate that threaten the lives and livelihoods of our neighbors around the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm that our Christian response to global warming is a deeply moral and spiritual issue; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention reaffirm Resolution 1991–A195, adopted by the 70th General Convention, declaring that Christian Stewardship of God's created environment, in harmony with our respect for human dignity, requires response from the Church of the highest urgency; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention reaffirm Resolution 2000–A048, adopted by the 73rd General Convention, encouraging all members, congregations, dioceses, and other church institutions to use environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention acknowledge with praise and appreciation the work of Interfaith Power and Light, a non-profit initiative that helps congregations, religious institutions and others work for a more just,
sustainable and healthier Creation (website of Interfaith Power and Light – www.theregenerationproject.org); and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention encourage all members, congregations, dioceses, and other church institutions to consider prayerfully whether to partner with Interfaith Power and Light by incorporating respect and care for Creation into programs of worship and education, by reducing energy use through conservation and increased efficiency, and by replacing consumption of fossil fuels with energy from renewable resources.

(End of Consent Calendar)

Special Order
The President recognized the Rev. Dr. Richard “Dick” Schmidt, editor and executive director of Forward Movement. Dr. Schmidt addressed the House.

Results of Ballot #3: Vote By Orders on Resolution A059.
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #3 on Resolution A059.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #90)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A059)

Resolved, That the commemorations of Florence Li Tim-Oi, Janani Luwum, Philander Chase, William Temple and Clive Staples Lewis, proposed by the 74th General Convention (2003 Journal, p. 446, 447f. and 488) and approved for trial use, be now finally approved and entered in the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP, p. 15-30) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Announcements
The Secretary called on the Chair of Program, Budget and Finance for an announcement regarding budget discussions.

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

Ballot #1 taken
Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following message had been received from the House of Bishops.


The Secretary asked the deputation of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan to escort Bishop Coadjutor-elect Ousley to the podium to be introduced.

Election of Vice-President of the House of Deputies
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #1 for Vice-President of the House of Deputies, and announced that none of the nominees received the necessary 414 votes for election: Gay Jennings, 340 votes; Brian Prior, 329 votes and Robert Sessum, 157 votes.

**Ballot #2 for Vice-President of the House of Deputies**
Election Ballot #2 was taken for Vice-President of the House of Deputies. **Ballot #2 taken**

The Secretary read the results for Ballot #2 for Vice-President of the House of Deputies; and announced that none of the nominees received the necessary 412 votes for election: Gay Jennings, 376 votes; Brian Prior, 389 votes and Robert Sessum, 58 votes.

Special Order of Business — Nominations for Executive Council
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business requested nominations from the floor for Executive Council.

Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast nominated Deputy Melnyk of Florida.
Deputy Baer of Oklahoma nominated Ms. Angela Helt of Oklahoma.
Deputy Medina of Los Angeles nominated Deputy Espinal of Dominican Republic.
Deputy Echeverry of Colombia nominated Deputy Ruiz of Colombia.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations. **Motion carried**

Nominations closed

**Ballot #3 for Vice-President of the House of Deputies**
Ballot #3 was taken for Vice-President of the House of Deputies. **Ballot #3 taken**
Nominations for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business requested nominations from the floor for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Deputy Conley of Arizona nominated The Rev. T. James Kodera, Ph.D. of Massachusetts.

The Committee moved to close nominations.

Motion carried
Nominations closed

Election of the Vice-President of the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced the results of Ballot #3 for Vice-President of the House of Deputies. Deputy Prior of Spokane was elected. [Election results: Gay Jennings, 380 votes; Brian Prior, 435 votes and Robert Sessum, 9 votes.]

Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #106

The Diocese of Spokane deputation escorted Deputy Prior to the platform. Vice-President-elect Prior expressed his gratitude to the House upon his election.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 4:06 p.m. until 4:24 p.m.

Reconvene
The Vice-President called the House to order at 4:28 p.m.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to the daily calendar for the Fourth Legislative Day.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #21 on HB Message #71 on Resolution C043 (Commemoration of Genocide Remembrance Day) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
Final Text of Resolution:

(C043)
Resolved, That Genocide Remembrance Day (April 24) be included in the Calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts of The Episcopal Church; and, that the Standing Liturgical Committee of the General Convention prepare appropriate collects and scriptural texts for its commemoration; and be it further
Resolved, That in addition to the remembrance of Armenian Christians, Genocide Remembrance Day mark also the several other 20th century genocides (e.g., the Holocaust, Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur, and the Acholi people of Northern Uganda).

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #107)

Consecration of Bishops
The Secretary asked the deputation of the Diocese of California to escort Bishop-elect Andrus to the podium to be introduced.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #23 on HB Message #81 on Resolution A062 (Approve a Common for Space Exploration) and moved concurrence.

Deputy McDowell of Western North Carolina moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A062.

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

Final Text of Resolution:

(A062)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize, for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, a Common for Space Exploration, as follows:

Creator of the universe, whose dominion extends through the immensity of space: guide and guard those who seek to fathom its mysteries [especially N.N.]. Save us from arrogance lest we forget that our achievements are grounded in thee, and, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, protect our travels
beyond the reaches of earth, that we may glory ever more in the wonder of thy creation: through Jesus Christ, thy Word, by whom all things came to be, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Psalm 19:1-6 or Canticle 12
Lessons - Job 38: 4-12, 16-18
Revelation 1:7-8, 12-16
Gospel - John 15:5-9
Preface of God the Father or the Epiphany

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #25 on HB Message #39 on Resolution A069 (Enriching our Worship Eucharistic Prayers) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:

(A069)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to continue development of liturgical materials for inclusion in the “Enriching Our Worship Series;” and be it further
Resolved, That the development of these materials use models which would innovatively draw on and reflect our Church’s theological, liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM report to the 76th General Convention on its work; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #26 on HB Message #36 on Resolution A136 (Enriching Our Worship Support) and moved concurrence with amendment.
Deputy Simons of Pittsburgh moved that the resolution be ruled out of order due to the lack of written documents. Deputy Kirk of Pennsylvania moved for the suspension of the rules. Deputy Kirk of Pennsylvania suggested she should have appealed the rule of the Chair.

Deputy Goodheart of North Carolina moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the word “Sunday.”
The Vice-President announced that debate on Resolution A136 would resume on Sunday.

*[Editor's Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A136 on the Sixth Legislative Day; see p. 506.]*

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Special Order of Business**
The Vice-President welcomed the Most Rev. Andrew Hutchison, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Primate Hutchison addressed the House.

**Special Order of Business**
The House moved to a Special Order of Business honoring the work and ministry of the 31st President of the House of Deputies, the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner. Deputy Frank Wade from the Diocese of Washington emceed. The occasion included a video and presentations by Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, Deputy Stokes and Bishop Price of Southern Ohio, Larry Knapp, members of the E3 youth program, and President-elect Bonnie Anderson. The Werner family was introduced. George Werner addressed the House.

**Recess**
The Vice-President recessed the House at 6:25 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2006.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 10:35 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Harrison for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #5, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Fifth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

\[ \text{Motion carried} \]
\[ \text{Minutes accepted} \]

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #10 for the first session of the Sixth Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 76 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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


HB Message #149: A087 (Committee on Missionary Dioceses) Concurred.

HB Message #150: A151 (Budgetary Funding Task Force) Concurred.

HB Message #151: A158 (Continue Task Force) Concurred.

HB Message #152: A111 (Criminal Justice to National Concerns) Concurred.

HB Message #153: A112 (Directions for the Future) Concurred.

HB Message #154: A109 (SRI Committee Mandate) Concurred.

HB Message #155: B002 (Response to Global Warming) Adopted with amendment.


HB Message #157: A042 (Church Planting Initiative) Concurred with amendment.

HB Message #158: C050 (Thurgood Marshall in Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution C016.

HB Message #159: C020 (Baptism is Full Initiation) Re-referred to the House of Bishops Committee on Theology.

HB Message #160: C031 (Amend Canons: Baptism is Full Initiation) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution C020.

HB Message #161: C044 (Baptism is Full Initiation) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution C020.

HB Message #162: D011 (Authorize Revised Common Lectionary as permanent alternative) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A077.
Communications from the President
The President thanked the House for the celebration of his ministry the previous day. The President introduced Nana Serwa Ayibatelt of the Diocese of ALCIA Ghana, Province of West Africa, seated with the Diocese of Maryland. The President read a message from the Youth Gathering at General Convention (Educate, Experience, Empower, or “E3”), which was currently making prayer beads and praying for the election of the next Presiding Bishop.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House that Resolution A163 would be the first item of the day and that then the House would return to the daily calendar for the Fourth Legislative Day.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Tinsman of Iowa honored President George Werner with a certificate from the Iowa State Senate.

Prayers
The President called for a moment of silence and prayers from Chaplain Harrison as the election for the Presiding Bishop began.

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #4 on Resolution A163 (Pastoral Care and Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A163)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the centrality of effective and appropriate pastoral care for all members of this Church and all who come seeking the aid of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to the ongoing engagement of and sensitive response to the request and need of all the people of God – in particular, but not exclusively, those who agree and those who disagree with the actions of this body, those who feel isolated thereby, and gay and lesbian persons within and without this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize the agonizing position of those who do not feel able to receive appropriate pastoral care from their own bishops, and urge the members of the House of Bishops to seek the highest degree of communion and reconciliation within their own dioceses, using when necessary the Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) process detailed in the March 2004 statement of the House of Bishops, “Caring for All the Churches;” and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge continued attention to the proper maintenance of historic diocesan boundaries and the authority of the diocesan bishop.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the centrality of effective and appropriate pastoral care for all members of this Church and all who come seeking the aid of this Church; and be it further

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Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge continued attention to the proper maintenance of historic diocesan boundaries, and respect for the historical relationships of the separate and autonomous Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Vote by Orders

Deputy Harmon of South Carolina, on behalf of the clergy and lay deputations of South Carolina, the clergy and lay deputations of Fort Worth, the clergy and lay deputations of Quincy, and the clergy and lay deputations of Central Florida, requested a vote by orders. The President declared the motion to be in order.
Deputy Perchall of Springfield moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third resolve clause, delete the words “in good faith.”

Deputy Fontaine of Wyoming moved the previous question on the amendment. A vote was taken to terminate debate.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

- Motion defeated
- Amendment defeated

Deputy Grizzle of Texas moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the final resolve clause and substitute the following: “Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call attention to constitutional provisions relating to the proper maintenance of historic diocesan boundaries and the authority of Bishops Diocesan within such boundaries and insist that all bishops abide by such provisions.”

- Motion defeated
- Amendment defeated

Deputy Wilson of Pittsburgh, on behalf of the lay and clergy deputations of Pittsburgh, moved to divide the question, to provide for a separate vote on the fourth resolve clause.

- Motion defeated

Deputy Land of Wyoming moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated

**Ballot #4—Vote By Orders**
Ballot #4 was taken on Resolution A163.

- Ballot #4 taken by orders

**Special Order of Business**
The President introduced the Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. Canon Kearon addressed the House and noted his interest in how the General Convention responds to the Windsor Report. He added that he is...
comfortable that there is a very clear Windsor process now in place in the Anglican Communion and outlined that process for the House. He concluded by talking about his work in the Anglican Communion beyond the Windsor Report.

Noonday Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Harrison to lead the House in noonday prayers.

Point of Order
In response to a query from Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina, Dispatch of Business explained that Resolution A160 would be presented with other resolutions from the Special Legislative Committee.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 12:31 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:04 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #11 for the second session of the Sixth Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 35 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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Consent Calendar

Resolution D069 (Supreme Authority of Scripture) was withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #12 on Resolution C047 (Amend Canons: Proposed Amendments to Title I, Canon 15) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C047)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the text of Canon I.15 be amended as follows:

Of Congregations in foreign lands countries

Sec. 1. (a) It shall be lawful, under the conditions herein after stated, to organize a Congregation of this Church may be organized in any foreign land and country not within the jurisdiction of any Missionary Bishop of this Church nor within any Diocese, Province, or Regional Church of the Anglican Communion.
Sec. 2. (b) The Presiding Bishop, or the Bishop in charge (as the case may be) of such Congregations, and the Council of Advice, hereinafter as provided for below, may authorize any Presbyter of this Church to officiate temporarily at any place to be named by them within any such foreign land upon being satisfied that it is expedient for reasons of the mission of the Church to establish a place a Congregation of this Church.

Sec. 3. (c) Such Presbyter, after having publicly officiated at such place on four consecutive Sundays, may give notice, in the time of Divine Service, that a meeting of the persons of full age and adults attending the services, will be held, at a time and place to be named by the Presbyter in charge, to organize the Congregation. The said meeting may proceed to effect an organization subject to the approval of the said Bishop and Council of Advice and in conformity to such regulations as the said Council of Advice may provide, as well as the laws of the country in which it is to minister.

Sec. 4. (d) Before being Such Congregations shall be taken under the direction of the General Convention of this Church. For this to happen, the Congregation shall be required, in its Constitution, or Plan, or Articles of Organization, to recognize and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and to agree to submit to and obey such directions as may be, from time to time, received from the Bishop in charge and Council of Advice.

Sec. 5. (e) The desire of such Congregation to be taken under the direction of the General Convention shall be duly certified by the Member of the Clergy, one Warden, and two Vestry members or Trustees of said Congregation, duly elected.

Sec. 6. (f) If the Bishop in charge and the Council of Advice agree, such this certificate, and the Constitution, Plan, or Articles of Organization, shall be submitted to the General Convention, if it be in session, or to the Presiding Bishop at any other time; and in case the same are found satisfactory, the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, under written instruction from the Presiding Bishop, shall thereupon place the name of the Congregation on the list of Congregations in foreign lands countries under the direction of the General Convention; and certificate of the said official action shall be forwarded to and filed by the Registrar of this Church. Such Congregations are placed under the government and jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop.

Sec. 7. Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop may, from time to time, by written commission under the episcopal signature and seal, assign to a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, or of a Church in communion with this Church, the care of, and responsibility for, one or more of such Congregations and the Clergy officiating therein, for such period of time as the Presiding Bishop may deem expedient. Provided, that, should such term expire in a year during which a General Convention is to be held, prior to said Convention, the commission may be extended until the adjournment of the Convention.

Sec. 8. Sec. 3. Nothing in this Canon is to be construed as preventing the election of a Bishop to have charge of such Congregations under the provision of Canon III. 24. Such Congregations, duly organized under Section 1, may agree to call the Clergy and Lay
Delegates chosen by its Vestry or Committee to a joint meeting, or the Presiding Bishop or Bishop in charge may convene such a meeting. The Convocation established by such meeting shall have the power to organize itself and meet according to its own rules mutually agreed upon; and it may adopt its own Constitution and Canons, which shall recognize and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church.

Sec. 9. Sec. 4. To aid the Presiding Bishop or the Bishop in charge of these foreign Churches Congregations in administering the affairs of the oversight of the same, and in settling such questions as may, by means of their peculiar particular situation, arise, a Council of Advice, consisting of four Clergy and four Lay Persons, shall be constituted as follows, and shall act as a Council of Advice to the Bishop in charge of the foreign Churches these Congregations. They shall be chosen to serve for two three years and until their successors are elected and have accepted election, by a duly convened Convocation, duly convened, of all the Clergy of the foreign Churches or Chapels, and of two Lay representatives of each Church or Chapel, chosen by its Vestry or Committee. The Council of Advice shall be convened on the requisition of the Presiding Bishop or Bishop in charge whenever the Bishop may desire their advice, and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may wish to advise the Bishop. When a meeting is not practicable, the Bishop may ascertain their mind ask their advice by letter or electronic means. The Council of Advice shall otherwise act as a Standing Committee in all respects, as set forth in the Canons of the General Convention.

It shall be lawful for the Presiding Bishop at any time to may authorize by writing under the episcopal hand and seal the Council of Advice to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop in charge, or disability or inhibition of the same.

Sec. 10. In case a Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation in a foreign land shall be accused of any offense under the Canons of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such Congregations to summon the Council of Advice, and cause an inquiry to be instituted as to the truth of such accusation; and should there be reasonable grounds for believing the same to be true, the said Bishop and the Council of Advice shall appoint a Commission, consisting of three Clergy and two Lay Persons, whose duty it shall be to meet in the place where the accused resides, and to obtain all the evidence in the case from the parties interested; they shall give to the accused all rights under the Canons of this Church which can be exercised in a foreign land. The judgment of the said Commission, solemnly made, shall then be sent to the Bishop in charge, and to the Presiding Bishop, and, if approved by them, shall be carried into effect; Provided, that no such Commission shall recommend any other discipline than admonition or removal of the Member of the Clergy from charge of said Congregation. Should the result of the inquiry of the aforesaid Commission reveal evidence tending, in their judgment, to show that said Member of the Clergy deserves a more severe discipline, all the documents in the case shall be placed in the hands of the Presiding Bishop, who may proceed against the Member of the Clergy, as far as possible, according to the Canons of the General Convention.
Sec. 5. A Convocation of these Congregations shall have the right and power to elect a Bishop in charge under Title III.16 of these Canons, subject to the Presiding Bishop’s agreement to the first such election. However, the Convocation may choose to request that the Presiding Bishop appoint a Bishop in charge for a specific term of office, or that the Bishop in charge be selected following the procedures set forth for the choice of Missionary Bishops under Title III.17.

Sec. 6. The Convocation shall elect an Ecclesiastical Trial Court following the provisions of Title IV.4. In case a Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation in a foreign country shall be accused of any offense under the Canons of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such Congregation to follow the procedures set forth under Title IV of these canons.

Sec. 11. Sec. 7. If there be a Congregation exists within the limits of any city in a foreign land country, no new Congregation shall be established in that city, except with the written consent of the Bishop in charge and the Council of Advice.

Sec. 12. Sec. 8. In case of a difference between the Member of the Clergy and a Congregation in a foreign land country, the Bishop in charge shall duly examine the same, and the said Bishop shall, with the Council of Advice, have full power to settle and adjust such difference upon principles recognized in the Canons of the General Convention.

Sec. 13. Sec. 9. No Member of the Clergy shall be allowed to take charge of a Congregation in a foreign land country, organized under this Canon, until nominated by the Vestry or Bishop’s Committee thereof, or, if there be no Vestry or Committee exists, by the Council of Advice, and approved by the Bishop in charge; and once having accepted such appointment, the Member of the Clergy shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #118)

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #7 on Resolution A142 (Endorse Millennium Development Goals) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #8 on Resolution A164 (Continued Attention to the Millennium Development Goals) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #9 on Resolution A008 (MDGs Budget 0.7%) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #10 on Resolution A009 (Millennium Development Goals) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Prior to the vote on Resolution A009, the Chair recognized Deputy Cheney of West Tennessee who stated that the House had not considered the corresponding Resolution D022. The House of Bishops had adopted Resolution D022, and it was on the House of Deputies calendar to be considered at a later time.

The Chair withdrew Resolution A009 from the consent calendar.

Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #5 on Resolution A038 (Diocesan Development Initiative) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A038)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Presiding Officers, Executive Council and staff of The Episcopal Church Center develop a strategy for ongoing organizational development for dioceses and a time line for implementation of said strategy. The strategy should consider: methodology identification, periodic sharing of progress and lessons-learned, and leadership training. The officers, council and staff shall recommend quantitative measures of accountability for diocesan mission performance; and be it further
Resolved, That a member of the Church Center staff report the findings and recommendations to Executive Council annually at the Council’s second meeting in each calendar year, beginning in 2007; and be it further
Resolved, That Executive Council establish within itself a Standing Committee on Diocesan Development, at the same organizational level as its existing Standing Committees.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the offices of the Director of Mission to develop new leadership programs and/or to endorse existing leadership training programs for use at the diocesan level that help
bishops and diocesan leadership in developing strategies, quantifiable action plans and time lines for accelerating their mission performance, and to develop quantitative measures of accountability for diocesan mission performance; and be it further

Resolved, That these programs include a mechanism for dioceses to share their “best practices” and “lessons learned” in the process of accelerating their mission performance.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #122)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #6 on Resolution A041 (University Ministry) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A041)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention call upon the Executive Council, dioceses, and congregations to affirm the importance of college and university ministries as fertile locations for mission and evangelism and as sites for spiritual formation and leadership development, and commit substantial funds to both expand and strengthen ministry to ensure significant and effective ministry on each campus; and be it further

Resolved, That campus ministries be given canonical status as mission congregations, whenever appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the value of developing our young leaders of the church by providing opportunities for college and university students to participate fully in the councils of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are encouraged to give campus ministries canonical status as mission congregations, when appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are urged to plant new campus ministries, where appropriate; and be it further

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention call upon the Executive Council and dioceses to affirm that college and university ministries are of vital importance to the mission of this Church as they are strategically located communities of young adult leaders, able to identify and respond to opportunities for mission and evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the value of developing our young leaders of the church by providing opportunities for college and university students to participate fully in the councils of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are encouraged to give campus ministries canonical status as mission congregations, when appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are urged to plant new campus ministries, where appropriate; and be it further

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, That the Office of Young Adult and Higher Education Ministries and the Office of Congregational Development be directed to assist dioceses in ways that support this vision.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #123)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #8 on Resolution B023 (Evangelism–Response to Reported Decline) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B023)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the report of the Joint Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism which states that The Episcopal Church “may be in systemic decline” (Blue Book, Page 103); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church respond to this reported decline by initiating through the Office of Mission and the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism a national consultation on methods and strategies to reverse the decline in mainline denominations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, during the next triennium, study the decline in mainline denominations and make recommendations to the 76th General Convention on strategies to reverse this decline.

**Committee Amendment:**

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #124)
Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #9 on HB Message #128 on Resolution D008 (Reaffirm Theological Education Sunday) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(D008)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention respectfully request the Presiding Bishop continue to designate the first Sunday in February each year as Theological Education Sunday to share the work of theological education at the seminaries as well as the initiatives within congregations, dioceses, and other networks throughout the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Seminaries strive diligently to strengthen partnerships with dioceses and congregations through dialogue and by the sharing of their unique relationships with this Church to provide theological education for both ordained and lay persons in support of the Church’s mission to restore all people to unity with God and with each other in Christ.

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #7 on Resolution D082 (Launch an Information Technology Cooperative) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D082)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications to organize and launch an information technology cooperative for dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that could be met with standard technology solutions. Solutions could consist of identifying, documenting, and publishing best practices already in use, negotiating and contracting with technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications to organize and launch an information technology cooperative network for dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that
could be met with standard technology solutions. Solutions could consist of identifying, documenting, and publishing best practices already in use, or working negotiating and contracting with technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #126)

(End of the Consent Calendar)

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following message had been received from the House of Bishops.

HB Message #141: A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) Conceded with amendment.

Results of Ballot #4: Vote By Orders on Resolution A163
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #4.

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #136)

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #14 on Resolution C030 (Amend Canons: Title III, Canon 1, Section 2) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #127)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to return to debate on Resolution A136 (Enriching Our Worship Support) from the Fifth Legislative Day.

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved to suspend the Rules of the House to limit debate on each resolution considered during the afternoon session to 15 minutes,
excluding continued debate on Resolution A136 and resolutions dealing with the election of the Presiding Bishop.

Deputy Martins of San Joaquin moved to amend the motion to include exclusion for any resolution considered from the Special Legislative Committee. Seeing no objections, the chair accepted the motion as a friendly amendment.

A vote was taken on the motion to limit debate to fifteen minutes.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
Debate resumed on Resolution A136.

Deputy Bradbury of Southern Virginia moved the previous question on the amendment.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A136 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #119)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #27 on HB Message #91 on Resolution D006 (Expanded Use of Daily Office Lectionary) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #135)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D006)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider whether to revise the instructions “Concerning the Proper for the Lesser Feasts” in Lesser Feasts and Fasts (Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2003, page 85) by the addition of the following final paragraph: “It is also permissible to substitute the lessons and psalms from the Daily Office Lectionary or from the Daily Eucharistic Lectionary for those provided for in Lesser Feast and Fasts, while retaining the collect appointed for the lesser feast or fast.”

And be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to report to the 76th General Convention the results of its consideration.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #28 on HB Message #92 on Resolution A075 (A Rite for “The Renewal of Ministry”) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #131)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A075)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize the rite for “The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcome of a New Rector,” to be included in the Enriching Our Worship series; and be it further

Resolved, That the proposed liturgies from the “Blue Book” report be changed as follows:

1. That in the fourth paragraph of the rubric for Celebration of a New Ministry, [BB, pp. 185]:
The presence of the Bishop is assumed throughout, although a representative may function in that capacity. The Bishop’s presence brings together the elements of mutuality and continuity. A rubric directs that “The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering,” providing an opportunity for education and encouragement. It is the Bishop’s prerogative to preside at the font and the table.

2. That the following paragraph be added as the fifth paragraph:
As an alternative to the BCP rite “Celebration of a New Ministry,” this order is for use when a priest is being instituted and inducted as the rector of the parish. It may also be used for the installation of deans of cathedrals, or the inauguration of other ministries, diocesan or parochial, including vicars of missions and assistant ministers. Alterations in the service are then made according to circumstances.

3. Following the Collect, [BB, pp. 186-187]:

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Wardens
We have chosen and called N.N. to be our Rector, and he has accepted our call.

Bishop
I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) is read. The Bishop continues

Are you, the people of ______, ready to continue in your ministry, with N. as your priest?

People We are.

4. In blessing baptismal water, [BB, p. 188]:
   We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

5. In the rubric before The Prayers, [BB, p. 189]:
   A baptismal hymn, psalm, or other song is may be sung. The congregation may be sprinkled with the water.

6. In the Rector's prayer following the reception of a stole and/or flask of Oil for Healing, [BB, p. 189]:
   Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

All stand. The new Rector says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #29 on HB Message #93 on Resolution A076 (Alternatives to the Prayer Book Burial Rites) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #120)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A076)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize the use of the following Proposed Burial Rites for Adults, to be added to the Enriching our Worship series, for the 2006–2009 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the proposed liturgies be changed as follows from the “Blue Book” report:

[Blue Book, page 204 (second prayer, middle of the page)]:

We have entrusted N. to God’s mercy, and we commit her body to the ground [or to be cremated], earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our
Savior Jesus Christ, who died and is risen, and who at his coming in glory,
will transform our bodies so that they may be conformed to his glorious
body. To Christ be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #1 on HB
Message #53 on Resolution D019 (Pastoral Concern for Troops in Iraq and
Afghanistan and their Families) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause delete the word “Episcopal.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution D019 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #110)

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #2 on HB
Message #52 on Resolution B005 (Commend the Order of St. John of Jerusalem)
and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(B005)
Whereas, The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem
has served in missions of charitable outreach in Jerusalem, the Middle East,
and other places in need most especially through the St. John Eye Hospital,
under the auspices of the British Crown since the nineteenth century; and
Whereas, 2007 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Foundation of St. John Eye
Hospital in Jerusalem, and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of the
American Society of the Order of St, John; and
Whereas, 2006 marks the Tenth Anniversary of the constitution of the Priory in
the United States of America as the seventh Priory of the Order of St. John and
the first outside of the British Commonwealth; and
Whereas, The charitable work of this Order continues unabated in meeting the
needs of the sick, the injured and the poor, without regard to their religious
affiliation or nationality, in a part of the world held as holy by the Three Great
Monotheistic Faiths, but sadly torn by strife and division; therefore be it
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church congratulate the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and commend it for its continued work and witness.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #4 on HB Message #95 on Resolution A083 (Clergy Resignation Age) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(A083)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request that the Office for Ministry Development, in collaboration with the Church Pension Fund, coordinate a study of the optimum mandatory resignation age for clergy, along with the implications for pension benefits, and report to the 76th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #5 on HB Message #94 on Resolution A086 (Committee for Pastoral Materials) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(A086)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention instruct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to create and disseminate training materials to assist leaders in ministry to recognize and respond to evidence of abuse; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development report on this initiative to the 76th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #6 on HB Message #97 on Resolution B001 (Family of Clergy Wellness) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(B001)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize the urgent need for an ongoing program devoted to the wellness of families of clergy and clergy; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the Families of Clergy United in Support (FOCUS) for its creation of a resource guide to assist the wellness of families of clergy and clergy; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention empower FOCUS to lead dioceses and congregations in the use of this resource guide through publicity, consultation, and seed money to promote the health of families of clergy, clergy and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention ask the Office of Ministry Development to provide oversight and coordination with FOCUS and other programs that support the well-being of clergy and clergy families, and assist in seeking funding for such programs, including for Families of Clergy United in Support; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee of Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $97,000 per year for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #7 on HB Message #98 on Resolution C036 (Review General Ordination Examinations (GOE’s)) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Moore of Olympia moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Motion defeated

Deputy McDowell of Western North Carolina moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C036.

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

Final Text of Resolution:

(C036)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Standing Commission on Ministry Development (SCMD), in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, to convene a task force to review the purpose of the General Ordination Examinations (GOE), including how the examinations are constructed, administered, evaluated, and scored, with attention to cultural bias and diverse ministry contexts. This task force will also seek to determine whether the
examinations and the examination process meet the needs of the church today; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force solicit information from the General Board of Examining Chaplains (GBEC), the seminaries, diocesan Commissions on Ministry (COMs), diocesan ordination programs, and the House of Bishops, among other appropriate entities; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force report its findings to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development which will report to the 76th General Convention.

Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop
The President announced that the Bishop of Hawaii and Bishop Arthur Williams had arrived with a communication from the House of Bishops.

The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops was excused to certify the election.

Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #7 on HB Message #56 on Resolution A089 (Pastoral Leadership Search Effort) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(A089)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize the importance of the intentional presence of the voice and ministry of young adults in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the work of the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PLSE) and fund the continuation of PLSE as an integral part of the work of vocational discernment leadership and ministry development in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $385,906 for the implementation of this resolution.

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #1 on HB Message #57 on Resolution A040 (Developing Young Adult Leaders) and moved concurrence.
Deputy Hallas of Chicago moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third resolve clause, delete the number "18" and its place add the number "16" so that the age range “16-30.”

Deputy McDonald of Ohio moved the previous question on the amendment.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  
Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

Deputy Chapman of Minnesota moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A040 as amended.  
Motion carried  
The House concurred with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #117)

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #2 on HB Message #58 on Resolution A134 (HIV Training) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Smitherman of East Tennessee moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, after the word “develop” add the words “and/or seek out existing appropriate resources on.”

Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts moved to postpone further debate until after the report from the Committee on Consecration of Bishops.  
Motion carried  
Debate postponed

**Confirmation of Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop**
The President called on Chaplain Harrison for prayer.
The Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its report on the Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop and announced that on the fifth ballot The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori had received the required votes for election.

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops read the results of each ballot.

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Deputy Christie of Newark moved that the House of Deputies confirm the action of the House of Bishops. Deputy Coyle of Central Florida, on behalf of the lay and clergy deputations of Central Florida, called for a vote by orders. The President ruled the request in order.

Deputy Fox of Montana moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

**Ballot #5—Vote By Orders on Confirmation of Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop**

Ballot #5 was taken to confirm the election of Katharine Jefferts Schori as the 26th Presiding Bishop.

**Ballot #5 taken by orders**

**Special Order of Business**

The President recognized the presence of the Rt. Rev. Hiroshi Ito, Bishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, seated with the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The President recognized the presence of the Most Rev. Sir Ellison Pogo, Primate of Melanesia, seated with the Diocese of Long Island.
Results of Ballot #5: Vote By Orders on Confirmation of Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop

The Secretary read the results of the electronic Ballot #5 and stated that the Committee on Credentials would check the results against the paper ballots.

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Election of Presiding Bishop confirmed
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #121)

The President requested that the delegation from the House of Bishops report the results of the confirmation of the election to the House of Bishops.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 4:20 p.m. until 4:40 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:44 p.m.

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to return to debate on Resolution A134.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A134.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #137)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A134)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request that the Office of Peace and Justice Ministries of The Episcopal Church, working in collaboration with the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and the Executive Council Committee on HIV/AIDS develop a HIV training curriculum by the 76th General Convention, thereafter to be updated each triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this training curriculum focus on information on the transmission, treatment, and prevention of HIV/AIDS, addressing the demographic and social implications; and be it further
Resolved, That this training curriculum be offered as web-based, self-directed tutorial; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese will strongly encourage that lay and ordained leadership complete this training.

Confirmation of Ballot #5: Vote By Orders on Confirmation of Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop
The Secretary read the results of the paper ballots on the confirmation of the election of the 26th Presiding Bishop.

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Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to Supplemental Calendar #1 for the Fourth Legislative Day.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #19 on a Special Order of Business for a Procedure for Election of a Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop and moved adoption.

The Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Province shall nominate two Clerical Deputies and two Lay Deputies at the Provincial Caucuses on the 8th Legislative Day, Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Those eighteen persons constitute the only nominees upon which the House of Deputies shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop pursuant to Title I, Canon 2, Section 1.

The Committee on Dispatch of Business moves the adoption of the following resolution:
Resolved, That the following procedures be followed in the election of the members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop pursuant to Title I, Canon 2, Section 1:
1. That the Secretary of the House prepare a form for nominations of the members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, which shall contain blanks for the inclusion of:
   a. Name of Nominee
   b. Order
   c. Province
   d. Diocese
   e. Parish and City
   f. Certification that the nominee has been duly nominated by another Deputy of the particular Province of the nominee
g. Certification that if elected the nominee will accept the office
h. Signature of an officer of the nominating Province, his or her title or order and diocese
i. A biographical sketch of the nominee not longer than 150 words and which forms shall be made available and furnished to representatives of each Province on or before the date of the Provincial Caucuses and returned to the Secretary or designated agent of the Secretary by 3:00 p.m. on the 8th Legislative Day, Tuesday, June 20, 2006, and distributed to the House of Deputies by 10:45 a.m. on the 9th Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 21, 2006;

2. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 12:45 p.m. on the 9th Legislative Day, Wednesday, June 21, 2006, for the purpose of electing one Clerical Deputy and one Lay Deputy from each Province as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop to remain in office until the sooner of the election of the next Presiding Bishop or the adjournment of the next General Convention. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot form listing numerically by Province and by Order within the Province the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each Deputy shall vote for one Clerical nominee and one Lay nominee from each Province; any ballot with votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. The Clerical nominee and the Lay nominee in each Province receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected, provided that votes equal to or in excess of a majority of the ballots cast on any ballot shall be required for election. Balloting shall continue until there shall be nine Clerical members and nine Lay members elected;

3. In the event of a significant tie, another ballot shall be required for election.
4. The House may, at the discretion of its presiding officer, proceed to other business during the balloting for such election.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #138)

Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #20 on HB Message #111 on the Election of the General Board of Examining Chaplains and moved concurrence.

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

Elected to the General Board of Examining Chaplains:
One Bishop for six-year term:
   The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Oregon
Lay persons for six-year terms:
   Dr. Sandra D. Michael
   Ms. Rebecca D. Snow
   Dr. Peter W. Williams
Priests from accredited seminary faculties or other educational institutions for six-year terms:
Priests with pastoral cures or in specialized ministries for six-year terms:
The Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Black
The Rev. Dr. Mark R. Kowalewski
The Rev. Juan A. Quevedo-Bosch

Special Order of Business
The President recognized the Most Rev. Nathaniel Uematsu, Primate of the Nippon
Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Church in Japan) and Bishop of Hokkaido.

Special Order of Business – Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop
Presiding Bishop-elect Katharine Jefferts Schori was escorted to the podium by
Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, who introduced her to the House.

On behalf of the House of Deputies, President Werner invited Presiding Bishop-elect
Jefferts Schori to address the House. Presiding Bishop-elect Jefferts Schori gave
thanks for the confidence that has been placed in her. She recognized and gave thanks
for the other candidates for presiding bishop. She gave thanks for the ministry of the
current Presiding Bishop. She also thanked her family for their ongoing support.

The President gave permission for the Caucus of Women Bishops to enter the floor
of the House. The Bishop of Indianapolis addressed the House.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to
return to supplemental calendar #1 for the Fourth Legislative Day.

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #13 on
Resolution D045 (Restore “Equally Applicable” Language to Canon III.1.2) and
moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D045)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sentence be inserted
as the penultimate sentence in Title III, Canon 1.2 in order to restore the historical
words adopted at the 1976 General Convention re the ordination of women: “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.”
Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.1 be amended by the addition of a new Section 3:

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.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #129)

Suspend Rules

Deputy Shearouse of East Tennessee moved that if an electronic vote by orders received more than two-thirds in favor or against, the House forego the paper check.

Motion defeated

Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #20 on Resolution D021 (Comprehensive Prison Ministry Program) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D021)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention re-activate the Task Force on Reform of the Criminal Justice System mandated by the 1985 General Convention (C043) as a joint committee of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, with staff support under the direction of the Director of Prison Ministries, recognizing the unique character of the pastoral and program needs of this mission area with an expanded mandate, and that any residual, appropriate and unresolved issues resulting from the actions of subsequent Conventions, viz. D062 (1988), D056 (1991), D087 (1994), D035 (1994), and A125(2003) be handled by this Committee. The expanded mandate of the Committee will include implementation and oversight of the following:

Development and provision of information, networking resources, funding, recruitment, training, support, and encouragement by parishes and diocesan means for prison ministers at the Federal, State, County, and local levels.

Liaison and interaction with government agencies, organizations involved with the Justice system, Federal and State representatives on the one hand, and Bishops, appropriate diocesan sources and organized prison ministries already in place, on the other.

Development and provision of information and workable programs for parishes to engage in prison ministries of worship and fellowship within prisons at the Federal, State, County, and local levels.

Development of Episcopal congregations inside of prisons at the Federal and State levels.
Development and provision of information and programs for dioceses, parishes, and prison ministers to minister to the families of incarcerated people.

Provision of theological education for residents of prisons at the Federal and State levels.

Provision of proclamation, advocacy, leadership, and materials for the advancement, awareness, and implementation of effective prison ministry throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request and require that each diocese of The Episcopal Church include in Diocesan Cycles of Prayer intercession for prison ministries, and for all incarcerated persons and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Prison Ministries be placed under the direction of the Office of Congregational Development; and be it further

Resolved, That the new committee shall be named the Committee on Prison Ministry, and the General Convention request that the Joint Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation in the amount of $175,000 for the triennium for the work of this committee.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Criminal Justice Committee of the Standing Commission on National Concerns be charged with reviewing the actions of the General Convention regarding Prison Ministry, including but not being limited to, C043 (1985), D062 (1988), D056 (1991), D087 (1994), D035 (1994), and A125 (2003); and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, charge this committee:

- to explore ways to provide information and workable programs for parishes, dioceses, and provinces, to engage in prison ministries of worship and fellowship within prisons at the Federal, State, County, and local levels;
- to explore ways to encourage Episcopal congregations inside prisons at the Federal and State levels;
- to explore ways to provide information and programs for dioceses, parishes, and prison ministers to minister to the families of incarcerated persons;
- to explore ways to provide theological education for residents of prisons at the Federal and State levels; and be it further

Resolved, That the Criminal Justice Committee report on their work to the 76th General Convention, through the Standing Commission on National Concerns; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request each diocese of The Episcopal Church include in Diocesan Cycles of Prayer intercession for prison ministries, and for all incarcerated persons and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, to consider budget allocation of $50,000 to the Standing Commission on National Concerns, for the implementation of this resolution.
Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “the Criminal Justice Committee of.” In the third resolve clause, delete the words “Criminal Justice Committee” replace with the words “Standing Committee on National Concerns.” Delete the words ”through the Standing Commission on National Concerns."

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Heaing no objection, the Vice-Chair offered to deferre debate of Resolution D021 until the text could be perfected.

Resolution withdrawn

**Consecration of Bishops**
The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #6 on Resolution B019 (Authorize the Election of a Second Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Connecticut) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(B019)
Resolved, Pursuant to Canon III.20.1(b) of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the election of a second Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Connecticut.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #132)

**Dispatch of Business**
At the request of the Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns the Chair of Dispatch of Business moved to consider Resolution D022 at this time.

Motion carried
National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns
presented its Report #6 on HB Message #63 on Resolution D022 (MDGs and the
ONE Episcopalian Campaign) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #133)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D022)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend
the leaders and members of The Episcopal Church, including Episcopal Relief
and Development and program ministries of The Episcopal Church, for their
leadership on behalf of the Millennium Development Goals, both through
public advocacy and implementation of MDG programs in the developing
world; and commend parishes, missions, congregations, and dioceses, and
others, like Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and the Micah Challenge,
for their support of the implementation of the MDGs in fulfillment of our
Baptismal Covenant and as an expression of the hunger of this Church for far
deeper communion with all of God's beloved; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention establish the work toward the
achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for
the coming triennium, and that each diocese, congregation, and parishioner
be urged to commit to 0.7% giving toward these goals by July 7, 2007
(07/07/07); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee
on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget line item of no less than
an additional 0.7% (circa $900,000) of the non-government revenue of The
Episcopal Church for work that supports the implementation of the
Millennium Development Goals:
1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability, and
8. Create a global partnership for development with a focus on debt, aid,
and trade.
And be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage parishes, missions,
congregations, and dioceses to designate the Last Sunday after Pentecost, or
such days as may be designated ecumenically for commendation of the MDGs,
as special days of prayer, fasting, and giving in The Episcopal Church toward
global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that all dioceses establish a
global reconciliation commission or similar body dedicated to mobilizing
Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace
with Justice Concerns report to the 76th General Convention on the progress
that has been achieved in implementing this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention endorse “The ONE Campaign,” the U.S.
movement for the MDGs, through The Episcopal Church’s “ONE
Episcopalian” campaign; call on all parishes, missions, congregations,
dioceses, and individuals to join the ONE Episcopal campaign; and
publicly endorse The ONE Campaign’s call for the United States government
to annually spend an additional one percent of its budget to combat global
poverty, and to be active advocates for the achievement of this work.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns
presented its Report #2 on HB Message #88 on Resolution A010 (Affirm “Call to
Partnership”) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #134)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A010)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive
and affirm “Call to Partnership,” the communiqué presented to the United
Nations Summit on Sept. 13, 2005, by Anglican, Evangelical, Greek Orthodox,
Lutheran, Reform, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist and United
Methodist participants in the Consultation of Religious Leaders on Global
Poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the leadership of persons in
poverty and local leaders in poor communities as equal partners and not simply
recipients in the global effort to alleviate the crushing burden of extreme
poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge our ecumenical and interfaith
partners to affirm “Call to Partnership” and join The Episcopal Church in
working across confessional lines and in partnership with governments and
international organizations to pursue the achievement of the Millennium
Development Goals (MDGs) with all available human and financial
resources; and be it further

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, The Episcopal
Church call upon governments to pursue the achievement of the MDGs through:
1. significantly increased official development assistance to poor countries;
2. debt cancellation premised upon a country’s need for resources to meet the MDGs;
3. fair and open trade policies that allow developing countries to compete in international markets with rich countries;
4. policies designed to alleviate structural barriers and social injustices that exacerbate the effects of poverty in the developing world; and
5. policies that promote full accountability and transparency among developing countries for the use of resources derived through foreign aid while still allowing strategies for accountability and transparency to be dictated by developing countries themselves; and be it further

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, the General Convention affirm the work of the Church’s officers, dioceses, congregations, baptized members, and Episcopal Relief and Development in undertaking and supporting partnerships for global development in impoverished countries and calls for the expansion of this work through:

1. increased support through time and financial resources for companion relationships with dioceses and congregations in the developing world;
2. a renewed commitment to the work of Episcopal Relief and Development and other faith-based organizations that are operating successful partnerships on behalf of those living in poverty around the world;
3. a commitment to regular prayer from all dioceses, congregations and baptized members for an end to global poverty in all its forms.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business noted the order of resolutions from the Special Legislative Committee to come before the House on Monday, after the Joint Session on Program, Budget, and Finance.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 5:55 p.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2006.
Reconvene
The Vice-President called the House to order at 11:00 a.m.

Prayers
The Vice-President called on Chaplain Silvestre-Romero for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #6, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Sixth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #12 for the first session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 63 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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

Personal Privilege
Deputy Mayo of Fort Worth read a statement, adopted unanimously by the Standing Committee and deputation of the Diocese of Fort Worth, appealing to the Archbishop of Canterbury for immediate alternate Primatial oversight, because of the election of Presiding Bishop-elect Jefferts Schori.

Sharing the Story
The Vice-President announced that the President had yielded his time for Communications from the President to Deputy Wilson of Newark, who shared her faith story.

Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests
The Ecumenical Officer, Bishop Epting, introduced the Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests.

Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia of the World Sikh Council–American Region brought greetings on behalf of the inter-religious guests.
The Rev. Larry Pickens, General Secretary of the United Methodist Church, brought greetings on behalf of the ecumenical guests.

Representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
  Rev. Lowell Almen
  Rev. Randall Lee
  Bishop Callon W. Holloway

Representing Iglesia Filipina Independiente
  The Most Reverend Godofredo David
  The Rev. Wilfredo Ruazol

Representing the Old Catholic Churches
  The Most Rev. Joris A.O.L. Vercammen

Representing the American Bible Society
  The Rev. Richard Jeske

Representing the Armenian Apostolic Church
  The Very Rev. Aren Jebejian

Representing the Church of the Brethren
  Rev. Michael L. Hostetter

Representing the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
  Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick III

Representing the International Council of Community Churches
Rev. Herman Harmelink III
Representing the Presbyterian Church, USA

The Rev. Philip Hazelton
Representing the Roman Catholic Church
The Rev. Dr. Ron Roberson, CSP
The Most Rev. Edward W. Clark
Representing The United Methodist Church
The Rev. Larry Pickens
Bishop William Oden
Bishop Judith Craig
The Rev. Patricia Wagner
Representing the United Church of Christ
The Rev. Lydia Veliko
Representing the World Sikh Council–American Region
Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia
Representing the Local Inter-religious Community
Dr. Paul Numrich
Representing the Council on American Islamic Relations, Ohio
Ms. Norma Tarazi
Representing the Columbus Jewish Federation
Dr. June K. Gutterman
Representing the Columbus Islamic Community
Dr. Mazhar Jalil

Personal Privilege
Deputy Coyle of Central Florida responded to the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend Rule 37 to limit time for each speaker to 2 minutes (instead of 3 minutes) and to limit total debate time on any resolution or issue to 15 minutes (instead of 30 minutes).

Deputy Perschall of Springfield moved to amend the motion to exclude any resolutions from the Special Legislative Committee.

Deputy Smith of Fond du Lac moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the amendment.  
Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the motion to limit debate.  
Motion carried

Committee of Conference
The Chair of the House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee recommended a Committee of Conference for Resolution A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) and Resolution A166 (Anglican Covenant Development Process).

The Parliamentarian explained the process for a Committee of Conference.

The Vice-President, under authority of Rule 48, appointed Deputy Mack of Dallas and Deputy Kuhr of Montana as representatives from the House of Deputies to the Committee of Conference. They were excused to proceed to the House of Bishops.

Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #31 on a Special Order of Business for consideration of Resolution A160 (Expression of Regret) and moved adoption.

Resolved, That there be set at this time a Special Order of Business and of Debate for the purpose of considering the Report of the Special Legislative Committee on Resolution A160 to be implemented on the Seventh Legislative Day at the conclusion of the joint session and elections; and be it further

Resolved, That in the consideration of the same the following rules of debate shall be followed:

1. The Committee Chair shall have twenty minutes to speak with respect to the report, and zero minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification;
2. The entire debate of the report thereafter shall be limited to forty-five additional minutes;
3. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes and no speaker shall speak more than once on the same question;
4. The Chair shall recognize, to the extent practicable, speakers of opposite views in alternate succession;
5. No amendments or procedural motions shall be entertained during the first thirty minutes of debate;
6. Debate may be terminated prior to the expiration of the forty-five minute period, or any extension thereof, or extended only by two-thirds vote of the House.

Motion carried  
Special Order adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #148)
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #32 on a Special Order of Business for consideration of Resolution A161 (Election of Bishops) and moved adoption. 

Resolved, That there be set at this time a Special Order of Business and of Debate for the purpose of considering the Report of the Special Legislative Committee on Resolution A161 to be implemented on the Seventh Legislative Day at the conclusion of the discussion of Resolution A160; and be it further

Resolved, That in the consideration of the same the following rules of debate shall be followed:

1. The Committee Chair shall have five minutes to speak with respect to the report, and zero minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification;
2. The entire debate of the report thereafter shall be limited to forty-five additional minutes;
3. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes and no speaker shall speak more than once on the same question;
4. The Chair shall recognize, to the extent practicable, speakers of opposite views in alternate succession;
5. No amendments or procedural motions shall be entertained during the first thirty minutes of debate;
6. Debate may be terminated prior to the expiration of the forty-five minute period, or any extension thereof, or extended only by two-thirds vote of the House.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #149)

Noonday Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Silvestre-Romero to lead the House in noonday prayers.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to supplemental calendar #1 for the Fourth Legislative Day.

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #3 on HB Message #87 on Resolution A015 (Prayers for the Holy Land) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #146)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A015)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention encourage the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to urge their congregations and institutions to pray for our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East; to visit the Christian congregations in the Holy Land; to receive visitors from the Holy Land; to work for justice, peace, and reconciliation in the Holy Land with renewed commitment; and to urge elected officials and policy makers to seek solutions that will realize these goals for all.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #4 on HB Message #86 on Resolution A017 (Fundamental Immigration Principles) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #147)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A017)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive “The Alien Among You” in the Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns; and, while recognizing the duty and right of a sovereign nation to protect and defend its borders, adopt the following fundamental principles included in “The Alien Among You” as the policy of The Episcopal Church.

1. Undocumented aliens should have reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency.
2. Legal workers should be allowed to enter the United States to respond to recognized labor force needs.
3. Close family members should be allowed to reunite without undue delay with individuals lawfully present in the United States.
4. Fundamental U.S. principles of legal due process should be granted all persons.
5. Enforcement of national borders and immigration policies should be proportional and humane.

And be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church deplore any action by the Government of the United States which unduly emphasizes enforcement, including militarization of the border between the United States and Mexico, as the primary response to immigrants entering the United States to work; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church undertake a campaign to educate Episcopalians as to the plight of refugees, immigrants, and migrants, which will include information about the root causes of migration; and be it further
Resolved, That this campaign call the Church to commit to welcoming strangers as a matter of Christian responsibility, to advocate for their well being and protection and to urge its members to resist legislation and actions which violate our fundamental beliefs as Christians, including the criminalization of persons providing humanitarian assistance to migrants.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #5 on Resolution C033 (Condemning the Use of Torture) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C033)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church condemn the use of torture (and the practice of extraordinary rendition), and call upon the United States Government to renounce its use in compliance with the Geneva Convention and United Nations’ declarations regarding Human Rights and the administration of justice, and to enact policies to prevent its use both domestically and abroad, as well as, provide just compensation for the victims of torture, and their families.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishop concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church condemns the use of torture (and the practice of extraordinary rendition), and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the United States Government to renounce and cease its use in order to be in compliance with the Geneva Convention and United Nations’ declarations regarding Human Rights and the administration of justice, “The United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane and Degrading Treatment or Punishment,” to which the United States is a signatory, and to enact policies to prevent its use both domestically and abroad, as well as, provide just compensation for the victims of torture, and their families; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention calls on the United States government to provide just compensation for the victims of torture; and their families; and be it further Resolved, That members of The Episcopal Church, including military chaplains, commit themselves to supporting U.S. military and civilian personnel who refuse to obey orders to practice torture or engage in extraordinary rendition or who face discipline for exposing such illegal conduct.

Deputy Holmgren of Louisiana moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

In the second resolve clause, delete the words “and cease.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
A vote was taken on Resolution C033 as amended. Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #141)

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #3 on HB Message #41 on Resolution A092 (Applaud Anti-Racism Work) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #142)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A092)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention applaud the training provided by the Anti-Racism Committee and Church Center staff; the training’s encouragement of the church’s membership to appreciate cultural differences and assistance in helping us understand the negative effects of racism, prejudice, and other types of oppression; and the committee’s encouragement of the leadership of The Episcopal Church at all levels to become totally inclusive of diverse groups in their midst by the 76th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #4 on HB Message #42 on Resolution A131 (Continue HIV/AIDS Standing Committee) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #143)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A131)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize the continuation of the Executive Council Standing Committee on HIV/AIDS for the 2007–2009 Triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on HIV/AIDS focus on mechanisms for increasing HIV/AIDS awareness in our Church, reducing the effects of stigmatization by HIV/AIDS and continue the process of identifying those whom we are called to serve but may overlook; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee continue identifying the HIV/AIDS ministries and resources at all levels of the church, utilizing the resources of other organizations including but not limited to the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America AIDS Network; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on HIV/AIDS report to the Executive Council of the General Convention on the church’s response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic with attention to pertinent resolutions of General Convention.

Church in Small Communities
The House of Deputies Committee on the Church in Small Communities presented its Report #2 on Resolution D057 (Priorities for Standing Commission on Small Congregations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D057)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations work with Church Center staff to develop and offer opportunities for leadership training in Small Church Ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations work with Church Center staff to facilitate sharing and cooperation among the various networks and organizations committed to collaboration, training, and education that enriches and equips small congregations for mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations continue conversation with Church Pension Fund regarding compensation and benefit issues for clergy serving small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations plan with the General Convention Office opportunities to celebrate the life and ministry of small congregations at the 76th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations work with Church Center staff to develop and offer opportunities for leadership training in Small Church Ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations work with Church Center staff to facilitate sharing and cooperation among the various networks and organizations committed to collaboration, training, and education that enriches and equips small congregations for mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations continue conversation with the Church Pension Fund regarding compensation and benefit issues for clergy and lay participants in the Church Pension Fund serving small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations plan with the General Convention Office opportunities to celebrate the life and ministry of small congregations at the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #144)

Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #6 on Resolution A037 (Evangelism) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A037)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm our commitment to the Great Commission and to double the church by 2020; and be it further
Resolved, That every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church exercise personal evangelism by talking intentionally about what God is doing in our lives and what our church is doing and by inviting neighbors, family, and friends to worship with us; and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention direct Church Center staff to develop practical resources and training for personal and congregational evangelism with diverse populations including among others young adults, ethnic and racial populations, and new immigrants.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm our commitment to improve the health of our congregations and our church by breathing life into the Great Commission and the Goals of 20/20, so that our church is more reflective of the demographics of our community; and be it further
Resolved, That each and every bishop deepen his/her commitment, intention, prayer, and action, individually and by working together through the House of Bishops, to cast a vision of mission for the church, and to lead us there; and be it further
Resolved, That every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church speak with passion about what God is doing in our lives in order to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That following the example of radical hospitality entrusted to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church invite others to join us in praise and service; and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention direct the Church Center staff to engage diverse populations including among others, youth and young adults, ethnic and racial populations, persons of various sexual orientation, various socio-economic classes,
new immigrants, and communities in Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe to identify and develop practical resources and training for personal and congregational evangelism; and be it further Resolved, That this resolution be presented at services in every Episcopal congregation and published in diocesan media to affirm our commitment to evangelism.

Deputy Meyers of Chicago moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, delete all words after the word “church” and, following the word “church,” insert the words “by faithfully living out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and by working toward the goals of 20/20.” In the sixth resolve clause, delete the words “presented at services in every Episcopal congregation and” and, after “published in,” insert the words “congregational and.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Mbele-Mbong of Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the fifth resolve clause, after the word “Haiti,” add a comma and insert the words “the Virgin Islands.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy McMahon of Western Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the fifth resolve clause, after the word “orientation,” add a comma and insert the words “persons with disabilities.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Vice-President announced that the time for debate had expired.

A vote was taken on Resolution A037 as amended.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #145)

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.
Special Order of Business
The Vice-President recognized the presence of Senor Francisco Re Arazoza, of Cuba, seated with the Convocation of Churches in Europe.

Recess
The Vice-President recessed the House at 12:58 p.m. to reconvene at 2:30 p.m. for the Joint Session on Program, Budget and Finance.

Joint Session for the Presentation by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
The President called the Joint Session to order at 2:35 p.m. The President yielded the Chair to the Presiding Bishop.
The Presiding Bishop addressed the Joint Session and spoke about the exploration being undertaken in this General Convention and how it is reflected in the budget priorities of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.
The Presiding Bishop introduced the officers of the Committee, Deputy Adams of Arkansas, Chair; the Bishop of Connecticut, Vice-Chair; and Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts, Secretary, who presented their report, following opening prayers.
The Presiding Bishop opened the floor for questions.

Special Order of Business
The Bishop of Mississippi and the Bishop of Louisiana addressed the Convention regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the current situation in their respective dioceses.

Recess
The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 3:49 p.m. The President recessed the House of Deputies until 4:05 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:08 p.m.

Personal Privilege
Deputy McMahon of Western Massachusetts asked for contributions to be collected for persons affected by Hurricane Katrina. The President took the matter under advisement.
Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #13 for the second session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 52 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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

*HB Message #168:* A032 (Amend Canon IV.5) Concurred.

*HB Message #169:* D010 (Amend Canon: I.2.2: Resignation Age of Presiding Bishop) Concurred.

*HB Message #170:* (Trial Court of a Bishop/Court of Review Members Elected) Adopted.

*HB Message #171:* (Title IV Review Committee) Adopted.

*HB Message #172:* (Acting Bishop of Navajoland) Adopted.

*HB Message #173:* A110 (Review Council Committees) Concurred.

*HB Message #174:* A108 (Executive Council Committees Redesignation) Concurred.

*HB Message #175:* A143 (Relocation of the Archives of The Episcopal Church) Concurred.

Consent Calendar

Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that Resolution A042 has been withdrawn from the consent calendar.

Resolution withdrawn

Program, Budget and Finance
Resolution A149 was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of the lay and clergy deputations of Minnesota and the lay deputation of Kansas.

Resolution withdrawn
Ecumenical Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #6 on Resolution D080 (Episcopal-Moravian Dialog) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D080)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge with gratitude our ongoing relationship of Interim Eucharistic Sharing with The Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces, as approved by the 74th General Convention; and be it further Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend and encourage the work of the Moravian-Episcopal Dialogue as it continues to seek full communion between our two churches.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #150)

(End of Consent Calendar)

Balloting

A Special Order of Business was called to take ballots for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary and for the Executive Council.

Ballot #1 for General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Ballot #1 taken

Election Results for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

The Secretary read the results of the first ballot for Trustees of GTS. Newly-elected members of the GTS Board of Trustees: Ms. Marjorie Christie of Newark and Dr. Robert E. Wright of North Carolina were elected in the Lay Order for three-year terms and the Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate of New York was elected in the Clergy Order for a three-year term.

Ballot #2 for General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

Election Ballot #2 was taken for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, one clergy person for a three-year term.

Ballot #2 taken
Ballot #1 for Executive Council
Election Ballot #1 was taken for members of the Executive Council.

Ballot #1 taken

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the second portion of Rule 24.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved a Special Order for a time certain consideration of Resolution D079 from The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance on the Eighth Legislative Day in the Afternoon Session immediately after the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #34 on a Special Order of Business for consideration of Resolution D038 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Canon Barry L. Beisner as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Northern California) and moved adoption.

Resolved, That there be set at this time a Special Order of Business and of Debate for the purpose of considering the Report of the Committee on Consecration of Bishops on Resolution D038 to be implemented on the Eighth Legislative Day at 11:00 a.m.; and be it further
Resolved, That in the consideration of the same the following rules of debate shall be followed:
1. The Committee Chair shall have five minutes to speak with respect to the report, and zero minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification;
2. The entire debate of the report thereafter shall be limited to thirty additional minutes;
3. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes and no speaker shall speak more than once on the same question;
4. The Chair shall recognize, to the extent practicable, speakers of opposite views in alternate succession;
5. No amendments or procedural motions shall be entertained during the first twenty minutes of debate;
6. Debate may be terminated prior to the expiration of the thirty minute period, or any extension thereof, or extended only by two-thirds vote of the House.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #152)
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved, at the request of the Special Legislative Committee, to reduce the presentation time in the Special Order for Resolution A160 by five minutes and to add five minutes to the presentation time in the Special Order for Resolution A161.

Motion carried

Committee of Conference
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee reported on the Committee on Conference for Resolution A159 and A166. These resolutions are to be considered by the House on the next day.

Special Order of Business
The President called for a moment of silence.

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #5 on Resolution A160 (Expression of Regret) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A160)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church join the House of Bishops’ March 2005 “Covenant Statement” in expressing “our own deep regret for the pain that others have experienced with respect to our actions at the General Convention of 2003 and we offer our sincerest apology and repentance for having breached the bonds of affection in the Anglican Communion by any failure to consult adequately with our Anglican partners before taking these actions.”

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, mindful of “the repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation enjoined on us by Christ” (Windsor Report, paragraph 134), express its regret for breaching the proper constraints of the bonds of affection in the events surrounding the General Convention of 2003 and the consequences which followed; offer its sincerest apology to those within our Anglican Communion who are offended by our failure to accord sufficient importance to the impact of our actions on our church and other parts of the Communion; and ask forgiveness as we seek to live into deeper levels of communion one with another.

Deputy Jennings of Ohio moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “breaching the proper constraints of” and replace with the word “straining.”

The President announced that the time for debate under the Special Order had expired.

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote.

Results of the electronic vote on the amendment were: Yes, 530 votes (63.5%) and No, 305 votes (36.5%).

Deputy Dice of Southern Ohio moved to extend debate by 15 minutes.

Motion carried

Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the motion to extend debate by 15 minutes.

Motion defeated

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A160 as amended. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. Results of the electronic vote: Yes, 563 votes (67.8%) and No, 267 votes (32.2%).

Motion carried

Substitute resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #151)

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #6 on Resolution A161 (Election of Bishops) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A161)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church regret the extent to which we have, by action and inaction, contributed to strains on communion and caused deep offense to many faithful Anglican Christians as we consented to the consecration of a bishop living openly in a same-gender union. Accordingly, we urge nominating committees, electing conventions, Standing Committees, and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise very considerable caution in the nomination, election, consent to, and consecration of bishops whose manner of life present a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church regret the extent to which we have, by action and inaction, contributed to strains on communion and caused deep offense to many faithful Anglican Christians as we consented to the consecration of a bishop living openly in a same-gender union. Accordingly, we are obliged to urge nominating committees, electing conventions, Standing Committees, and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise very considerable caution refrain from the nomination, election, consent to, and consecration of bishops whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion: ; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention not proceed to develop or authorize Rites for the Blessing of same-sex unions at this time, thereby concurring with the Windsor Report in its exhortation to bishops of the Anglican Communion to honor the Primates’ Pastoral Letter of May 2003; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the need to maintain a breadth of responses to situations of pastoral care for gay and lesbian Christians in this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention apologize to those gay and lesbian Episcopalians and their supporters hurt by these decisions.

Deputy Clark of Central Florida moved, on behalf of the lay and clergy deputations of Tennessee, the lay and clergy deputations of South Carolina, the lay and clergy deputations of Fort Worth, and the lay and clergy deputations of Central Florida for a vote by orders on the final perfected Resolution A161. The President declared the motion in order.

Following thirty minutes of debate the President asked for the mind of the House either to continue with procedural motions or to recess.

Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast moved that the House be in recess.  
Motion carried

Recess
The President recessed the House at 7:22 p.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 10:56 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Gunter for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #7, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Seventh Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #14 for the first session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 59 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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

HB Message #177: D046 (Jamestown Covenant) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #178: D005 (Opposing Criminalization of Homosexuality) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #179: A127 (Restorative Justice) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #180: C011 (Church Responsibility in Reparations) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #181: A167 (“Full and Equal Claim” for All the Baptized) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #182: D047 (Justice, Respect, and a Living Wage) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #183: A156 (Sexual Exploitation) Adopted substitute.
HB Message #184: A157 (Sexual Harassment) Discharged, already acted in A156.
HB Message #185: C026 (Amend Article II.2 & Canon III.16: Election of Bishops) Discharged, already acted on in A027.
HB Message #190: A038 (Diocesan Development Initiative) Conceded.
HB Message #191: A041 (University Ministry) Conceded.
HB Message #192: B023 (Evangelism—Response to Reported Decline) Conceded.
HB Message #193: B013 (Ending Genocide in Uganda) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #194: A067 (Rites of Passage Publication) Adopted with amendment.

Communications from the President
The President reviewed the proposed schedule for the day, including an evening session beginning at 7:30 p.m. The President talked about the book of Scripture open on the podium. The President introduced the Most Rev. Carlos Touche-Porter, Primate and Bishop of Mexico, seated with the Diocese of Utah.

Point of Order
Deputy Nestler of Los Angeles moved to lay aside all business for this legislative day except required podium reports, the advancement of our calendars of legislation and all that is in them, and recognition of our Chaplains for prayer.

Motion carried
Election of the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #2 for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. The Rev. Samuel Gregory Jones of North Carolina was elected in the Clergy Order for a three-year term.

Election of Executive Council
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #1 for members of Executive Council. Three of six members were elected in the Lay Order for six-year terms: Mr. Delbert C. Glover of Western Massachusetts; Ms. Hisako Miyazaki Beasley of Olympia; and Ms. Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine of the Virgin Islands. No members of the Clergy Order were elected.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that it was time for the Special Order of Business on Resolution D038.

Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts moved to amend the Special Order on Resolution D038 to complete the debate and vote on Resolution A161 prior to the debate on Resolution D038.

The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The results of the vote were: Yes, 551 votes (67.4%) and No, 267 votes (32.6%).

Motion carried

Special Legislative Committee
The President returned the debate to Resolution A161 stating that the floor was open for debate and procedural motions.

Deputy Cantrell of Fort Worth moved to substitute the resolution.

Proposed Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church “effect a moratorium on the election and consent to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate who is living in a same gender union until [and unless] some new consensus in the Anglican Communion emerges” (Windsor Report 134); and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention effect a moratorium on the authorizing of all public rites of blessing of same-sex unions (Windsor Report 144); and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on those bishops who have authorized public rites for blessing same-sex unions, “because of the serious repercussions in the
Communion…to express regret that the proper constraints of the bonds of affection were breached by such authorization” (Windsor Report 144).

**Point of Order**

Deputy Kaeton of Newark moved that Resolution A161 was out of order because of a conflict with the Canons.

The President ruled the motion out of order.

Deputy Medina of Los Angeles challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The voice vote on the challenge being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 541 votes (65.7%) and No, 283 votes (34.3%).

- **Motion carried**
- **Chair upheld**

The ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Debate continued on the resolution.

The President called on Chaplain Gunter for prayer.

The President announced that time for debate had expired.

Deputy Miles of Washington moved to extend debate by 15 minutes. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote.

Deputy Ross of Lexington, on behalf of the lay and clergy deputations of Lexington, the lay and clergy deputations of Long Island, the lay and clergy deputations of Kentucky, and the lay and clergy deputations of Eastern Oregon, moved for a vote by orders on the proposed substitute. The President declared the motion to be in order.

Deputy Luck of Central New York moved to declare the proposed substitute out of order on the basis that the House does not have the authority to effect a moratorium.

The result of the electronic vote on the motion to extend debate was: Yes, 372 votes (45.3%) and No, 449 votes (54.7%).

- **Motion defeated**
- **Debate terminated**
Noonday Prayers
The President called on Chaplain Gunter for noonday prayers.

Special Legislative Committee
The President, after consultation with the Parliamentarian, ruled the first resolve clause in the proposed substitute out of order because of the use of the word “effect.” A constitutional amendment would need to be proposed. The second and third resolve clauses of the proposed substitute stand.

Deputy Haller of New York challenged the ruling on the second clause and third clause because they have a constitutional status.

Deputy Harmon of South Carolina challenged the ruling on the first resolve clause.

The President announced that, in order to provide time for discussion with the Parliamentarian, the debate would continue after lunch.

The President moved to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.  

Motion carried

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 12:22 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:04 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #15 for the second session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 33 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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Special Legislative Committee

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business returned the House to the debate on Resolution A161.

The President read the ruling from the Parliamentarian and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committees on Canons and Constitution, stating that the proposed substitute was out of order [See Appendix B].

The President returned the House to the original Resolution A161 and stated that the time for debate had expired.

Deputy Harmon of South Carolina appealed the ruling of the Chair.
Deputy Luck of Central New York moved the previous question.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken to sustain the ruling of the Chair.  

Motion carried  
Chair upheld

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved to extend debate by ten minutes.  

Motion defeated  
Debate terminated

**Ballot #6—Vote By Orders**  
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A161.  

Ballot #6 taken by orders

**Ballot #2 for Executive Council**  
Election Ballot #2 was taken for members of Executive Council, three lay persons for six-year terms and two clergy persons for six-year terms.  

Ballot #2 taken

**Prayer**  
The President called on Chaplain Gunter for prayer.

**Results of Ballot #6: Vote By Orders on Resolution A161.**  
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #6 including the no and divided votes by diocese:

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Resolution A161 failed in the clerical order and the lay order.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #153)

Break
The President declared a ten-minute break.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that the next order of business would be the consideration of Resolution D038.

Consecration of Bishops
The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #7 on Resolution D038 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Canon Barry L. Beisner as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Northern California) and moved adoption. Deputy Lawrence of San Joaquin presented the Minority Report.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D038)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.16.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the ordination and consecration of Barry L. Beisner as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California.
MINORITY REPORT

Believing that the work of Legislative Committee 07: Consecration of Bishops is more than merely a verification of correct procedure, but is equally concerned with the appropriateness of the candidate’s wholesomeness of life; and that this wholesomeness of life is not merely a model for an individual diocese, but also for The Episcopal Church, there are some troubling impediments to granting consent for this election. Therefore, we the undersigned are constrained to bring this matter before the House of Deputies at this 75th General Convention. All of these impediments are concerned with the fact that the Reverend Canon Barry L. Beisner is twice divorced and presently in his third marriage.

It must be stated clearly at the outset that we do not wish to impugn his present ministry in the diocese of Northern California, where he is obviously loved and appreciated. This was resoundingly expressed at the public hearing of our legislative committee meeting. We state even more emphatically that we do not wish to question God’s gracious forgiveness nor the sincerity of Canon Beisner’s repentance. He has publicly acknowledged the wrongfulness of his prior actions and we affirm him in seeking God’s forgiveness of which we all stand in need. Indeed, we trust, as all Christians should, that Christ’s redeeming work is greater than any of our moral failures or mistakes. Nevertheless, assurance of forgiveness does not determine the appropriateness of advancement to higher office. We are cognizant of the fact that the Episcopacy is the sacramental symbol of our unity with the apostles and the catholic Church throughout the world. He or she represents the Church to the world as well as to the faithful. He must, as St. Paul states, “be above reproach” (1 Timothy 3:2). So, before this house proceeds with consenting to this election its members need to rightly weigh the following concerns:

It is likely that the anomaly of a twice-divorced and thrice-married bishop may be broadly interpreted by the larger body of Christ, individual Christians, and even by peoples of goodwill in various non-Christian religions, that we in The Episcopal Church have weakened our teaching and commitment to the lifelong sanctity of marriage.

It is likely in a time when so many in our nation are suffering because of the widespread fracturing of families, the approval of this election will send a confusing message to the members of our Church and to the unchurched in our communities. As the great Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple once stated, “The Church must be very clear in its public pronouncements so that she may be very pastoral in her application.” The consecration of a bishop is by its very nature a public teaching. Frankly, it is difficult to fully anticipate how the many divorced spouses within our church, as well as the traumatized children shuttled between one home and another, may interpret our consent to such a consecration.

It is likely that it may further strain “the bonds of affection” within the Provinces of the Anglican Communion, causing them to question our commitment to the teaching of Holy Scripture, our marriage rite, our Canons and the resolutions of prior General Conventions regarding the sanctity of marriage (i.e., that we believe marriage to be “a lifelong commitment”).
We are concerned that since the duties of a bishop require him or her to pass consent to those applying for permission to remarry after divorce, the bishop-elect’s prior marriages and divorces may hinder his ability to function in this capacity. It may also hinder his ability to exercise proper discipline and pastoral care for those priests or deacons and their spouses and families who are experiencing marital difficulties, estrangement, and divorce proceedings to say nothing of possible clergy persons’ applications for re-marriage.

It needs to be considered that these prior marriages and divorces may provide far too much room for his conscience to be compromised by his prior failures and thus hindering the exercising of godly judgment towards those under his pastoral care. There is also the remote possibility of remaining woundedness from these failed marriages and that the stresses of the episcopacy are far too great and the risks far too significant.

In conclusion, it needs to be remembered that there are consequences to a person’s actions and that one is often required to live with these consequences. Forgiveness through Christ is sure. Nevertheless, one lives with the consequences. For this body of the Church catholic to attempt to disregard this truth is not only inappropriate, it puts the Church and her members in unnecessary compromise.

Finally, it needs to be noted that the above points are a compilation of concerns, and all are not necessarily held by every signatory of this report.

We the undersigned respectfully file this minority report and suggest denial of the consent to this election, which is before you as Resolution D038.

The Very Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Diocese of San Joaquin
The Rev. Richmond Webster, Diocese of Alabama
Alma Thompson Bell, Diocese of Maryland
Christopher Hart, Diocese of Pennsylvania
The Rev. Hayden G. Crawford, Diocese of Southwest Florida
The Rev. Richard S. Westbury, Jr., Diocese of Florida

Deputy McAlben of California moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D038.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #154)

Deputy Kirk of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the clerical deputation of Pennsylvania, having voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider the original text of
Resolution A161 (Election of Bishops). The lay deputation of New Jersey also moved to reconsider the resolution.

Deputy Blue from Maryland moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The motion requires a 2/3 majority to carry. The result of the vote was: Yes, 486 votes (59.1%) and No, 336 votes (40.9%).

Motion defeated
Reconsideration defeated

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that it was time for the Special Order on Resolution D079.

Program, Budget and Finance
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #2 on Resolution D079 (Budget for The Episcopal Church 2007–2009) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D079)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the next triennium be adopted as set forth:

1.0 The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate, and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $152,002,295.00.

1.1 Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $29,149,874.00 as follows:

For the year 2007 $8,820,134.00
For the year 2008 $9,059,966.00
For the year 2009 $11,269,773.00
1.2 Program (mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $93,569,078.00 as follows:
   For the year 2007 $ 31,020,138.00
   For the year 2008 $ 30,991,486.00
   For the year 2009 $ 31,557,453.00

1.3 Corporate portion, providing for the requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $30,108,344.00 as follows:
   For the year 2007 $ 9,893,439.00
   For the year 2008 $ 10,003,909.00
   For the year 2009 $ 10,210,995.00

1.4 In order to achieve a balanced budget for the triennium, management will identify and effect staff cost reductions of $825,000.00 through attrition and retirement. This reduction will be achieved throughout the Canonical, Program and Corporate portions of the Budget.

2.0 The funding policy for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 is adopted, based on a single Asking (apportioned share) of the dioceses. After a $100,000 exemption from total income, a single asking shall be applied at a flat rate of 21% of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g.: 2007 Askings (apportioned share) are to be based on 2005 actual income figures]. “Income” includes 1) all congregational giving to the diocese, 2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, 3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and 4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

2.1 We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that give at and above, the 21% Asking. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of The Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the 21% Asking; then we could allocate an additional 8 million dollars each year toward fulfilling the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 75th General Convention.

2.2 For the budgetary period income from diocesan commitments, totaling $92,978,494.00 is anticipated as follows:
   For the year 2007 $ 30,087,248.00
   For the year 2008 $ 30,983,865.00
   For the year 2009 $ 31,907,381.00
2.3 For the budgetary period 2007–2009, payment by the dioceses of the Askings shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

2.4 All additional income, other than from the Askings of the dioceses, totaling, is projected as follows $59,024,493.00:
   For the year 2007 $ 18,551,046.00
   For the year 2008 $ 19,376,194.00
   For the year 2009 $ 21,097,253.00

2.5 A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of examination as appropriated in the budget. A candidate for Holy Orders eligible for examination and so certified by the diocesan bishop shall not be disqualified for examination because the fee has not been paid.

2.6 General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2009 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1 Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the assured income of the Executive Council so as to carry out the Budget for The Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.

3.2 Resolutions of the General Convention calling for the expenditures of any moneys (or containing implied funding) which are not included in the adopted Budget for The Episcopal Church will not have special claim, advanced standing or priority for funding by the Executive Council.

3.3 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.4 If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas.

3.5 Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.

3.6 Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.
Each Committee, Commission, Agency and Board (CCAB) proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance a detailed budget in support of its plan(s), including cost estimates from contractors and suppliers for all goods and services, by no later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

Subsequent editions of the Mission Statement and Budget Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church contain the following information for each year of the preceding triennium:

- A description of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities with accompanying narrative.
- Endowment balance and total investment return, with accompanying narrative.
- Posting of this report on the DFMS website when it is released to the Bishops and Deputies.

Deputy Price of Western New York moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Increase the $150,000 allocated for Research in Congregational Development (Proposed Budget, p. 6, l. 187) by $48,000 ($16,000 per year) for a total budgeted amount of $198,000. Decrease the $279,000 allocated for Other Costs, Chief Operating Officer (p. 9, l. 297) by $48,000 ($16,000 per year) for a reduced budgeted amount of $231,000.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Davis of Alaska moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Transfer the $15,000 allocated for the Criminal Justice Committee (Proposed Budget, p. 2, l. 53) to the Standing Commission on Health (Proposed Budget, p. 3, l. 79).

Deputy Gilhousen of Western Kansas moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #155)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to return to supplemental calendar #2 for the Fourth Legislative Day.

The President yielded the Chair to the Vice-President.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #30 on HB Message #3 on Resolution A078 (Liturgical Development and Episcopal Authority) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

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

Final Text of Resolution:

(A078)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Liturgy and Music to invite bishops and the larger church into dialogue about the relations between local liturgical initiatives and ordered authority; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM be directed to develop frameworks for resolving the theological, pastoral, canonical and liturgical issues involved in the creation of new rites, and to provide facilitated conversations at the meetings of Provincial Synods in which bishops and the larger church enter into dialogue about the relation between liturgical initiative and ordered authority; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons examine canons and rubrics that govern the development and use of liturgical materials and propose amendments authorizing appropriate local and regional liturgical initiatives; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM report its findings with recommendations to the 76th General Convention.
Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #8 on HB Message #82 on Resolution A139 (Celebration of Women’s Ministries) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Zamboni of New Jersey moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the word “previous,” after the word “1970” delete the word “and,” after the word “1976” delete the word “and.” After the word “1989” insert the words “and the election of a woman as Presiding Bishop in 2006.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A139 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #157)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #1 on HB Message #83 on Resolution D033 (Episcopal Clergy Wellness Report) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #158)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D033)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend CREDO Institute, Inc. for Episcopal Clergy Wellness: A Report to The Church on the State of Clergy Wellness and affirm the recommendations contained therein; and be it further
Resolved, That CREDO Institute, Inc. be encouraged to work collaboratively with other offices, agencies, and organizations to address the recommendations in a systemic and strategic manner in order to strengthen the ordained leadership of this Church, and that a report on the progress be made to the 76th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #2 on HB Message #59 on Resolution A140 (Women Clergy Retirement Needs) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #159)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A140)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the work of the Church Pension Group in considering ways to respond to the particular needs of ordained women as they approach retirement and ask that the Church Pension Group consult with the Committee on the Status of Women to further the work.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #3 on Resolution D065 (Family Leave Pension Waiver) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D065)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention request the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund studies the feasibility of a Family Leave Waiver policy for clergy taking time off to care for family members and study be reported to the 76th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention request that the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund studies the feasibility of a Family Leave Pension Waiver policy for clergy taking time off to care for family members and with the results of the study to be reported to the 76th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #160)

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #4 on HB Message #8 on Resolution A121 (CPF: An Instrument of Mission ) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Papile of Virginia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Add the following two resolve clauses:
Resolved, That the General Convention ask the CPG to put in place a process by which clergy and lay employees eligible for pension fund benefits may designate one day of their annual salary to a fund to supplement pensions for those clergy serving in regions of The Episcopal Church where there are limited or no resources available to provide retirement benefits; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention designate Ascension Day as the appointed day that clergy and lay employees of the Church may contribute one day’s salary to the retirement benefits of clergy serving in regions where there are limited or no resources available to provide retirement benefits.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A121.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #161)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A121)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge and affirm the efforts of the Church Pension Group to establish appropriate formulae for pensions which meet the existing and future needs of clergy in the overseas dioceses where compensation for service has been limited by standards and costs of living, and asks that the cooperative work with overseas dioceses be continued.

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #6 on Resolution A047 (Amend Canon I.1.2(12)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A047)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(12) is hereby amended to read as follows: (12) A Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication consisting of 1412 members (43 Bishops, 43 Priests and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to guide the policies, participate in the strategic planning, and share in the oversight of implementing a comprehensive communication strategy for The Episcopal Church — identify, study and consider communications strategies, policies, and priorities, as well as new technologies, so as to
strengthen communicating the Gospel and the mission of this Church to the world at large, as well as improving communications among members of this Church, parishes, dioceses, and the various bodies of the General Convention. It shall report its work and make recommendations to the General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2 (n) (12) is hereby amended to read as follows: (12) A Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication consisting of 12 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to guide the policies, participate in the strategic planning, and share in the oversight of implementing a comprehensive communication strategy for The Episcopal Church identify, study and consider communication strategies, policies, priorities, and as well as new technologies, so as to strengthen the Church’s communication of the Gospel and the mission of the Church to the world at large, and to improve communication as well as improving communications among members of this Church, Parishes, Missions, Congregations, Dioceses, and the various bodies of the General Convention. The Commission shall report on its work and make recommendations to the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #162)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business instructed the House to turn to the supplemental calendar #2 for the Fourth Legislative Day.

Constitution
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #4 on HB Message #2 on Resolution A019 (Amend Article I.7 [Meeting of General Convention-Second Reading]) and moved concurrence.

Ballot #7—Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A019.

Ballot #7 taken by orders
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #5 on HB Message #103 on Resolution A020 (Amend Article I.2) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Renton of California moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A020.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #163)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A020)
Resolved, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:
All Bishops of this Church, except any excluded by canon or under the Rules of the House, shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.
And be it further
Resolved, That this amendment to Article 1, Section 2, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

[Editor’s Note: The decision to pass A020 as a substitute resolution rendered the constitutional amendment as a First Reading, which prevents it from taking effect immediately as requested in the second resolve clause.]

Results of Ballot #7: Vote By Orders on Resolution A019

The Secretary read the results of Ballot #7.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #164)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A019)
Resolved, That Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:
Section 7. The General Convention shall meet not less than once in each three years, at a time and place determined in accordance with the Canons, appointed by a preceding Convention; but if there shall appear to the Presiding Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Church or of a successor canonical body having substantially the powers now vested in
the Executive Council, sufficient cause for changing the place or date so appointed, the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of such body, shall appoint another place or date, or both, for such meeting. Special meetings may be held as provided for by Canon.

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #15 on Resolution B020 (Amendment to Title I. Canon 15) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B020)
[Text not included due to length]

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the text of Canon I.15 be amended as follows:
Title I, Canon 15: Of Congregations in foreign lands.
Sec. 1. It shall be lawful, under the conditions herein after stated, to organize a Congregation in any foreign land and not within the jurisdiction of any Missionary Bishop of this Church nor within any Diocese, Province, or Regional Church of the Anglican Communion.
Sec. 2. The Bishop in charge of such Congregations, and the Council of Advice hereinafter provided for, may authorize any Presbyter of this Church to officiate temporarily at any place to be named by them within any such foreign land, upon being satisfied that it is expedient to establish at such place a Congregation of this Church.
Sec. 3. Such Presbyter, after having publicly officiated at such place on four consecutive Sundays, may give notice, in the time of Divine Service, that a meeting of the persons of full age and attending the services will be held, at a time and place to be named by the Presbyter in charge, to organize the Congregation. The said meeting may proceed to effect an organization subject to the approval of the said Bishop and Council of Advice and in conformity to such regulations as the said Council of Advice may provide.
Sec. 4. Before being taken under the direction of the General Convention of this Church, such Congregation shall be required, in its Constitution, or Plan, or Articles of Organization, to recognize and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and to agree to submit to and obey such directions as may be, from time to time, received from the Bishop in charge and Council of Advice.
Sec. 5. The desire of such Congregation to be taken under the direction of the General Convention shall be duly certified by the Member of the Clergy, one Warden, and two Vestry members or Trustees of said Congregation, duly elected.

Sec. 6. Such certificate, and the Constitution, Plan, or Articles of Organization, shall be submitted to the General Convention, if it be in session, or to the Presiding Bishop at any other time; and in case the same are found satisfactory, the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, under written instruction from the Presiding Bishop, shall thereupon place the name of the Congregation on the list of Congregations in foreign lands under the direction of the General Convention; and certificate of the said official action shall be forwarded to and filed by the Registrar of this Church. Such Congregations are placed under the government and jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop.

Sec. 7. The Presiding Bishop may, from time to time, by written commission under the episcopal signature and seal, assign to a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, or of a Church in communion with this Church, the care of, and responsibility for, one or more of such Congregations and the Clergy officiating therein, for such period of time as the Presiding Bishop may deem expedient; Provided, that should such term expire in a year during which a General Convention is to be held, prior to said Convention, the commission may be extended until the adjournment of the Convention.

Sec. 8. Nothing in this Canon is to be construed as preventing the election of a Bishop to have charge of such Congregations under the provision of Canon III.24.

Sec. 9. To aid the Presiding Bishop or the Bishop in charge of these foreign Churches in administering the affairs of the same, and in settling such questions as may, by means of their peculiar situation, arise, a Council of Advice, consisting of four Clergy and four Lay Persons, shall be constituted as follows, and shall act as a Council of Advice to the Bishop in charge of the foreign Churches. They shall be chosen to serve for two years and until their successors are elected and have accepted election, by a Convocation duly convened, of all the Clergy of the foreign Churches or Chapels, and of two Lay representatives of each Church or Chapel, chosen by its Vestry or Committee. The Council of Advice shall be convened on the requisition of the Bishop whenever the Bishop may desire their advice, and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may wish to advise the Bishop. When a meeting is not practicable, the Bishop may ascertain their mind by letter. It shall be lawful for the Presiding Bishop at any time to authorize by writing under the episcopal hand and seal the Council of Advice to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 10. In case a Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation in a foreign land shall be accused of any offense under the Canons of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such Congregations to summon the Council of Advice, and cause an inquiry to be instituted as to the truth of such accusation; and should there be reasonable grounds for believing the same to be true, the said Bishop and the Council of Advice shall appoint a Commission, consisting of three Clergy and two Lay Persons, whose duty it shall be to meet in the place where the accused resides,
and to obtain all the evidence in the case from the parties interested; they shall give
to the accused all rights under the Canons of this Church which can be exercised in
a foreign land. The judgment of the said Commission, solemnly made, shall then be
sent to the Bishop in charge, and to the Presiding Bishop, and, if approved by them,
shall be carried into effect; Provided, that no such Commission shall recommend any
other discipline than admonition or removal of the Member of the Clergy from charge
of said Congregation. Should the result of the inquiry of the aforesaid Commission
reveal evidence tending, in their judgment, to show that said Member of the Clergy
deserves a more severe discipline, all the documents in the case shall be placed in the
hands of the Presiding Bishop, who may proceed against the Member of the Clergy,
as far as possible, according to the Canons of the General Convention.

Sec. 10. The Convocation shall elect an Ecclesiastical Trial Court following the
provisions of Title IV.4. In case a Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation
in a foreign country shall be accused of any offense under the Canons of this Church,
it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such Congregation to follow the
procedures set forth under Title IV of these Canons.

Sec. 11. If there be a Congregation within the limits of any city in a foreign land, no
new Congregation shall be established in that city, except with the consent of the
Bishop in charge and the Council of Advice.

Sec. 12. In case of a difference between the Member of the Clergy and a Congregation
in a foreign land, the Bishop in charge shall duly examine the same, and the said Bishop
shall, with the Council of Advice, have full power to settle and adjust such difference
upon principles recognized in the Canons of the General Convention.

Sec. 13. No Member of the Clergy shall be allowed to take charge of a Congregation
in a foreign land, organized under this Canon, until nominated by the Vestry thereof,
or, if there be no Vestry, by the Council of Advice, and approved by the Bishop in
charge; and once having accepted such appointment, the Member of the Clergy shall
be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #165)

Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #7 on
Resolution D058 (Salvation Through Christ Alone) and moved that the Committee
be discharged as the matter has been considered at a previous convention.

Deputy Renton of California moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution D058. The voice vote being inconclusive, the Vice-President called for an electronic vote. The result of the vote was: Yes, 578 votes (70.5%) and No, 242 votes (29.5%).

**Motion carried**

**Committee discharged**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #166)

**Education**

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #5 on HB Message #104 on Resolution C040 (Support Biblical Literacy) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Matis of Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

**Motion carried**

**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution C040.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #167)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(C040)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, recognizing that the Bible has sometimes been used to justify oppressive institutions and practices, support efforts to foster methods of biblical interpretation which do not lend support to oppressive systems; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize with gratitude the celebration of the United Kingdom’s Abolition of Slavery Bicentenary (1807–2007) and the celebration of the State of Vermont’s 230th anniversary of the abolition of slavery (1777–2007), giving thanks for these witnesses of liberating faith.

[Editor’s correction: The second resolve clause should read, “celebration of the Bicentenary of the Abolition of Slave Trade Act (1807-2007).” The United Kingdom abolished slave trading in 1807 and abolished slavery through the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833.]

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #6 on HB Message #105 on Resolution C045 (Support of Historically Black Colleges) and moved concurrence.
Deputy Matis of Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C045.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #168)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C045)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the leadership of the three Historically Black Colleges of The Episcopal Church: St. Augustine’s, St. Paul’s, and Voorhees, for making a significant contribution and providing an Episcopal Church presence for young African-Americans of college age; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Joint Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to restore $300,000 to the current budget to bring the funding to its original 2003 approved level, in the amount of $3,807,000.

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #5 on HB Message #11 on Resolution A125 (Employment Policies and Practices Task Force) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #169)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A125)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the Task Force to Study Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal Church during the coming triennium with the intention of offering a resolution to the 2009 General Convention that will address the issues of employment, striving to make The Episcopal Church a fair and just workplace; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention authorize and request the Church Pension Group to conduct a survey of lay employees concentrating on employee demographics, the exercise of authority in the employment setting, and compensation and benefits. The Bishop or other ecclesiastical authority of each diocese shall be requested to supply relevant data for each employing unit in the diocese to the Church Pension Group. The findings of the survey
and any recommendations for action, if appropriate, shall be reported to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Ministry Development take the lead in determining the best way to conduct a feasibility study examining whether pension benefits for lay employees should be made compulsory and be administered by a single provider. The results of said study shall be reported, along with recommendations for action, if appropriate, to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the attached statement on Workplace Values be commended to the Church as a worthy statement reflecting our values for work and the worker in the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #6 on HB Message #9 on Resolution A147 (Church-wide Healthcare Feasibility Study) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #170)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A147)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the Church Pension Group’s proposal to conduct a church-wide study of the costs and issues surrounding the provision of healthcare benefits to all clergy and lay employees serving churches, dioceses and other church institutions and to report their findings to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses, parishes and other church institutions are urged to cooperate with the conduct of this study by responding to requests for data regarding employee census and healthcare costs; and be it further

Resolved, That this study will include an analysis of the potential for a mandated denominational healthcare benefits program and other viable alternatives, culminating in a recommended solution and an actionable implementation plan.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #7 on Resolution D048 (Equitable Benefits for Small Church Workers) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D048) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Convention request that the CPF investigate the formula for crediting the time of CPF participants’ service; and be it further Resolved, That any resulting change should be made retroactive whenever it is to the participants’ gain.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Convention request that the CPF investigate the formula for crediting the time of CPF participants’ service; and be it further Resolved, That any resulting change should be made retroactive whenever it is to the participants’ gain.

Motion carried Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #171)

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #8 on HB Message #10 on Resolution B003 (Church Pension Fund and Chaplains to the Retired) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #172)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B003) Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express appreciation to the Church Pension Fund for the initiative through its Department of Pastoral Care and Education, in the creation of a network of Diocesan Chaplains to the Retired Clergy, Spouses, and Surviving Spouses; and be it further Resolved, That every diocese of the Church be encouraged to make provision to support and enhance this ministry through bishops appointing Chaplains, to extend the bishops’ pastoral ministry to a growing and significant part of the Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #9 on Resolution D075 (Study of Retirement Benefits of Ordained Overseas Clergy) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D075)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Church Pension Fund study the retirement benefits of overseas ordained clergy under jurisdictions other than The Episcopal Church and new “latecomers” to the Pension Fund.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Church Pension Fund study the retirement benefits of overseas ordained clergy under jurisdictions other than The Episcopal Church and new “latecomers” to the Pension Fund. members of the clergy originally ordained in another Anglican jurisdiction who have joined the Church Pension Fund.

Deputy Thompson of Virgin Islands moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Add the words, “and that the Church Pension Fund make a report with recommendations to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church” to the end of the resolve clause.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution D075 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #173)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

RECESS
The Vice-President recessed the House at 6:00 p.m. to reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 7:35 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #16 for the third session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418
lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 35 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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**Messages from the House of Bishops**

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

*HB Message #205:* (Procedure for Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop) Conferred.

*HB Message #196:* A101 (Stewardship of Relationships) Conferred.
HB Message #197: D023 (Affirming Principles for Decisions at the End of Life) Adopted.

HB Message #198: B024 (Celebrating the Bonn-Vienna Agreement) Adopted.


HB Message #200: A049 (Adopt Open Standards for Data) Concurred.

HB Message #201: D082 (Launch and Information Technology Cooperative) Concurred.

HB Message #202: A025 (Amend Canon I) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #203: A026 (Amend Canon III.12.1(d)) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #204: (Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund) Concurred.

HB Message #206: (Election of Treasurer of General Convention) Concurred.

HB Message #207: C047 (Amend Canons: Proposed Amendments to Title I.Canon 15) Concurred.

HB Message #208: D045 (Restore “Equally Applicable” Language to Canon III.1.2) Concurred.

HB Message #209: A096 (Create Consortium) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #210: C051 (Study Responsibility for Reparations) Re-referred to Social and Urban Affairs.

HB Message #228: (Re-consideration of Resolution A018: Amend Article II.2 [Election of Bishops – Second Reading]) Adopted.

HB Message #229: A011 (Israel/Palestine Peace Commitments) Adopted with amendment.


HB Message #234: A130 (Promote Sustainable Agriculture) Adopted with amendment.


HB Message #236: B012 (The Episcopal Church and the State of Israel) Discharged.

HB Message #237: B014 (War in Iraq) Discharged.

HB Message #238: B026 (Policy on Affiliation) Rejected.

HB Message #239: B027 (Support Prisoner Reentry Program) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #240: D070 (Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities) Adopted substitute.

HB Message #241: A037 (Evangelism) Concurred.

HB Message #242: (Registrar for General Convention) Adopted.

HB Message #244: (Bishops Appointed to Certify Canonical Changes) Adopted.

HB Message #245: A094 (Federal Statutory Protection) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #246: B022 (On the Kyoto Protocol) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #248: D057 (Priorities for Standing Commission on Small Congregations) Concurred.

HB Message #249: (Bishops Appointed to Certify Constitutional Changes) Adopted.

HB Message #250: B018 (Comprehensive Children’s Policy) Adopted with amendment.


The President asked the deputation of the Diocese of Northern California to escort Bishop Coadjutor-elect Beisner to the podium to be introduced.

Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved a Special Order to consider Resolution A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) as the first order of business for the evening session.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #41 on a Special Order of Business for consideration of A166 and moved adoption. Resolved, That there be set at this time a Special Order of Business and of Debate for the purpose of considering the Report of the Special Legislative Committee on Resolution A166 (Anglican Covenant Development Process) to be implemented on the Eighth Legislative Day following the conclusion of action on Resolution A159; and be it further

Resolved, That in the consideration of the same the following rules of debate shall be followed:

1. The Committee Chair shall have five minutes to speak with respect to the report, and zero minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification;
2. The entire debate of the report thereafter shall be limited to thirty additional minutes;
3. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes and no speaker shall speak more than once on the same question;
4. The Chair shall recognize, to the extent practicable, speakers of opposite views in alternate succession;
5. No amendments or procedural motions shall be entertained during the first twenty minutes of debate.
6. Debate may be terminated prior to the expiration of the thirty minute period, or any extension thereof, or extended only by two-thirds vote of the House.

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved to amend the Special Order of Business.
Proposed Amendment:
That rule five be amended to allow for procedural motions after ten minutes.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the Special Order as amended.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted with amendment

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #40 on a Special Order of Business for Consideration of Resolution A082 and moved adoption.

Resolved, That there be set at this time a Special Order of Business and of Debate for the purpose of considering the Report of Special Legislative Committee on Resolution A082 (Amend Canons III.5-III.13) to be implemented on the Eighth Legislative Day immediately following the conclusion of the work on Resolution A166; and be it further

Resolved, That in the consideration of the same the following rules of debate shall be followed:
1. The Committee Chair shall have ten minutes to speak with respect to the report, and fifteen minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification;
2. The entire debate of the report thereafter shall be limited to twenty additional minutes;
3. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes and no speaker shall speak more than once on the same question;
4. The Chair shall recognize, to the extent practicable, speakers of opposite views in alternate succession;
5. No amendments or procedural motions shall be entertained during the first fifteen minutes of debate;
6. Debate may be terminated prior to the expiration of the twenty minute period, or any extension thereof, or extended only by two-thirds vote of the House.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #15 on HB Message #141 on Resolution A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm that The Episcopal Church is in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention join with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council in making a commitment to the vision of interdependent life in Christ, characterized by forbearance, trust, and respect, and commend the Windsor Report and process as a means of deepening our understanding of that commitment; and be it further
Resolved, That as an expression of interdependence, the Presiding offices of both Houses work in partnership with the churches of the Anglican Communion to explore ways by which there might be inter-Anglican consultation and participation on Standing Commissions of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Deputy Tuohy of Chicago moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third resolve clause, make the following changes: After the words “General Convention” add the words “in response to the Windsor Report.” Replace the word “interdependent” with the words “our shared.” After the word “Command” delete the words “the Windsor Report and.” After the word “process” delete the words “as a means of deepening” and add the words “of engaging in dialogue and reflection that deepens.” In the fourth resolve clause, replace the word “interdependent” with the words “our commitment to the Anglican Communion.”

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The President announced that the time for debate had expired.

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A159.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #174)

**Prayer**
The President called on Chaplain Gunter for prayer.
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #3 on HB Message #99 on Resolution A166 (Anglican Covenant Development Process) and moved to concur with amendment.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as a demonstration of our commitment to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Anglican Communion, support the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant that underscores both expresses and fosters our unity in faith, order, and common life in the service of God’s mission, being respectful of the historical relationships of the separate and autonomous Provinces to the Anglican Communion and the individual concerns and interests of these Provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and The Episcopal Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow closely the development processes of an Anglican Covenant in the Communion, to participate as appropriate, respecting the separate and autonomous concerns and interests of the Provinces, and to report regularly to the Executive Council as well as to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention report these actions supporting the Anglican Covenant development process, noting such missiological and theological resources as the Standing Commission on World Mission and the House of Bishops’ Theology Committee to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and that the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church report the same to the Primates of the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Deputy Lehman of California moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the Resolution, delete the word “covenant” where it appears and replace it with the word “conversation.”

Deputy Matis of Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Wengrovius of Colorado moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A166 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #175)

Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #12 on HB Message #195 on Resolution A082 (Amend Canons III.5-III.13) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Haller of New York moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon III.11 in Sections 1 through 9, add the word “translation” in all places where the word, “ordination” is used. In Canon III.11 in Sec. 6, in the first sentence, add the words, “in the case of priests,” after the word “shall.” In Canon III.11 in Sec. 9 (c) in the first sentence, add the words, “or translate” after the word, “ordain.”

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A082.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #176)

(Editor's Note: The final text of Resolution A082 has not been italicized because of its size and for ease of reading.)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A082)
Resolved, That Canons III.5 through III.23 be deleted and be replaced by the following proposed Canons III.5 through III.13:
CANON 5: Of General Provisions Respecting Ordination

Sec. 1 (a) The canonical authority assigned to the Bishop Diocesan by this Title may be exercised by a Bishop Coadjutor, when so empowered under Canon III.19, and at the request of the Bishop Diocesan, by a Bishop Suffragan, or by any other Bishop of a Church in full communion with this Church who was ordained in the historic succession, at the request of the ordinand's Bishop.

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

(c) In case of a vacancy in the episcopate in a Diocese, the Ecclesiastical Authority may authorize and request the President of the House of Bishops of the Province to take order for an ordination.

Sec. 2 (a) No Nominee, Postulant, or Candidate for ordination shall sign any of the certificates required by this Title.

(b) 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, each of which shall be deemed an original.

(c) Whenever the letter of support of a Vestry is required, the letter must be signed and dated by at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Vestry, at a meeting duly convened, and by the Rector or Priest-in-Charge of the Parish, and attested by the Clerk of the Vestry. Should there be no Rector or Priest-in-Charge, the letter shall be signed by a Priest of the Diocese acquainted with the nominee and the Parish, the reason for the substitution being stated in the attesting clause.

(d) If the congregation or other discernment community of which the nominee is a member is not a Parish, the letter of support required by Canon III.6 or Canon III.8 shall be signed and dated by the Member of the Clergy and the council of the congregation or other community of faith, and shall be attested by the secretary of the meeting at which the letter was approved. Should there be no Member of the Clergy, the letter shall be signed and dated by a Priest of the Diocese acquainted with the nominee and the congregation or other community of faith, the reason for the substitution being stated in the attesting clause.

(e) If the applicant is a member of a Religious Order or Christian Community recognized by Canon III.24, the letters of support referred to in Canon III.5 or Canon III.6 and any other requirements imposed on a congregation or Member of the Clergy may be given by the Superior or person in charge, and Chapter, or other comparable body of the Order or Community.
Sec. 3. An application for any dispensation permitted by this Title from any of the requirements for ordination must first be made to the Bishop, and if approved, referred to the Standing Committee for its advice and consent.

CANON 6: Of the Ordination of Deacons

Sec. 1. Selection
The Bishop, in consultation with the Commission, shall establish procedures to identify and to select persons with evident gifts and fitness for ordination to the Diaconate.

Sec. 2. Nomination
A confirmed adult communicant in good standing, may be nominated for ordination to the diaconate by the person's congregation or other community of faith.

(a) The Nomination shall be in writing and shall include a letter of support by the Nominee’s congregation or other community of faith committing the community to
   i) pledge to contribute financially to that preparation, and
   ii) involve itself in the Nominee’s preparation for ordination to the Diaconate.
   If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight.

(b) The Nominee, if in agreement with the nomination, shall accept the nomination in writing and shall provide the following to the Bishop:
   (1) Full name and date of birth.
   (2) The length of time resident in the Diocese.
   (3) Evidence of Baptism and Confirmation.
   (4) Whether an application has been made previously for Postulancy or the person has been nominated in any Diocese.
   (5) A description of the process of discernment by which the Nominee has been identified for ordination to the Diaconate.
   (6) The level of education attained and, if any, the degrees earned, and areas of specialization, together with copies of official transcripts.

Sec. 3. Postulancy
Postulancy is the time between nomination and candidacy and may initiate the formal preparation for ordination. Postulancy involves continued exploration of and decision about the Postulant’s call to the Diaconate.

(a) Before granting admission as a Postulant, the Bishop shall
   (1) determine that the Nominee is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing, and
   (2) confer in person with the Nominee,

(b) If the Bishop approves the Nominee proceeding into Postulancy, the Commission, or a committee of the Commission, shall meet with the
Nominee to review the application and prepare an evaluation of the Nominee’s qualifications to pursue a program of preparation for ordination to the Diaconate. The Commission shall present its evaluation and recommendations to the Bishop.

(c) No Bishop shall consider accepting as a Postulant any person who has been refused admission as a Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate in any other Diocese, or who, having been admitted, has afterwards ceased to be a Candidate, until receipt of a letter from the Bishop of the Diocese refusing admission, or in which the person has been a Candidate, declaring the cause of refusal or of cessation.

(d) The Bishop may admit the nominee as a Postulant for ordination to the Diaconate. The Bishop shall record the Postulant’s name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Postulant, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the Postulant’s program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(e) Each Postulant for ordination to the Diaconate shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Postulant’s academic, diaconal, human, spiritual, and practical development.

(f) Any Postulant may be removed as a Postulant at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Postulant and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the program of preparation.

Sec. 4. Candidacy

Candidacy is a time of education and formation, in preparation for ordination to the Diaconate, established by a formal commitment by the Candidate, the Bishop, the Commission, the Standing Committee and the congregation or other community of faith.

(a) A person desiring to be considered as a Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate shall apply to the Bishop. Such application shall include the following:

(1) the Postulant’s date of admission to Postulancy, and

(2) a letter of support by the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith.

If it be a congregation the letter shall be signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body and by the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

(b) Upon compliance with these requirements, and receipt of a written statement from the Commission attesting to the continuing formation of the
Postulant, and having received approval in writing of the Standing Committee who shall have interviewed the Postulant and who shall have had an opportunity to review the documentation relating to the application of the Postulant, the Bishop may admit the Postulant as a Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate. The Bishop shall record the Candidate’s name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Candidate, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Candidate may be attending or proposes to attend, or the director of the Candidate's program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(c) A Candidate must remain in canonical relationship with the Diocese in which admission has been granted until ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon, except, for reasons acceptable to the Bishop, the Candidate may be transferred to another Diocese upon request, provided that the Bishop of the receiving Diocese is willing to accept the Candidate.

(d) Any Candidate may be removed as a Candidate, at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Candidate and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Candidate's congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the program of preparation.

(e) If a Bishop has removed the Candidate’s name from the list of Candidates, except by transfer, or the Candidate's application for ordination has been rejected, no other Bishop may ordain the person without readmission to Candidacy for a period of at least twelve months.

Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination

(a) The Bishop and the Commission shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation for ordination to the Diaconate in accordance with this Canon to ensure that pastoral guidance is provided throughout the period of preparation.

(b) The Bishop may assign the Postulant or Candidate to any congregation of the diocese or other community of faith after consultation with the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

(c) Formation shall take into account the local culture and each Postulant or Candidate's background, age, occupation, and ministry.

(d) Prior education and learning from life experience may be considered as part of the formation required for ordination.

(e) Wherever possible, formation for the Diaconate shall take place in community, including other persons in preparation for the Diaconate, or others preparing for ministry.

(f) Before ordination each Candidate shall be prepared in and demonstrate basic competence in five general areas:
(1) Academic studies including, The Holy Scriptures, theology, and the tradition of the Church.
(2) Diakonia and the diaconate.
(3) Human awareness and understanding.
(4) Spiritual development and discipline.
(5) Practical training and experience.
(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
   (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
   (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
   (3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
   (4) the Church's teaching on racism.
(h) Each Candidate for ordination to the Diaconate shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Candidate's academic, diaconal, human, spiritual, and practical development.
(i) During Candidacy each Candidate’s progress shall be evaluated from time to time, and there shall be a written report of the evaluation by those authorized by the Commission to be in charge of the evaluation program. Upon certification by those in charge of the Candidate's program of preparation that the Candidate has successfully completed preparation and is ready for ordination, a final written assessment of readiness for ordination to the Diaconate shall be prepared as determined by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission. This report shall include a recommendation from the Commission regarding the readiness of the Candidate for ordination. Records shall be kept of all evaluations, assessments, and the recommendation, and shall be made available to the Standing Committee.
(j) Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished
   (1) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
   (2) medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.
(k) Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.

Sec. 6. Ordination to the Diaconate
(a) A person may be ordained Deacon:
   (1) after at least eighteen months from the time of written acceptance of nomination by the Nominee as provided in III.6.2(b), and
   (2) upon attainment of at least twenty-four years of age.
(b) The Bishop shall obtain in writing and provide to the Standing Committee:

1. an application from the Candidate requesting ordination as a Deacon under this Canon.
2. a letter of support from the Candidate's congregation or other community of faith, signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.
3. written evidence of admission of the Candidate to Postulancy and Candidacy, giving the dates of admission.
4. a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation showing the Candidate's scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an evaluation with recommendation as to the Candidate's other personal qualifications for ordination together with a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.
5. a certificate from the Commission giving a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.

(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.

To the Right Reverend ______, Bishop of ______ We, the Standing Committee of ________, having been duly convened at __________ at __________, do testify that A.B., desiring to be ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 has presented to us the certificates as required by the Canons indicating A.B.'s preparedness for ordination to the Diaconate under Canon III.6; and we certify that all canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 have been met; and we find no sufficient objection to ordination. Therefore, we recommend A.B. for ordination. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this ____ day of ________, in the year of our Lord ________. (Signed) ___________

(d) The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate to the Diaconate under this Canon; and at the time of ordination the Candidate shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.
CANON 7: Of the Life and Work of Deacons

Sec. 1. Deacons serve directly under the authority of and are accountable to the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. Deacons canonically resident in each Diocese constitute a Community of Deacons, which shall meet from time to time. The Bishop may appoint one or more of such Deacons as Archdeacon(s) to assist the Bishop in the formation, deployment, supervision, and support of the Deacons or those in preparation to be Deacons, and in the implementation of this Canon.

Sec. 3. The Bishop may establish a Council on Deacons to oversee, study, and promote the Diaconate.

Sec. 4. The Bishop, after consultation with the Deacon and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight, may assign a Deacon to one or more congregations, other communities of faith or non-parochial ministries. Deacons assigned to a congregation or other community of faith act under the authority of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight in all matters concerning the congregation.

(a) Subject to the Bishop's approval, deacons may have a letter of agreement setting forth mutual responsibilities in the assignment, and, if such a letter exists, it is subject to renegotiation with the Vestry/Bishop's Committee after the resignation of the Rector or the Priest-in-Charge.

(b) Deacons shall report annually to the Bishop or the Bishop's designee on their life and work.

(c) Deacons may serve as administrators of congregations or other communities of faith, but no Deacon shall be in charge of a congregation or other community of faith.

(d) Deacons may accept chaplaincies in any hospital, prison, or other institution.

(e) Deacons may participate in the governance of the Church.

(f) For two years following ordination, new Deacons shall continue a process of formation authorized by the Bishop.

(g) The Bishop or the Bishop's designee, in consultation with the Commission, shall assign each newly ordained Deacon a mentor Deacon where a suitable mentor Deacon is available. The mentor and Deacon shall meet regularly for at least one year to provide guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about diaconal ministry.

Sec. 5. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of Deacons and keep a record of such education.

Sec. 6 (a) A Deacon may not serve as Deacon for more than two months in any Diocese other than the Diocese in which the Deacon is canonically resident unless the Bishop of the other Diocese shall have granted a license to the Deacon to serve in that Diocese.
(b) (1) A Deacon desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Deacon is canonically resident to present to the receiving Diocese, which testimonial, if granted, shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial shall be in the following words:

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 __________ 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) _______________

(2) Such testimonial shall be called Letters Dimissory. If the Ecclesiastical Authority accepts the Letters Dimissory, the canonical residence of the Deacon so transferred shall date from the acceptance of the Letters Dimissory, of which prompt notice shall be given both to the applicant and to the Ecclesiastical Authority from which it came.

(3) Letters Dimissory not presented within six months from the date of transmission to the applicant shall become void.

(4) A statement of the record of payments to The Church Pension Fund by or on behalf of the Deacon concerned shall accompany Letters Dimissory.

Sec. 7. On reaching the age of seventy-two 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.

Sec. 8. If any Deacon of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV. 8 shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Deacon is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed therefrom, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provision of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Deacon’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Deacon is released from the obligations of the Ministerial office, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which
do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate
to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.
Sec. 9. If a Deacon making the aforesaid declaration of renunciation of the
ordained Ministry be under Presentment for any Offense, or shall have been
placed on Trial for the same, the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom such
declaration is made shall not consider or act upon such declaration until after
the said Presentment shall have been dismissed or the said Trial shall have
been concluded and the Deacon judged not to have committed an Offense.
Sec. 10. In the case of the renunciation of the ordained Ministry by a Deacon
as provided in this Canon, a declaration of 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
removed is canonically resident. The Bishop who pronounces the declaration
of removal as provided in this Canon shall give notice thereof in writing to
every Member of the Clergy, each Vestry, the Secretary of the Convention and
the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the 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 Board for Church Deployment.

CANON 8: Of the Ordination of Priests
Sec. 1. Selection
The Bishop, in consultation with the Commission, shall establish procedures
to identify and select persons with evident gifts and fitness for ordination to
the Priesthood.
Sec. 2. Nomination
A confirmed adult communicant in good standing may be nominated for
ordination to the priesthood by the person's congregation or other community
of faith.
   (a) The Nomination shall be in writing and shall include a letter of support
       by the Nominee’s congregation or other community of faith committing the
       community to
           i) pledge to contribute financially to that preparation, and
           ii) involve itself in the Nominee’s preparation for ordination to the
               Priesthood. If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds
               of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or
               leader exercising oversight.
   (b) The Nominee, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing, and
       shall provide the following to the Bishop:
           (1) Full name and date of birth.
           (2) The length of time resident in the Diocese.
           (3) Evidence of Baptism and Confirmation.
(4) Whether an application has been made previously for Postulancy or the person has been nominated in any Diocese.
(5) A description of the process of discernment by which the Nominee has been identified for ordination to the Priesthood.
(6) The level of education attained and, if any, the degrees earned and areas of specialization, together with copies of official transcripts.

Sec. 3. Postulancy
Postulancy is the time between nomination and candidacy and may initiate the formal preparation for ordination. Postulancy involves continued exploration of and decision about the Postulant's call to the Priesthood.

(a) Before granting admission as a Postulant, the Bishop shall
   (1) determine that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing.
   (2) confer in person with the Nominee.
   (3) shall consult with the Nominee regarding financial resources which will be available for the support of the Postulant throughout preparation for ordination. During Postulancy and later Candidacy, the Bishop or someone appointed by the Bishop shall review periodically the financial condition and plans of the Postulant.

(b) If the Bishop approves proceeding, the Commission, or a committee of the Commission, shall meet with the Nominee to review the application and prepare an evaluation of the Nominee's qualifications to pursue a program of preparation for ordination to the Priesthood. The Commission shall present its evaluation and recommendations to the Bishop.

(c) No Bishop shall consider accepting as a Postulant any person who has been refused admission as a Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood in any other Diocese, or who, having been admitted, has afterwards ceased to be a Candidate, until receipt of a letter from the Bishop of the Diocese refusing admission, or in which the person has been a Candidate, declaring the cause of refusal or of cessation.

(d) The Bishop may admit the Nominee as a Postulant for ordination to the Priesthood. The Bishop shall record the Postulant's name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Postulant, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant's congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Postulant may be attending or proposes to attend, or the director of Postulant's program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(e) Each Postulant for ordination to the Priesthood shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Postulant’s academic experience and personal and spiritual development.
Any Postulant may be removed as a Postulant at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Postulant and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the director of the program of preparation.

Sec. 4. Candidacy

Candidacy is a time of education and formation in preparation for ordination to the Priesthood, established by a formal commitment by the Candidate, the Bishop, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the congregation or other community of faith.

(a) A person desiring to be considered as a Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood shall apply to the Bishop. Such application shall include the following:

(1) the Postulant’s date of admission to Postulancy, and
(2) a letter of support by the Postulant’s congregation or other community of faith. If it be a congregation the letter shall be signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body and by the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

(b) Upon compliance with these requirements, and receipt of a statement from the Commission attesting to the continuing formation of the Postulant, and having received approval in writing of the Standing Committee who shall have interviewed the Postulant and who shall have had an opportunity to review the documentation relating to the application of the Postulant, the Bishop may admit the Postulant as a Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood. The Bishop shall record the Candidate’s name and date of admission in a Register kept for that purpose. The Bishop shall inform the Candidate, the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight of the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Candidate may be attending or proposes to attend, or the director of the Candidate’s program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission.

(c) A Candidate must remain in canonical relationship with the Diocese in which admission has been granted until ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon, except, for reasons acceptable to the Bishop, the Candidate may be transferred to another Diocese upon request, provided that the Bishop of the receiving Diocese is willing to accept the Candidate.

(d) Any Candidate may be removed as a Candidate at the sole discretion of the Bishop. The Bishop shall give written notice of the removal to the Candidate and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and the Dean of the seminary the Candidate may be attending or the director of the program of preparation.
(e) If a Bishop has removed the Candidate’s name from the list of Candidates, except by transfer, or the Candidate’s application for ordination has been rejected, no other Bishop may ordain the person without readmission to Candidacy for a period of at least twelve months.

Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination
(a) The Bishop and the Commission shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation for ordination to the Priesthood and to ensure that pastoral guidance is provided throughout the period of preparation.
(b) If the Postulant or Candidate has not previously obtained a baccalaureate degree, the Commission, Bishop, and Postulant or Candidate shall design a program of such additional academic work as may be necessary to prepare the Postulant or Candidate to undertake a program of theological education.
(c) Formation shall take into account the local culture and each Postulant or Candidate’s background, age, occupation, and ministry.
(d) Prior education and learning from life experience may be considered as part of the formation required for the Priesthood.
(e) Whenever possible, formation for the Priesthood shall take place in community, including other persons in preparation for the Priesthood, or others preparing for ministry.
(f) Formation shall include theological training, practical experience, emotional development, and spiritual formation.
(g) Subject areas for study during this program of preparation shall include:
   (1) The Holy Scriptures.
   (2) Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement.
   (3) Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
   (4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.
   (5) Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural ministry skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one’s first language.
   (6) Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
   (7) Theory and practice of ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship.
(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
   (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
   (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
   (3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
(4) the Church’s teaching on racism.

(i) Each Postulant or Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Candidate’s academic experience and personal and spiritual development.

(j) The seminary or other formation program shall provide for, monitor, and report on the academic performance and personal qualifications of the Postulant or Candidate for ordination. These reports will be made upon request of the Bishop and Commission, but at least once per year.

(k) Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, the following must be accomplished

   (1) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.

   (2) medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

(l) Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.

Sec. 6. Ordination to the Diaconate for those called to the Priesthood

(a) A Candidate must first be ordained Deacon before being ordained Priest.

(b) To be ordained Deacon under this Canon, a person must be at least twenty-four years of age.

(c) The Bishop shall obtain in writing and provide to the Standing Committee:

   (1) an application from the Candidate requesting ordination as a Deacon under this Canon.

   (2) a letter of support from the Candidate's congregation or other community of faith, signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

   (3) written evidence of admission of the Candidate to Postulancy and Candidacy, giving the date of admission.

   (4) a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation showing the Candidate's scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an evaluation with recommendation as to the Candidate's other personal qualifications for ordination together with a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.

   (5) a certificate from the Commission giving a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon.

(d) On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, a majority of all 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.

To the Right Reverend _____, Bishop of __________ We, the Standing
Committee of __________, having been duly convened at _______ at
__________, do testify that A.B., desiring to be ordained to the Diaconate and
Priesthood under Canon III.8 has presented to us the certificates as required
by the Canons indicating A.B.’s preparedness for ordination to the Diaconate
under Canon III.8; and we certify that all canonical requirements for ordination
to the Diaconate under Canon III.8 have been met; and we find no sufficient
objection to ordination. Therefore, we recommend A.B. for ordination. In
witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of _____, in
the year of our Lord _______. (Signed) ______________________

(e) The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being
no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual
grounds, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate to the Diaconate under this
Canon; and at the time of ordination the Candidate shall subscribe publicly
and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article
VIII of the Constitution.

Sec. 7. Ordination to the Priesthood

(a) A person may be ordained Priest:

(1) after at least eighteen months since ordination as a Deacon under this
Canon, and eighteen months from the time of acceptance of nomination
by the Nominee as provided in III.8.2(b), and

(2) upon attainment of at least twenty-four years of age, and

(3) if the medical evaluation, psychological evaluation, and background
check have taken place or been updated within thirty-six months prior to
ordination as a Priest.

(b) The Bishop shall obtain in writing and provide to the Standing
Committee:

(1) an application from the Deacon requesting ordination as a Priest,
including the Deacon's dates of admission to Postulancy and Candidacy
and ordination as a Deacon under this Canon,

(2) a letter of support from the Deacon's congregation or other community
of faith, signed by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the
Clergy or other leader exercising oversight,

(3) evidence of admission to Postulancy and Candidacy, including dates
of admission, and ordination to the Diaconate,

(4) a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation, written
at the completion of the program of preparation, showing the Deacon's
scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an
evaluation with recommendation as to the Deacon's other personal
(5) a statement from the Commission attesting to the successful completion of the program of formation designed during Postulancy under Canon III.8.5, and proficiency in the required areas of study, and recommending the Deacon for ordination to the Priesthood.

(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.

To the Right Reverend_______, Bishop of_______ We, the Standing Committee of _________, having been duly convened at ______________, do testify that A.B., desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood, has presented to us the certificates as required by the Canons indicating A.B.'s preparedness for ordination to the Priesthood have been met; and we certify that all canonical requirements for ordination to the Priesthood have been met, and we find no sufficient objection to ordination. Therefore, we recommend A.B. for ordination. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of ______, in the year of our Lord _______. (Signed) ________________

(d) The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds, the Bishop may ordain the Deacon to the Priesthood; and at the time of ordination the Deacon shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(e) No Deacon shall be ordained to the Priesthood until having been appointed to serve in a Parochial Cure within the jurisdiction of this Church, or as a Missionary under the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese, or as an officer of a Missionary Society recognized by the General Convention, or as a Chaplain of the Armed Services of the United States, or as a Chaplain in a recognized hospital or other welfare institution, or as a Chaplain or instructor in a school, college, or other seminary, or with other opportunity for the exercise of the office of Priest within the Church judged appropriate by the Bishop.

(f) A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who is subsequently called to the Priesthood shall fulfill the Postulancy and Candidacy requirements set forth in this Canon. Upon completion of these requirements, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.
CANON 9: Of the Life and Work of Priests

Sec. 1. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of Priests and keep a record of such education.

Sec. 2. Mentoring for Newly Ordained Priests

Each newly ordained Priest, whether employed or not, shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and new Priest shall meet regularly for at least a year to provide guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about priestly ministry.

Sec. 3. The Appointment of Priests

(a) Rectors.

(1) When a Parish is without a Rector, the Wardens or other officers shall promptly notify the Ecclesiastical Authority in writing. If the Parish shall for thirty days fail to provide services of public worship, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall make provision for such worship.

(2) No Parish may elect a Rector until the names of the proposed nominees have been forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Authority and a time, not exceeding sixty days, given to the Ecclesiastical Authority to communicate with the Vestry, nor until any such communication has been considered by the Vestry at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose.

(3) Written notice of the election of a Rector, signed by the Wardens, shall be forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Authority. If the Ecclesiastical Authority is satisfied that the person so elected is a duly qualified Priest and that such Priest has accepted the office to which elected, the notice shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it. Race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities or age, except as otherwise specified by these Canons, shall not be a factor in the determination of the Ecclesiastical Authority as to whether such person is a duly qualified Priest. The recorded notice shall be sufficient evidence of the relationship between the Priest and the Parish.

(4) Rectors may have a letter of agreement with the Parish setting forth mutual responsibilities, subject to the Bishop’s approval.

(b) Priests-in-Charge.

After consultation with the Vestry, the Bishop may appoint a Priest to serve as Priest-in-Charge of any congregation in which there is no Rector. In such congregations, the Priest-in-Charge shall exercise the duties of Rector outlined in Canon III.9.5 subject to the authority of the Bishop.

(c) Assistants.

A Priest serving as an assistant in a Parish, by whatever title designated, shall be selected by the Rector, and when required by the Canons of the Diocese, subject to the approval of the Vestry, and shall serve under the authority and direction of the Rector. Before the selection of an assistant the
name of the Priest proposed for selection shall be made known to the Bishop and a time, not exceeding sixty days, given for the Bishop to communicate with the Rector and Vestry on the proposed selection. Upon resignation by the Rector, death of the Rector, or in the event of the dissolution of a pastoral relationship between the Rector and the Vestry, an assistant may continue in the service of the Parish if requested to do so by the Vestry under such conditions as the Bishop and Vestry shall determine. An assistant may continue to serve at the request of a new Rector. Assistants may have a letter of agreement with the Rector and the Vestry setting forth mutual responsibilities and containing a clearly articulated dissolution clause, subject to the Bishop's approval.

(d) Chaplains.

(1) A Priest may be given ecclesiastical endorsement for service as a Chaplain in the Armed Services of the United States of America or as a Chaplain for the Veterans' Administration, or in any Federal Correctional Institution, by the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces subject to the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.

(2) Any Priest serving on active duty with the Armed Services shall retain the Priest's canonical residence and shall be subject to the ecclesiastical supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese of which the Priest is canonically resident, even though the Priest's work as a Chaplain shall be subject to the general supervision of the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces, or such other Bishop as the Presiding Bishop may designate.

(3) Any Priest serving on a military installation or at a Veterans' Administration facility or Federal Correctional Institution shall not be subject to Canons III.9.3.(e)(1) or III.9.4.(a). When serving other than on a military installation or at a Veterans' Administration facility, or Federal Correctional Institution, a Chaplain shall be subject to these Sections.

(e) Employment of Priests in Other Settings.

(1) Any Priest who has left a position in this Church without having received a call to a new ecclesiastical position and who desires to continue the exercise of the office of Priest shall notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident and shall advise the Bishop that reasonable opportunities for the exercise of the office of Priest exist and that use will be made of such opportunities. After having determined that the person will have and use opportunities for the exercise of the office of Priest, the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may approve the Priest's continued exercise of the office on condition that the Priest report annually in writing, in a manner prescribed by the Bishop, as provided in Canon I.6.2.

(2)
(a) A Priest not in parochial employment moving to another jurisdiction shall report to the Bishop of that jurisdiction within sixty days of such move.

(b) The Priest:
   (i) May officiate or preach in that jurisdiction only under the terms of Canon III.9.5.(a).
   (ii) Shall provide notice of such move, in writing and within sixty days, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.
   (iii) Shall forward a copy of the report required by Canon I.6.2 to the Ecclesiastical Authority to whose jurisdiction the Priest has moved.

(c) Upon receipt of the notice required by Canon III.9.3.(e)(3)(ii)(b), the Ecclesiastical Authority shall provide written notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority into whose jurisdiction the person has moved.

(3) If the Priest fails to comply with the provisions of this Canon, the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident may proceed in accordance with Canon IV.11.

Sec. 4. Letters Dimissory

(a) A Priest desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese shall present to the Ecclesiastical Authority 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 to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial shall be accompanied by a statement of the record of payments to The Church Pension Fund by or on behalf of the Priest concerned and may include a portfolio of training, continuing education and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of _____________, is a Priest of _____________ 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) Such a testimonial shall be called Letters Dimissory. If the Ecclesiastical Authority accepts the Letters Dimissory, the canonical residence of the Priest transferred shall date from such acceptance, and prompt notice of acceptance shall be given to the applicant and to the Ecclesiastical Authority issuing the Letters Dimissory.

(c) Letters Dimissory not presented within six months of their date of receipt by the applicant shall become void.

(d) If a Priest has been called to a Cure in a congregation in another Diocese, the Priest shall present Letters Dimissory. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall accept Letters Dimissory within three months of their
receipt unless the Bishop or Standing Committee has received credible information concerning the character or behavior of the Priest concerned which would form grounds for canonical inquiry and presentment. In such a case, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident and need not accept the Letters Dimissory unless and until the Priest shall be exculpated. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall not refuse to accept Letters Dimissory based on the applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age.

d) A Priest shall not be in charge of any congregation in the Diocese to which the person moves until obtaining from the Ecclesiastical Authority of that Diocese a certificate in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Priest in good standing.

(Date) __________ (Signed) ___________________

(f) No person who has been refused ordination or reception as a Candidate in any Diocese, and is thereafter ordained in another Diocese, shall be transferred to the Diocese in which such refusal has occurred without the consent of its Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 5. Rectors and Priests-in-Charge and Their Duties

(a)

(1) The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall have full authority and responsibility for the conduct of the worship and the spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish, subject to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and the pastoral direction of the Bishop.

(2) For the purposes of the office and for the full and free discharge of all functions and duties pertaining thereto, the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall at all times be entitled to the use and control of the Church and Parish buildings together with all appurtenances and furniture, and to access to all records and registers maintained by or on behalf of the congregation.

(b)

(1) It shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to ensure all persons in their charge receive Instruction in the Holy Scriptures; in the subjects contained in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism; in the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church; and in the exercise of their ministry as baptized persons.

(2) It shall be the duty of Rectors or Priests-in-Charge to ensure that all persons in their charge are instructed concerning Christian stewardship, including:

   (i) reverence for the creation and the right use of God's gifts;
   (ii) generous and consistent offering of time, talent, and treasure for the mission and ministry of the Church at home and abroad;
(iii) the biblical standard of the tithe for financial stewardship; and
(iv) the responsibility of all persons to make a will as prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer.

(3) It shall be the duty of Rectors or Priests-in-Charge to ensure that persons be prepared for Baptism. Before baptizing infants or children, Rectors or Priests-in-Charge shall ensure that sponsors be prepared by instructing both the parents and the Godparents concerning the significance of Holy Baptism, the responsibilities of parents and Godparents for the Christian training of the baptized child, and how these obligations may properly be discharged.

(4) It shall be the duty of Rectors or Priests-in-Charge to encourage and ensure the preparation of persons for Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and to be ready to present them to the Bishop with a list of their names.

(5) On notice being received of the Bishop's intention to visit any congregation, the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall announce the fact to the congregation. At every visitation it shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge and the Wardens, Vestry or other officers, to exhibit to the Bishop the Parish Register and to give information as to the state of the congregation, spiritual and temporal, in such categories as the Bishop shall have previously requested in writing.

(6) The Alms and Contributions, not otherwise specifically designated, at the Administration of the Holy Communion on one Sunday in each calendar month, and other offerings for the poor, shall be deposited with the Rector or Priest-in-Charge or with such Church officer as the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall appoint to be applied to such pious and charitable uses as the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall determine. When a Parish is without a Rector or Priest-in-Charge, the Vestry shall designate a member of the Parish to fulfill this function.

(7) Whenever the House of Bishops shall publish a Pastoral Letter, it shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to read it to the congregation on some occasion of public worship on a Lord's Day, or to cause copies of the same to be distributed to the members of the congregation, not later than thirty days after receipt.

(8) Whenever the House of Bishops shall adopt a Position Paper, and require communication of the content of the Paper to the membership of the Church, the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall so communicate the Paper in the manner set forth in the preceding section of this Canon.

(c)

(1) It shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to record in the Parish Register all Baptisms, Confirmations (including the canonical equivalents in Canon I.17.1(d)), Marriages and Burials.
(2) The registry of each Baptism shall be signed by the officiating Member of the Clergy.

(3) The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall record in the Parish Register all persons who have received Holy Baptism, all communicants, all persons who have received Confirmation (including the canonical equivalents in Canon I.17.1(d)), all persons who have died, and all persons who have been received or removed by letter of transfer. The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall also designate in the Parish Register the names of (1) those persons whose domicile is unknown, (2) those persons whose domicile is known but are inactive, and (3) those families and persons who are active within the congregation. The Parish Register shall remain with the congregation at all times.

Sec. 6. Licenses

(a) No Priest shall preach, minister the Sacraments, or hold any public service, within the limits of any Diocese other than the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident for more than two months without a license from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest desires to so officiate. No Priest shall be denied such a license on account of the Priest's race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age, except as otherwise provided in these Canons. Upon expiration or withdrawal of a license, a priest shall cease immediately to officiate.

(b) No Priest shall preach, read prayers in public worship, or perform any similar function, in a congregation without the consent of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge of that congregation, except as follows:

(1) In the absence or impairment of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, and if provision has not been made for the stated services of the congregation or other community of faith, a Warden may give such consent.

(2) If there be two or more congregations or Churches in one Cure, as provided by Canon I.13.3(b), consent may be given by the majority of the Priests-in-Charge of such congregations, or by the Bishop; Provided, that nothing in this Section shall prevent any Member of the Clergy of this Church from officiating, with the consent of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, in the Church or place of public worship used by the congregation of the consenting Rector or Priest-in-Charge, or in private for members of the congregation; or in the absence of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, with the consent of the Wardens or Trustees of the congregation; Provided further, that the license of the Ecclesiastical Authority provided in Canon III.9.5(a), if required, be obtained.

(3) This Canon shall not apply to any Church, Chapel, or Oratory, which is part of the premises of an incorporated institution created by legislative authority, Provided that such place of worship is designated and set apart
for the convenience and use of such institution, and not as a place for
public or parochial worship. (c) No Rector or Priest-in-Charge of any congregation of this Church, or if
there be none, no Wardens, Members of the Vestry, or Trustees of any
congregation, shall permit any person to officiate in the congregation
without sufficient evidence that such person is duly licensed and ordained
and in good standing in this Church; Provided, nothing in these Canons
shall prevent:

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

(2) The Bishop of any Diocese from giving permission

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

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

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

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

(d) If any Member of the Clergy or Priest-in-Charge, as a result of
impairment or any other cause, shall neglect to perform regular services in
the congregation, and refuse, without good cause, to consent to any other
duly qualified Member of the Clergy to perform such services, the Wardens,
Vestry, or Trustees of the congregation shall, upon providing evidence to
the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of such neglect or refusal and
with the written consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority, have the authority
to permit any duly qualified Member of the Clergy to officiate.

(e) Any Priest desiring to officiate temporarily outside the jurisdiction of this
Church but in a Church in communion with this Church, shall obtain from
the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the person is canonically
resident, a testimonial which shall set forth the person's official standing,
and which may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be permitted
to officiate temporarily in churches not under the jurisdiction of The Episcopal
Church, yet in communion with this Church, is a Priest of __________ in good standing, and as such is entitled to the rights and privileges of that Order. (Date) __________ (Signed) ___________________

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

Sec. 7. Resignation
On reaching the age of seventy-two years, a Priest shall resign from all positions of 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; Provided,

(a) tenure in the position shall be for a term of not more than twelve months, which term may be renewed from time to time,
(b) service in the position shall have the express approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the service is to be performed, acting in consultation with the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.
(c) Anything in this Canon to the contrary notwithstanding, a Priest who has served in a non-stipendiary capacity in a position before resignation may, at the Bishop's request, serve in the same position for a term not to exceed twelve months thereafter, and this term may be renewed.

Sec. 8. Renunciation of the Ordained Ministry
If any Priest of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Priest is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed therefrom, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provision of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Priest's moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Priest is released from the obligations of the Ministerial office, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God's Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person's moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.

Sec. 9. A Priest who would be permitted under this Canon to renounce the exercise of ordained office, who desires to enter into other than ecclesiastical employment, may declare in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the
Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident a desire to be released from the obligations of the office and a desire to be released from the exercise of the office of Priest. Upon receipt of such declaration, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall proceed in the same manner as if the declaration was one of renunciation of the ordained Priesthood under this Canon.

Sec. 10. If a Priest making the aforesaid declaration of renunciation of the ordained Ministry be under Presentment for any Offense, or shall have been placed on Trial for the same, the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom such declaration is made shall not consider or act upon such declaration until after the said Presentment shall have been dismissed or the said Trial shall have been concluded and the Priest judged not to have committed an Offense.

Sec. 11. In the case of the renunciation of the ordained Ministry by a Priest as provided in this Canon, a declaration of 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 removed is canonically resident. The Bishop who pronounces the declaration of removal as provided in this Canon shall give notice thereof in writing to every Member of the Clergy, each Vestry, the Secretary of the Convention and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Priest was canonically resident; and to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Presiding Bishop, the Recorder of Ordinations, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the House of Deputies, The Church Pension Fund, and the Board for Church Deployment.

Sec. 12. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation
When the pastoral relationship in a parish between a Rector and the Vestry or Congregation is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a majority vote of the Vestry or the Rector, either party may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances for that purpose by the Ecclesiastical Authority, which may include the appointment of a consultant. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall labor in good faith that the parties may be reconciled. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it shall request the Bishop of a neighboring Diocese to perform the duties of the Ecclesiastical Authority under this Canon.

Sec. 13. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation
Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector canonically or lawfully elected and in charge of a Parish be removed therefrom by the Vestry against the Rector’s will, except as hereinafter provided.
Sec. 14. If for any urgent reason a Rector or Vestry desires a dissolution of the pastoral relation, and the parties cannot agree, either party may give notice in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties of the Bishop under this Canon.

Sec. 15. Within sixty days of receipt of the written notice the Bishop, as chief pastor of the Diocese, shall mediate the differences between Rector and Vestry in every informal way which the Bishop deems proper and may appoint a committee of at least one Presbyter and one Lay Person, none of whom may be members of the Parish involved, to make a report to the Bishop.

Sec. 16. If the differences between the parties are not resolved after completion of the mediation, the Bishop shall proceed as follows:

(a) The Bishop shall give notice to the Rector and Vestry that a godly judgment will be rendered in the matter after consultation with the Standing Committee and that either party has the right within ten days to request in writing an opportunity to confer with the Standing Committee before it consults with the Bishop.

(b) If a timely request is made, the President of the Standing Committee shall set a date for the conference, which shall be held within thirty days.

(c) At the conference each party shall be entitled to representation and to present its position fully.

(d) Within thirty days after the conference or after the Bishop’s notice if no conference is requested, the Bishop shall confer with and receive the recommendation of the Standing Committee; thereafter the Bishop, as final arbiter and judge, shall render a godly judgment.

(e) Upon the request of either party the Bishop shall explain the reasons for the judgment. If the explanation is in writing, copies shall be delivered to both parties.

(f) If the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Rector and the Vestry.

(g) If the relation is to be dissolved:

1. The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.

2. The judgment shall include such terms and conditions including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop just and compassionate.

Sec. 17. In either event the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

Sec. 18. In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may impose such penalties as may be set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and in default of any provisions for such penalties therein, the Bishop may act as follows:
(a) In the case of a Rector, suspend the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.
(b) In the case of a Vestry, invoke any available sanctions including recommending to the Convention of the Diocese that the Parish be placed under the supervision of the Bishop as a Mission until it has complied with the judgment.

Sec. 19. For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this Canon, provided that all be done to expedite these proceedings. All parties shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

Sec. 20.
(a) Statements made during the course of proceedings under this Canon are not discoverable nor admissible in any proceedings under Title IV provided that this does not require the exclusion of evidence in any proceeding under the Canons which is otherwise discoverable and admissible.
(b) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made by the Vestry against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary proceeding under Canon IV.1, all proceedings under this Canon with respect to such charge shall be suspended until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.

Sec. 21. Sections 13-20 of this Canon shall not apply in any Diocese which has made a provision on this subject in its Canons which is consistent with this Canon.

CANON 10: Of Reception of Clergy from other Churches

Sec. 1. Prior to reception or ordination, the following must be provided
(a) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee, and
(b) medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. If the medical examination, psychological examination, or background check have taken place more than thirty-six months prior to reception or ordination they must be updated.
(c) evidence of training regarding
   (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
   (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
   (3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
   (4) training regarding the Church’s teaching on racism.
(d) Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.
(e) Prior to reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide the
clergy person an opportunity for guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

Sec. 2. Clergy Ordained by Bishops of Churches in Communion with This Church

(a) A Member of the Clergy, ordained by a Bishop of another Church in communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign land by Bishops of this Church under Article III of the Constitution, shall, before being permitted to officiate in any Congregation of this Church, exhibit to the Member of the Clergy in charge, or, if there be no Member of the Clergy in charge, to the Vestry thereof, a certificate of recent date, signed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese that the person’s letters of Holy Orders and other credentials are valid and authentic, and given by a Bishop in communion with this Church, and whose authority is acknowledged by this Church; and also that the person has exhibited to the Ecclesiastical Authority satisfactory evidence of (i) moral and godly character and of (ii) theological qualifications.

(2) Before being permitted to take charge of any Congregation, or being received into any Diocese of this Church as a Member of its Clergy, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall receive Letters Dimissory or equivalent credentials under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese the person has been last connected, which letters or credentials shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof. Before receiving the Member of the Clergy the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church, without recourse to any foreign jurisdiction, civil or ecclesiastical; and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the Bishop’s presence, and in the presence of two or more Presbyters, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution. The Bishop and at least one Presbyter shall examine the person as to knowledge of the history of this Church, its worship and government. The Bishop also being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications, may then receive the person into the Diocese as a Member of the Clergy of this Church.

(3) The provisions of this Section shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy identified in of churches in the historic Episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:

(a) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,
(b) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(c) the Philippine Independent Church, and
(d) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar
(e) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
(b) A Member of the Clergy who is a Deacon shall not be ordered Priest until having resided within the jurisdiction of this Church at least one year and all the requirements for ordination to the Priesthood as required by Canon III.8 have been satisfied.

(c) Following reception each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide the clergy person an opportunity for guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

Sec. 3. Clergy Ordained by Bishops in Churches in the Historic Succession but Not in Communion with This Church

(a) When a Priest or Deacon ordained in a Church by a Bishop in the Historic Succession but not in communion with this Church, the regularity of whose ordination is approved by the Presiding Bishop as permitted by I.16.3, desires to be received as a Member of the Clergy in this Church, the person shall apply in writing to a Bishop, attaching the following:

1. Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
2. Evidence of previous Ministry and that all other credentials are valid and authentic.
3. Evidence of moral and godly character; and that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of Holy Orders in this Church.
4. Transcripts of all academic and theological studies.
5. A certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the Communion to which the person has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to admit the person to Holy Orders in this Church.
6. Certificates in the forms provided in Canon III.8.6 and III.8.7 from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church.
7. A statement of the reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church.

(b) The provisions of Canon III.8.5(a) shall be applicable.

(c) If the person has exercised a ministry in the previous Church with good repute and success and if the person furnishes evidence of satisfactory theological training in the previous Church, then the applicant shall be examined by the Commission and show proficiency in the following subjects:

1. Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church.
(2) Doctrine: the Church's teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.

(3) Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer.

(4) Practical Theology:
   (i) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.
   (ii) The conduct of public worship.
   (iii) The Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident.
   (iv) The use of voice in reading and speaking.

(5) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file for at least three years.

(d) The Commission may, with the consent of the Bishop, and with notice to the applicant, examine the latter in any other subject required by Canon III.6.3 or III.8.4.

(e) Prior to being examined pursuant to Sec. 3(c) of this Canon, the applicant shall have received certificates from the Bishop and from the Standing Committee that the applicant is acceptable as a Member of the Clergy of this Church, subject to the successful completion of the examination.

(f) Before the person may be ordained or received into Holy Orders in this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things, to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction or foreign civil jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the presence of the Bishop and two or more Presbyters the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(g) Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications and successful completion of the examination specified in Sec.3(c) of this Canon and soundness in the faith, shall:
   (1) Receive, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the person into this Church in the Orders to which already ordained by a Bishop in the historic succession; or
   (2) Confirm and make the person a Deacon and, no sooner than four months thereafter, ordain as Priest, if the person has not received such ordination; or
   (3) Ordain as a Deacon and no sooner than six months thereafter, ordain the person a Priest conditionally (having baptized and confirmed the person conditionally if necessary) if ordained by a Bishop whose authority to convey such orders has not been recognized by this Church.

(h) In the case of an ordination under this Canon, the Bishop shall, at the time of such ordination, read this preface to the Service:
The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese is satisfied that A.B. accepts the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church and now desires to be ordained a Deacon (or ordained a Priest) in this Church. We are about to confer upon A.B. the grace and authority of Holy Orders as this Church has received them and requires them for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

The certificates of ordination in such cases shall contain the words: Acknowledging the ministry which A.B. has already received and hereby adding to that commission the grace and authority of Holy Orders as understood and required by this Church for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

(i) In the case of a conditional ordination pursuant to this Canon, the Bishop shall at the time of such ordination, read this preface to the service:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese has been satisfied that A.B., who has been ordained by a Bishop whose authority has not been recognized by this Church, accepts the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and now desires conditional ordination. By this service of ordination, we propose to establish that A.B. is qualified to exercise the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

(j) No one shall be ordained or received as a Deacon or Priest until age twenty-four.

(k) A Deacon received under this Canon, desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood must satisfy all the requirements for ordination as set forth in Canon III.8.

(l) No one shall be received or ordained under this Canon less than twelve months from the date of having become a confirmed communicant of this Church.

(m) Following reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

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

(a) If a person ordained or licensed by other than a Bishop in the Historic Succession to minister in a Church not in communion with this Church desires to be ordained,

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

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

(i) Whether the applicant has served in the previous Church with diligence and good reputation and has stated the causes which have
impelled the applicant to leave the body and seek ordination in this 
Church,
(ii) The nature and extent of the applicant's education and theological 
training,
(iii) The preparations necessary for ordination to the Order(s) to which 
the applicant feels called;
(3) The provisions of Canon III.5, 6, and 8 shall be followed except that 
the minimum period of Candidacy need not apply, if the Bishop and the 
Standing Committee at the recommendation of the Commission judge 
the Candidate to be ready for ordination to the Diaconate earlier than 
twelve months; the applicant shall be examined by the Commission and 
show proficiency in the following subjects:
   (i) Church History: the history of the Anglican Church and The 
       Episcopal Church in the United States of America,
   (ii) Doctrine: the Church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in 
       An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism;
   (iii) Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the 
       contents of the Book of Common Prayer;
   (iv) Practical Theology:
       (a) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church,
       (b) The conduct of public worship,
       (c) The Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of 
           the Diocese in which the applicant is resident,
       (d) The use of voice in reading and speaking;
   (v) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which 
       the Church from which the applicant has come differs from this Church. 
       This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, 
       by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file for at least 
       three years.
(4) If all the requirements of this Canon have been fulfilled, the Bishop 
may ordain the Candidate a Deacon, but may do so no sooner than twelve 
months after the Candidate became a confirmed communicant of this 
Church. No sooner than six months thereafter, the Candidate may be 
ordained a Priest at the Bishop’s discretion. At the time of such ordination 
the Bishop shall read this preface following the signing of the declaration 
of conformity:
The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese is satisfied that A.B. accepts the 
Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church and now desires to be 
ordained a Deacon (or ordained a Priest) in this Church. We are about to confer 
upon A.B. the grace and authority of Holy Orders as this Church has received 
them and requires them for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a 
Priest).

In such cases, the ordination certificate shall contain the words:
Acknowledging the ministry which A.B. has already received and hereby adding to that commission the grace and authority of Holy Orders as understood and required by this Church for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

(5) Following reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide the clergy person an opportunity for guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in The Episcopal Church.

CANON 11: Of the Ordination of Bishops
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
The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3 or 4.

(c) The Secretary of the body electing a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan, shall inform the Presiding Bishop promptly of the name of the person elected. It shall be the duty of the Bishop-elect to notify the Presiding Bishop of acceptance or declination of the election, at the same time as the Bishop-elect notifies the electing Diocese.

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

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan Bishop, for the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese to elect a successor; Provided, that if the Convention is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during the regular session. The proceedings incident to reparation for the ordination of the successor shall be as provided in this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the ordination to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

Sec. 3.

(a) When a Diocese desires the ordination of a Bishop-elect, if the date of the election occurs within one hundred twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee of the Diocese shall, by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies evidence of the election of the Bishop-elect by the Convention of the Diocese, together with evidence that the Bishop-elect has been duly ordered Deacon and Priest, evidence of acceptance of election, and a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention, and a summary of biographical information relating to the Bishop-elect; in the following words:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) __________________

The Secretary of the Convention shall certify upon this testimonial that it has been signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention.
(b) The Standing Committee shall also forward to the Secretary of the General Convention, with the testimonial and other documents, certificates from a licensed medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority with the approval of the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund shall be used for this purpose.

(c) The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall present the testimonials to the House, and if the House consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, notice of its consent, certified by the President and the Secretary of the House, together with the testimonials, shall be sent to the House of Bishops.

(d) If a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

Sec. 4.

(a) If the date of the election of a Bishop occurs more than one hundred and twenty days before the meeting of the General Convention, The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement that evidence of the Bishop-elect’s having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest as to the Bishop-elect’s medical, psychological and psychiatric examination required in Sec. 3(b) of this Canon have been received and that a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention must also be delivered in the following form:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) _______________

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop’s receipt of the
certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (b) of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary documents described in Sec. 3(a) of this Canon, to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consents to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

(b) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of ____________, and having been duly convened at ______________, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of _________ in the year of our Lord _________.

(Signed) ____________

Sec. 5. In case a majority of all the Standing Committees of the Dioceses do not consent to the ordination of the Bishop-elect within one hundred and twenty days from the date of the notification of the election by the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected, or in case a majority of all the Bishops exercising jurisdiction do not consent within one hundred and twenty days from the date of notification to them by the Presiding Bishop of the election, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the election null and void and shall give notice to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected and to the Bishop-elect. The Convention of the Diocese may then proceed to a new election.

Sec. 6. Upon receipt of the consents and assurance of the acceptance of the election by the Bishop-elect, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the ordination of the Bishop-elect either by the Presiding Bishop or the President of the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected is part, and two other Bishops of this Church, or by any
three Bishops to whom the Presiding Bishop may communicate the testimonials.

Sec. 7. In all particulars the service at the ordination of a Bishop shall be under the direction of the Bishop presiding at the ordination.

Sec. 8. No person shall be ordained Bishop unless the person shall at the time, and in the presence of the ordaining Bishops and congregation, subscribe to and make the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

Sec. 9.

(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 10% 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 of the Province in which the Diocese is located to investigate the complaint. 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. Within thirty 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) If the election has taken place within one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the report shall be sent with the evidence of election and testimonials as provided in Section 3(a) of this Canon.

(c) If the election has taken place more than one hundred and twenty days before the meeting of the General Convention, 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.

Sec. 10. Other Bishops

(a) Bishops Coadjutor

(1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop in order to provide for orderly transition, the diocese may elect a Bishop Coadjutor who shall have the right of succession. The consent of a majority of the Bishops
exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained. The election will be in accordance with this Canon.

(2) Before an election of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Diocesan shall read, or cause to be read, to the Convention the Bishop's written consent to the election. The consent shall state the duties to be assigned to the Bishop Coadjutor when ordained. The consent shall form part of the proceedings of the Convention. The duties assigned by the Diocesan Bishop to the Bishop Coadjutor may be enlarged by mutual consent.

(3) In the case of the inability of the Bishop Diocesan to issue the required consent, the Standing Committee of the Diocese may request the Convention to act without the consent. The request shall be accompanied by a certificate by at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists as to the inability of the Diocesan Bishop to issue the written consent.

(4) When a Diocese desires the ordination of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Standing Committee shall forward to the Presiding Bishop, in addition to the evidence and testimonials required by Canon III.10, a certificate of the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the Convention that every requirement of this Section has been complied with.

(5) There shall be only one Bishop Coadjutor in any Diocese.

(b) Bishops Suffragan

(1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop due to the extent of diocesan work, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Suffragan in accordance with this Canon.

(2) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.

(3)

(i) A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.

(ii) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.

(4) The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.

(5) No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge of a Parish or Congregation.

(c) Missionary Bishops

(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

(2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election be made on its behalf by the Synod of
the Province, or the House of Bishops of the Province subject to confirmation of the Provincial Council, or the Regional Council of Churches in communion with this Church of which the Diocese is a member. A Certificate of the Election, signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Synod or Provincial House of Bishops, or Regional Council, and a testimonial in the form required in Canon III.11, signed by a constitutional majority of the Synod, Provincial House of Bishops or Regional council, shall be transmitted by its presiding officer to the Standing Committee of the Missionary Diocese on whose behalf such election was made. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11, the above Certification of Election and Testimonial serving in lieu of evidence of election and testimonial therein required.

(3) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election may be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops. Such choice shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses. The medical certificate as required in Canon III.11 shall also be required of Missionary Bishops-elect.

(i) When the House of Bishops is to elect a Bishop for a Missionary Diocese within a given Province, the President of the Province may convene the Synod of the Province prior to the meeting of the House of Bishops at which a Bishop for such Missionary Diocese is to be elected. The Synod of the Province may thereupon nominate not exceeding three persons to the House of Bishops for that office. It shall be the duty of the President of the Province to transmit such nominations, if any be made, to the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, communicate the same to the Bishops, along with other nominations that have been made, in accordance with the Rules of Order of the House. Each Province containing a Missionary Diocese shall, by Ordinance, provide the manner of convening the Synod and making such nomination.

(ii) The evidence of such choice shall be a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding in the House of Bishops and by its Secretary, with a testimonial, or certified copy thereof, signed by a majority of the Bishops of the House, in the form required in Canon III.11, which shall be sent to the Presiding Officer of the House of Deputies, or the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses.

(iii) When the Presiding Bishop shall have received a certificate signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of a majority of the Standing Committees, that the election has been approved, and shall have received notice of the acceptance by the Bishop-elect of the election, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the consecration of the said
Bishop-elect either by the Presiding Bishop and two other Bishops of this Church, or by three Bishops of this Church to whom the Presiding Bishop may communicate the certificates and testimonial.

(4) When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan; a Missionary Bishop of this Church, if such election shall have taken place within one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, evidence thereof shall be laid before each House of the General Convention, and the concurrence of each House, and its express consent, shall be necessary to the validity of said election, and shall complete the same, so that the Bishop thus elected shall be thereafter the Bishop of the Diocese which has elected such Bishop.

(5) If the election of the Missionary Bishop has taken place more than one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the report shall be sent with the evidence of election and testimonials as provided in Section 3(a) of this Canon.

(6) If the election of the Missionary Bishop has taken place more than one hundred twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese within the United States. This notice shall state what Bishops and which Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the House of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop so elected.

(6) The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.

(7) In the event of a vacancy in the episcopate of a Missionary Diocese, on account of death, resignation, or other cause, the Standing Committee shall become the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until the vacancy is filled.

CANON 12: Of the Life and Work of a Bishop
Sec. 1. Formation
Following election and continuing for three years following ordination, new Bishops shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of
Sec. 2. Continuing Education
The House of Bishops shall require and provide for the continuing education of Bishops and shall keep a record of such education.

Sec. 3. Duties
(a) Each Bishop Diocesan shall visit the Congregations within the Diocese at least once in three years. Interim visits may be delegated to another Bishop of this Church.

(1) At every such visitation the visiting Bishop shall preside at the Holy Eucharist and at the Initiatory Rites, as required, preach the Word, examine the records of the Congregation required by Canon III.9, and examine the life and ministry of the Clergy and Congregation according to Canon III.9.

(2) If no visitation has occurred in a congregation for three years, the Bishop Diocesan or the Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry or comparable body may apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint five Bishops Diocesan who live nearest to the Diocese in which such Congregation is situated as a Council of Conciliation. The Council shall determine all matters of difference between the parties, and each party shall conform to the decision of the Council. Provided, that, in case of any subsequent trial of either party for failure to conform to the decision, any right of the Accused under the Constitutions and Canons of this Church or the Diocese holding the trial may be pleaded and established as a sufficient defense, notwithstanding the former decision; and Provided, further, that, in any case, the Bishop may at any time apply for such Council of Conciliation.

(b) The Bishop Diocesan may deliver, from time to time, a Charge to the Clergy of the Diocese and a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese on points of doctrine, discipline, or worship. The Bishop may require the Clergy to read the Pastoral Letter to their Congregations.

(c) Each Bishop shall keep a record of all official acts, which record shall be the property of the Diocese and shall be transmitted to the Bishop’s successor.

(d) At each Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention the Bishop Diocesan shall make a report of the State of the Diocese since the last Annual Meeting of the Convention; including the names of the Congregations visited; the number of persons confirmed and received; the names of those who have been admitted as Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, of those ordained, and of those suspended or deposed from Holy Orders; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and other matters the Bishop desires to present to the Convention; which statement shall be inserted in the Journal.
(e) No Bishop shall perform episcopal acts or officiate by preaching, ministering the Sacraments, or holding any public service in a Diocese other than that in which the Bishop is canonically resident, without permission or a license to perform occasional public services from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Bishop desires to officiate or perform episcopal acts.

Sec. 4. Residency

(1) Each Bishop serving in a Diocese shall reside in that Diocese.
(2) The Bishop Diocesan shall not be absent from the Diocese for a period of more than three consecutive months without the consent of the Convention or the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
(3) A Bishop Diocesan, whenever leaving the Diocese for six consecutive months, shall authorize in writing, under hand and seal, the Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof during the absence. The Bishop Coadjutor, or the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee may at any time become the Ecclesiastical Authority upon the written request of the Bishop and continue to act as such until the request is revoked by the Bishop Diocesan in writing.

Sec. 5. Assistant Bishops

(a) When a Diocese, in the opinion of its Bishop, requires additional episcopal services, the Bishop may, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, ask the Convention of the Diocese to approve the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and to authorize the Bishop to appoint a Bishop for the position, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and under such conditions as the Bishop may determine.

(b) An Assistant Bishop may be appointed from among the following:

(1) Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, or Bishops Suffragan, who under the Constitution and Canons of this Church would be eligible for election in that Diocese; Provided, that at the time of accepting any such appointment a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;

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

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

   (i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;
(ii) have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination of their appointment to the position of Assistant Bishop;

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

(iv) have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop making the appointment to submit in all things to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church; and thorough examination covering their medical,

(v) have submitted to and satisfactorily passed a psychological and psychiatric condition by recognized and licensed professionals appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with the approval of the Presiding Bishop. The forms for medical, psychological and psychiatric reports prepared by The Church Pension Fund shall be used for these purposes.

(4) Before the appointment of a Bishop who is not otherwise a member of the House of Bishops as an Assistant Bishop under the provisions of Secs. 4(b)(2) or 4(b)(3) of this Canon, the consent of the House of Bishops or, if the appointment is to be made more than three months prior to a meeting of the House of Bishops, the consent of a majority of Bishops exercising jurisdiction must be obtained.

(c) Before an Assistant Bishop so appointed begins service in this position, the Bishop of the Diocese shall give certified evidence of the appointment to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and shall transmit notice of the appointment to the Presiding Bishop and to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese.

(d) An Assistant Bishop shall serve at the discretion, and under the control and direction of, the Bishop Diocesan.

(e) No person may serve as an Assistant Bishop beyond the termination of the jurisdiction of the appointing Bishop or after attaining the age of seventy-two years.

Sec. 6. Missionary Bishops

(a) Any Bishop or Bishops elected and consecrated as a Missionary Bishop shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote in the House of Bishops, and shall be eligible for election to the office of Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan in any organized Diocese within the United States; Provided, that such Bishop shall not be so eligible within five years from the date of consecration, except to the office of Bishop of Diocese formed in whole or in part out of such Missionary Diocese.

(b) In the case of the permanent impairment of the Bishop of a Missionary Diocese, where the said Bishop shall not have submitted a resignation of jurisdiction, the Presiding Bishop shall, upon certification of the said
permanent impairment by at least three reputable physicians, declare the jurisdiction vacant.

(c) When the Bishop of a Missionary Diocese is unable, by reason of age or other permanent cause of impairment, fully to discharge the duties of office, a Bishop Coadjutor may be elected by the said Diocese, subject to the provisions of Canon III.11.

Sec. 7. Renunciation of the Ordained Ministry

(a) If any Bishop of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Presiding Bishop a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed therefrom, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Presiding Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the person’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, and with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council the Presiding Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Bishop is released from the obligations of all Ministerial offices, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God's Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordinations. The Presiding Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed.

(b) If a Bishop making the aforesaid declaration of the renunciation of the ordained Ministry be under Presentment for any canonical Offense, or shall have been placed on Trial for the same, the Presiding Bishop shall not consider or act upon such declaration until after the Presentment shall have been dismissed or the said Trial shall have been concluded and the Bishop judged not to have committed an Offense.

(c) In the case of such renunciation by a Bishop as provided in this Canon, a declaration of 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 is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident, to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Recorder, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the General Convention, The Church Pension Fund, and the Church Deployment Board.

Sec. 8. The Resignation or Incapacity of Bishops
(a) Each Bishop, upon attaining the age of seventy-two years, shall resign as required by Article II, Sec. 9 of the Constitution. The resignation shall be sent to the Presiding Bishop, who shall immediately communicate it to every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and shall declare the resignation accepted, effective at a designated date not later than three months from the date the resignation was tendered.

(b) The Presiding Bishop shall communicate to the resigning Bishop the acceptance of the resignation effective as of the date fixed. In the case of a Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor, the Presiding Bishop shall certify the resignation to the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned, and in the case of other Bishops, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese concerned. The Presiding Bishop shall also order the Secretary of the House of Bishops to record the resignation, effective as of the date fixed, to be incorporated in the Journal of the House.

(c) If any Bishop, for any reason, fails to resign upon attaining the age of seventy-two years, as provided in Sec.6 of this Canon, the Presiding Bishop shall certify that fact to the House of Bishops. The House of Bishops shall then declare the Bishop’s position terminated, effective at a date not later than three months from the date of declaration; and shall order the Presiding Bishop’s certificate and its own declaration and action to be recorded in its Journal. The Presiding Bishop shall then pronounce the position terminated, effective as of the date fixed, and shall communicate the fact to the Bishop Diocesan and Standing Committee of each Diocese.

(d) Any Bishop who desires to resign shall send the resignation with the reasons therefore in writing to the Presiding Bishop at least thirty days before the date set for a meeting of the House of Bishops. The Presiding Bishop shall notify without delay every Bishop of this Church, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Bishop desiring to resign, in order that the Standing Committee may be heard on behalf of the Diocese, either in person or by correspondence, upon the subject. The House during its session shall accept or refuse the resignation by a majority of those present.

(e) If a resignation has been tendered more than three months before a meeting of the House of Bishops, the Presiding Bishop shall communicate it, together with any statement from the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned, to every Bishop of this Church. If a majority of the Bishops consents to the resignation, the Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify the resigning Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned of the acceptance of the resignation, effective as of the date fixed. The Presiding Bishop shall also order the Secretary of the House of Bishops to record the resignation, effective as of the date fixed, to be incorporated in the Journal of the House.

(f) At each meeting of the General Convention, the Presiding Bishop shall communicate to the House of Deputies, when in session, a list of the
resignations which have been accepted since the preceding meeting of the General Convention.

(g) A resigned Bishop shall be subject in all matters to the Constitution and Canons of this Church and to the authority of the General Convention.

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

(i) A resigned Bishop may, at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop resides, and upon presentation of Letters Dimissory from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop has had canonical residence most recently, be enrolled among the Clergy of the new Diocese, and become subject to its Constitution and Canons including being given a seat and vote in the Diocesan Convention, in accordance with its canonical provisions for qualification of clergy members.

(j) When a resigned Bishop accepts a pastoral charge or other ministerial post within a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall process the Letters Dimissory, and the resigned Bishop shall be enrolled among the Clergy of the Diocese and be given seat and vote in the Diocesan Convention in accordance with the canonical provisions of the Diocese for qualification of clergy members, and subject to the provisions of paragraph (o) of this section.

(k) A resigned Bishop may, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop resides, accept a pastoral charge in that Diocese, and, subject to the Diocese’s canonical provisions for the filling of vacancies, may accept election as the Rector of a Parish therein.

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

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

(n) Enrollment among the Clergy of, or acceptance of any position within, a Diocese shall not deprive a resigned Bishop of the seat and vote in the
House of Bishops to which the Bishop may be entitled under Article I, Sec. 2 of the Constitution.

(o) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to a resigned Bishop who continues to reside within the limits of the resigned Bishop’s former Diocese, except that the resigned Bishop shall not have the right to vote in the Diocesan Convention, unless the Canons of the Diocese specifically so provide.

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

(q) If it is certified to the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese by two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority, that the Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese is permanently unable, by reason of medical, psychological or psychiatric condition, to carry out the duties of Bishop Coadjutor, the Ecclesiastical Authority, upon the advice of three Bishops of three neighboring Dioceses, may declare that the right of succession of the Bishop Coadjutor is terminated and a new Bishop Coadjutor may then be elected as provided in Canon III.11.

CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops

Sec. 1. A Diocese without a Bishop may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop, who shall by that act be authorized to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese until a Bishop is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked.

Sec. 2. Any Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or of the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and exercise episcopal offices in that Diocese or any part of it. This invitation may include a letter of agreement, shall be for a stated period and may be revoked at any time.
Sec. 3. A Diocese, while under the provisional charge of a Bishop, shall not invite any other Bishop to visit and exercise episcopal acts or authority without the consent of the Bishop in charge.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Election of Executive Council
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #2 for Executive Council. One of two members was elected in the Clergy Order: The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas of Massachusetts for a six-year term. No members of the Lay Order were elected.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 9:21 p.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2006.
Appendix B

Day 8

Resolution A161 (Election of Bishops) Ruling of the Chair

As to the first paragraph, the Constitution and Canons set forth the requirements and limitations on who is eligible to be a bishop in this Church. Those requirements and limitations are found in Article II and in Canon III.16. The proposed language would have to be in the form of an amendment to the Constitution or Canons, or both, to prohibit the election of or consent to the consecration of persons living in a same-gender union.

As to the second paragraph, Article X of the Constitution provides that the authority of bishops to authorize special forms of worship is limited by the rubrics and the Canons. Nothing in the rubrics or Canons forbids a bishop from taking the action contemplated by the second paragraph; therefore, it would take an amendment of the rubrics or canons to do so.

And, third, having determined that any provision of the substitute resolution is out of order, the entire substitute is out of order. Accordingly, the substitute is out of order and the question before the House is the original resolution, A161.
NINTH DAY

Wednesday
June 21, 2006

MORNING SESSION

Joint Session–Windsor Report

The President called the Joint Session to order at 10:40 a.m.

The President called on Chaplain Baskerville-Burrows for prayer.

The President yielded the Chair to the Presiding Bishop.

The Presiding Bishop addressed the Joint Session and proposed a resolution to be considered by both Houses, starting with the House of Bishops. [See Appendix C].

The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session with prayer at 10:50 a.m.

Reconvene

The President called the House to order at 10:55 a.m.

Certification of Minutes

The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #8, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Eighth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #17 for the first session of the Ninth Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 60 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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

*HB Message #231:* D077 (Remembering Hurricanes Katrina and Rita) Adopted with amendment.

*HB Message #247:* B015 (Religious Rights for the Greek Orthodox Church in Turkey) Adopted with amendment.

*HB Message #251:* B034 (Rebuilding the Gulf Coast) Adopted. [Formerly the second half of Resolution D077.]

Announcements
The Secretary announced that the 76th General Convention is scheduled for July 7-18, 2009, in Anaheim, California.

Appointments by the President
The President announced the following appointments:

*Board of Archives*

*Clergy Order*

The Rev. Daniel Caballero, Milwaukee

*Lay Order*

Mr. Newland Smith, Chicago

Ms. Winnie Crapson, Kansas

The Hon. Byron Rushing, Massachusetts

Robert Royce, Esq., East Carolina

*Board of Church Deployment*

*Clergy Order*

The Rev. Canon C. Andrew Doyle, Texas

The Rev. Canon Jenny Vsrwynck, San Diego

*Lay Order*

Ms. Lindsay Ryland, Virginia

Canon Carter Echols, Newark
The President recognized those deputies 25 years-of-age and under.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved a Special Order for the fourth ballot for the election of members to the Executive Council to reduce the number of candidates to twice the number of vacancies in each order, based on votes received in the previous ballot.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

Ballot #3 for the Executive Council
Election Ballot #3 was taken for members of Executive Council, three lay persons for six-year terms and one clergy person for six-year terms.

Ballot #3 taken

Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #37 on a Special Order of Business To Ensure Action on Priority Matters and moved adoption.

Resolved, That the provisions of Rule 5(a)(v) be suspended and the following resolutions be considered at this time in the following order, after which the regular order of business be resumed:

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Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #177)

Appointments by the Presiding Bishop

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #22 on appointments to the Church Deployment Board by the Presiding Bishop and moved concurrence.

Board for Church Deployment
The Rt. Rev. Bruce Caldwell, Wyoming
The Rt. Rev. Michael Gene Smith, North Dakota

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #178)

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #24 on appointment to the Board of Archives by the Presiding Bishop and moved concurrence.

Board of Archives
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Joe G. Burnett, Nebraska

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #180)

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #23 on the nomination of the Rev. Dr. J. Robert Wright as Historiographer and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #179)

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #36 on Resolution D098 (To Refer Incompleted Resolutions to Interim Bodies) and moved adoption.

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Original Text of Resolution:

(D098)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That resolutions not finalized at the 75th General Convention be referred for information to an appropriate interim body at the discretion of the Secretary of General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #181)

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #16 on Resolution A153 (Proposed Title IV Revisions) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A153)

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention express its sincere and abiding appreciation and gratitude for the diligent, intensive, and dedicated work and leadership of the Task Force on Disciplinary Policies and Procedures (“Task Force I”) since 2001, in the research, drafting, listening, and communicating of and about its work to develop a comprehensive revision to Title IV of the Church Canons, so that our Canons on discipline reflect our ecclesiology and theology; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the principles and values expressed in Task Force I’s proposed new Canon IV.1:
By virtue of our Baptismal Covenant, all members of this Church are called to holiness of life and accountability to one another. The Church and each Diocese shall support their members in their life in Christ and shall hold one another accountable as provided in this Title.
And be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge that the work of Task Force I requires further work, reflection, and perfection; and be it further
Resolved, That Resolution A153 and the work of and documents from Task Force I be referred to a new Title IV Task Force (“Task Force II”) of twelve persons comprising: three members appointed by the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, three members appointed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, and six other members, to include three members of Task Force I, jointly appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop.
Task Force II shall be charged to complete and perfect this vital work, continuing the focus on the following critical goals, concerns, and values:

1. Reflect the values, ecclesiology, and theology of the Church;
2. Move Title IV towards a reconciliation model for all appropriate circumstances;
3. Encourage the prompt resolution of conflicts in the Church and the reconciliation of persons involved in those conflicts at the earliest appropriate time and the lowest appropriate level of the Church;
4. Consider the possible inclusion of certain Lay Persons in Title IV whose office or other leadership role makes inclusion appropriate, provided the treatment of their accountability and discipline is commensurate with their lay status, responsibilities, and commitments;
5. Maintain the historic pastoral role and canonical authority of Bishops; and
6. Respect the roles, rights, and integrity of those persons subject to Title IV, and of injured persons, communities, Parishes, Missions, Congregations, and the Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Task Force II meet during the next triennium, giving the Church due notice of its meetings; that it make available such periodic reports of its work as will best inform the Church of its activities; and that it make a final report, with a proposed Title IV revision along with explanatory and educational materials, to the 76th General Convention not later than January 1, 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #182)

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #18 on Resolution D059 (Child Care Facilities at General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D059)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangement be directed to make child care facilities available for the duration of the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the host Diocese be asked to provide volunteers to staff these facilities.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangement be directed to make age appropriate care and educational programs available for children birth to age twelve child care facilities available for the duration of the 76th General Convention and all future General Conventions; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses and provinces be encouraged to provide similar services for conventions and synod meetings.

Resolved, That the host Diocese be asked to provide volunteers to staff these facilities.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #183)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #18 on Resolution A155 (Length of General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A155)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention amend the number of meeting days for the meeting of the General Convention, as stated in GC Resolution 1988–A150, from ten (10) meeting days to eight (8) meeting days; and be it further
Resolved, That at the General Convention where a Presiding Bishop is elected, the meeting of General Convention would be nine (9) days.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention amend the number of meeting days for the meeting of the General Convention, as stated in GC Resolution 1988–A150, from ten (10) meeting days to eight (8) meeting days; and be it further
Resolved, That at the General Convention where a Presiding Bishop is elected, the meeting of General Convention may be nine (9) days.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A155 as amended.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #184)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #23 on Resolution A104 (Amend Canon I.1.2: Standing Commissions) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A104)

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2 (a) The General Convention by Canon may establish Standing Commissions, to study and draft policy proposals, make recommendations to the General Convention on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church. The Canon shall specify the size, composition and duties of each such Commission. Standing Commissions shall be composed of three (3) Bishops, three (3) Priests and/or Deacons of this Church and six (6) Lay Persons, who shall be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. Priests, Deacons and Lay Persons may but need not are not required to be members of the House of Deputies.

(b) The terms of all members of Standing Commissions shall be equal to the interval between the regular meeting of the General Convention preceding their appointment and the adjournment of the second succeeding regular meeting of the General Convention, and such terms shall be rotated so that, as near as may be, the term of one half of the members shall expire at the conclusion of each regular meeting of the General Convention. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Commission occurring in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Commission for good cause.

(c) The Presiding Bishop shall appoint the Episcopal members, and the President of the House of Deputies the Lay and other Clerical members, of such Commissions as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the General Convention, but not later than ninety (90) days following the close of General Convention. Episcopal members appointed after the adjournment of any General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is elected shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop-elect. Vacancies shall be filled in similar manner; provided, however, that vacancies occurring within one year of the next regular General Convention shall not be filled unless so requested by the Commission.

(d) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies may shall jointly appoint members of the Executive Council as liaison persons to provide for communication between the Executive Council and each Commission. Notice of such appointments shall be given to the Secretaries of both Houses. Such appointed liaison persons shall not be members of the Commission and shall have voice but not vote. The reasonable expenses thereof shall be provided for by the Executive Council. Each such Commission shall have a member of the Presiding Bishop’s staff appointed by the Presiding Bishop to assist in its work. Each such Commission shall have the power to constitute committees, from among members or non members of the Commission, and to request the...
services of Executive Council staff, and, subject to the Commission’s budget, engage the services of consultants and coordinators necessary to the carrying on of its work.

(e) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall be members ex officios of every Commission with the right, but no obligation, to attend meetings, and with seat and vote in the deliberations thereof, and shall receive their minutes and an annual report of their activities; Provided, that the said presiding officers may appoint personal representatives to attend any meeting in their stead, but without vote.

(f) The Executive Officer of the General Convention shall, not later than the month of January, one hundred and twenty (120) days following the meeting of the General Convention, notify the members of the respective Houses of their appointments upon Commissions and their duty to present Reports to the next Convention. One year prior to the opening day of the Convention, the Executive Officer of the General Convention shall remind the Chairs and Secretaries of all Commissions of this duty.

(g) Every Commission appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and when convened shall be organized by electing a chair, vice-chair and secretary. In the event that the Commission is not convened as above provided within six months from the date of adjournment of each Convention, one-third of the members may take such action as shall be necessary to convene the Commission. After the Commission shall have been convened, and its officers chosen, the Chair or, in the absence of the Chair or in the Chair’s inability or refusal to act, the Vice-Chair shall be empowered to call a meeting and fix the time and place and shall do so upon signed request of one-third of the members.

(h) It shall be the privilege of either House to refer to a Commission any matter related to the subject for which it was appointed; but neither House shall have the power, without the consent of the other, to instruct the Commission as to any particular line of action.

(i) It shall be the duty of each Commission to give appropriate notice in the Church press of issues before it and the time and place of meetings at which such issues are to be considered, together with instructions as to the manner in which members of the Church may address their views to such Commission.

(j) Every Commission shall prepare a Report, which, together with any minority Report, shall be sent, not later than 150 days prior to the opening day of each Convention, to the Executive Officer of the General Convention, who shall print and distribute the same, as far as practicable, to all members of said Convention.

(k) The Report of every Commission presented at the General Convention shall:

(1) Set forth the names of its original members, any changes in membership, the names of all those who concur in and all those who dissent from its recommendation, and shall further state, if less than a majority of its entire membership sign the Report, their authority for presenting it.

(2) Summarize the work of the Commission, including the various matters studied, the recommendations for action by the General Convention and drafts of
Resolutions proposed for adoption to implement the recommendations of the Commission.

(3) Include a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures, including moneys received from any source whatsoever, during the preceding interval since the last meeting of the General Convention, and if it recommends that it be continued, the estimated requirements for the ensuing interval until the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

(I) Every Commission, as a condition precedent to the presentation and reception of any Report in either House, in which such Commission proposes the adoption of any Resolution, shall, by vote, authorize a member or members of that House, who, if possible, shall be a member of the Commission, with such limitations as the Commission may impose, to accept or reject, on behalf of the Commission, any amendments proposed in such House to any such Resolution; Provided, however, that no such amendment may change the substance of the proposal, but shall be primarily for the purpose of correcting errors. The name of the member or members of the particular House upon whom such authority has been conferred, and the limitations of authority, shall be communicated in writing to the Presiding Officer of such House not later than the presentation of such Report in that House. The application of this Rule in either House may be suspended, in any particular case, by the majority vote of the members of such House.

(m) Every Commission whose Report requests expenditure out of the funds of the General Convention (except for the printing of the Report) shall present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance its written request, on or before the first business day of the session, and all Resolutions providing for any such expenditures shall be immediately referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance. No proposition involving such expenditures shall be considered unless so presented and until after report of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance.

(n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

(1) A Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns, consisting of 14 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop recommendations and strategies regarding common ministry opportunities and concerns with other Provinces of the Anglican Communion as to the work of this Church and the Anglican Communion on issues of international peace with justice and to make recommendations pertaining thereto to the Presiding Bishop, the Executive Council and the General Convention.

(2) A Standing Commission for Small Congregations, consisting of 10 members (3 Bishops, 2 Priests and/or Deacons, and 5 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to concern itself with plans for new directions for Small Congregations.
A Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, consisting of 12 members (3 Bishops, 3 Priests and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). The Standing Commission shall: It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; Provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the House of membership, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

(ii) Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons with respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and on the basis of such a review propose to the General Convention such technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such consistency and clarity without altering the substance of any Constitutional and Canonical provisions; Provided, however, that the Commission shall propose, for the consideration of the appropriate Legislative Committees of the two Houses, such amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are technically desirable but involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision.

(iii) On the basis of such review suggest to the Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society such amendments to their respective By-laws as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to conform the same to the Constitution and Canons.

(iv) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

(4) A Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism consisting of 16 members (2 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 8 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider major general policies, priorities and concerns as to the domestic mission of this Church. This shall include a review of the shaping of new patterns and directions for evangelism particularly in rural and metropolitan areas. The Commission shall develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies and strategies to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

(5) A Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations consisting of 18 members (6 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 6 Lay Persons). Its duties: It shall be the duty of the Commission to recommend to the General Convention a comprehensive and coordinated policy and strategy on relations between this Church and other Churches, and this Church and other religions, to make recommendations to General Convention concerning interchurch cooperation and
unity, and interreligious dialogue and action, and to carry out such instructions on ecumenical and interreligious matters as may be given it from time to time by the General Convention. It shall also nominate for appointment by the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, persons to serve on the governing bodies of ecumenical and interreligious organizations to which this Church belongs by action of the General Convention, who shall report to the Presiding Bishop, Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.

(6) A Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consisting of 16 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons and 8 Lay Persons). In addition, The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. The Standing Commission shall:

(i) Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.
(ii) Collect, collate and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.
(iii) Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or House of Bishops.
(iv) Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.
(v) Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.
(vi) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications regularly in use in this Church and encourage the composition of new musical materials.
(vii) Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.
(viii) At the direction of the General Convention, to serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and strategies concerning Church music.

(7) A Standing Commission on Ministry Development consisting of 24 members. Nine members shall be appointed on the nomination of the nine Provincial Presidents, one nomination from each Province. The remaining 15 shall include 3 bishops, 4 priests and/or deacons, provided that two shall be deacons, and 8 lay persons. It shall be the duty of the Commission:

(i) to recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention for the development, affirmation and exercise of the ministry of all the baptized;
(ii) to encourage and facilitate networks of individuals, institutions and agencies engaged in education, training, deployment and formation for ministry by all four orders;

(iii) to study the needs and trends of theological education for all four orders with this Church, including issues of recruitment, training, deployment, evaluation and continuing education; to make recommendation to the several seminaries, the Executive Council and the General Convention; and to aid the General Board of Examining Chaplains in the exercise of its function;

(iv) to discharge such other duties as shall be assigned by the General Convention.

(8) A Standing Commission on National Concerns consisting of 16 members (2 Bishops, 6 Priests and/or Deacons and 8 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider general policies, priorities and concerns about the theological, ethical and pastoral issues and strategies as to the ministries of this Church serving Christ, to strive for justice and peace among all peoples through the proclamation of the Gospel and to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies and strategies applicable to the same.

(9) A Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, consisting of 12 members (2 Bishops, 2 Priests and/or Deacons, and 8 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to hold up before the Church the responsibility of faithful stewardship of time, talent and treasure in grateful thanksgiving for God’s gifts. It shall recommend strategies for stewardship education throughout the Church with special sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic diversity of our Church. It shall recommend programs for long-range planning and development, ensuring that other Church bodies, including the Executive Council, are part of the process. It shall assure that there is an official, periodic gathering, interpretation, evaluation and reporting of stewardship from throughout the Church. It shall help coordinate all church-wide fund-raising activities.

(10) A Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church, consisting of 12 members (3 Bishops, 3 Presbyters and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of the Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees and Commissions to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee or Commission, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church for its consideration and advice.

(11) A Standing Commission on World Mission, consisting of 12 members (3 Bishops, 3 Priests or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons), whose members shall include persons broadly representative of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with and experience in world...
mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission, as to all mission outside the United States, to review and evaluate existing policies, priorities and strategies, and to promote partnership for global mission among the various groups within the church, to plan and propose policy on overseas mission, and to make recommendations pertaining to the Executive Council and the General Convention.

(12) A Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication consisting of 14 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to guide the policies, participate in the strategic planning, and share in the oversight of implementing a comprehensive communication strategy for The Episcopal Church.

(13) A Standing Commission on Health consisting of 11 members (3 Bishops, 3 Priests and/or Deacons, and 5 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Articulate and communicate positions adopted by The Episcopal Church on health care policy to Episcopalians, the public, and public policy makers;
(ii) Advocate, in cooperation with the Office of Government Relations, for a health care system in which all may be guaranteed decent and appropriate primary health care during their lives and as they approach death;
(iii) Bring together those within The Episcopal Church who develop, provide and/or teach health care and health policy to continue to develop a Christian approach to pressing issues that affect the health care system of this nation;
(iv) Understand and keep abreast of the rapidly changing health care market and developments in biomedical research that affect health policy;
(v) Collect and develop resources and teaching materials related to access to health care for the use of dioceses, congregations, and individuals;
(vi) Advocate health ministry in and through local Episcopal congregations; and
(vii) Discharge such other duties as shall be assigned by the General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That this amendment shall be effective immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That the transition in number of members on the Standing Commissions whose number of members is changed by this resolution shall be achieved as follows:

1. All persons currently serving on any Standing Commission shall continue to serve to the normal expiration of their terms.
2. The Presiding Bishop-Elect and the President of the House of Deputies shall, in accordance with the requirements of this resolution, appoint six (6) persons to each Standing Commission whose terms shall conclude at the end of the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
3. The President of the House of Deputies shall appoint one additional lay person to the Standing Commission for Small Congregations. This appointee’s term shall conclude at the end of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
4. The Presiding Bishop-Elect and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint six additional members to the Standing Commission on Health and to
any Standing Commissions created by the 75th General Convention. These appointees’ terms shall conclude at the end of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Restore original language of Canon I. 1.2(d).

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In subsection 2(a), delete the words “three (3) Priests and/or Deacons of this Church and six (6) lay persons” and add the words “three (3) Priests of this Church, one (1) Deacon of this Church and five (5) lay persons.”

Deputy Fox of Montana moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A104 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #185)

The President yielded the Chair to the Vice-President.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #13 on Resolution A154 (Regarding General Convention Resolutions) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A154)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission on Structure examine, for the purpose of improving the efficiency of General Convention, the timing of the filing of resolutions, the process by which resolutions are filed and communicated to the church, and the effect on Dispatch of Business and report and make recommendations to the 76th General Convention on its findings; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure consult with the Office of the General Convention, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons and the Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements in its examination.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of the General Convention to convey electronically to all bishops, deputies, and alternates all filed resolutions on a weekly basis beginning 60 days before the opening day of General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended to add a subsection (14), reading as follows:

Original Text of Resolution:

(A105)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended to add a subsection (14), reading as follows:

A Standing Commission on Youth and Christian Formation. It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for Youth and lifelong Christian formation.
And be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $48,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
A Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Youth and Christian Formation consisting of twelve members (3 Bishops, 3 Presbyters and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for children, youth, adults, and seniors for Youth and lifelong Christian formation.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $48,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #187)

Noonday Prayers

The Vice-President called on Chaplain Baskerville-Burrows for noonday prayers.

The Secretary read the Necrology. [See Appendix D].

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved a Special Order of Business to interrupt the current Special Order of Business to receive a message from the House of Bishops.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Bishops

The Secretary announced that the following message had been received from the House of Bishops.

HB Message #252: B033 (On Election of Bishops) Adopted.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved, under the Provisions of Rule 45, that Resolution B033 (On Election of Bishops) be brought to the floor without reference to a Committee.

Motion carried

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend House Rule 28 as it applies to on Reconsideration on Resolution B033.

Deputy Bradberry of Southern Virginia moved the previous question.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to suspend the rules.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved a Special Order of Business.

Resolved, That there be set at this time a Special Order of Business and of Debate for the purpose of considering Resolution B033 to be implemented immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That in the consideration of the same the following rules of debate shall be followed:

1. The Committee Chair shall have zero minutes to speak with respect to the report, and zero minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification;
2. The entire debate of the report thereafter shall be limited to 30 additional minutes;
3. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes and no speaker shall speak more than once on the same question;
4. The Chair shall recognize, to the extent practicable, speakers of opposite views in alternate succession;
5. No amendments or procedural motions shall be entertained during the first ten minutes of debate.
6. Debate may be terminated prior to the expiration of the 30 minute period, or any extension thereof, or extended only by two-thirds vote of the House.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted

Debate followed on Resolution B033.

At the invitation of the Vice-President, Presiding Bishop-elect Katharine Jefferts Schori addressed the House regarding the resolution.

Debate resumed.

Deputy Clark of Central Florida, on behalf of the lay and clergy deputations of South Carolina, Quincy, Fort Worth and Central Florida, called for a vote by orders on the perfected resolution. The Vice-President declared the motion in order.

Deputy Clark of Newark moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, after the words “the wider church” add the words “until General Convention 2009.”

Deputy Coyne of Western Massachusetts moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Vice-President called on Chaplain Baskerville-Burrows for prayer.

Ballot #8—Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution B033.

Ballot #8 taken by orders

The Secretary noted that more than two-thirds had been received on the prevailing side (the threshold set earlier in the Convention) and the results of the electronic ballot could be read. The Vice-President ruled that the Secretary would report the results of the electronic ballot.

Results of Ballot #8 Vote By Orders on Resolution B033
The Secretary read the electronic results of Ballot #8.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #190)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B033)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention receive and embrace The Windsor Report’s invitation to engage in a process of healing and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention therefore call upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the
consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.

The Vice-President called on Chaplain Baskerville-Burrows for prayer.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Election of Executive Council
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #3 for Executive Council. Three members were elected in the Lay Order for six-year terms: Mr. E. Bruce Garner of Atlanta, Ms. Betty Jo Harris of Hawaii, and Ms. Angela Helt of Oklahoma. One member in the Clergy Order was elected for a six-year term: The Rev. Winnie S. Varghese of New York.

Recess
The Vice-President recessed the House at 1:40 p.m. to reconvene at 2:45 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:52 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #18 for the second session of the Ninth Legislative Day. There were 425 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 422. There were 46 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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West Texas  John Badders  Nancy Coon
Western Massachusetts  Meredyth Ward  William Coyne

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

HB Message #185:  C026 (Amend Article II.2 & Canon III.16: Election of Bishops) Discharged, already acted on at this convention.
HB Message #253:  (Vice President, Secretary, and Registrar of the House of Bishops) Adopted.
HB Message #254:  B032 (Separate and Independent Status) Adopted.
HB Message #256:  B007 (Amend Canon III.18.4) Adopted.
HB Message #258: D080 (Episcopal-Moravian Dialog) Concurred.
HB Message #259: A168 (Human Rights for “Homosexual Persons”) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #260: A159 (Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion) Concurred.
HB Message #261: A160 (Expression of Regret) Concurred.
HB Message #263: A047 (Amend Canon I.1.2(12)) Concurred.
HB Message #264: (Court of Review for the Trial of a Bishop, Unfulfilled Term) Adopted.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rule of the House and have the consent calendar voted as a block to adopt, concur, or discharge, as stated on the calendar.

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Consent Calendar
Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #10 on HB Message #157 on Resolution A042 (Church Planting Initiative) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #191)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A042)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention establish a Church Planting Initiative to raise funds for new congregations in the dioceses of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call every diocese of this Church to identify and document with projected costs and demographics including racial, ethnic, generational, and socioeconomic makeup of the targeted areas, prime opportunities for the development of new congregations including new college campus missions, and communicate this list of opportunities to the Office of Congregational Development by June 30, 2007; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Congregational Development be directed to assemble these reports by December 30, 2007, and convey to Executive Council, in its regular report a comprehensive list of opportunities for new church and campus ministry development and projected costs, and to
communicate this list through electronic and print media to the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That upon receipt of the comprehensive report for New Church Development the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council implement a major gifts campaign to fund the Church Planting Initiative; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Congregational Development in cooperation with the Ethnic Ministries offices, especially the Hispanic Ministries Office, lead and support the Church Planting Initiative by: keeping the church abreast of best practices for church, campus mission and ministry planting; raising awareness of opportunities for starting new congregations, campus mission and ministries throughout the church; assisting individual dioceses in planning and developing a vision and a plan for this Initiative; developing tools for assessing candidates for new church development; and recommending matching grants for church planting; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church be a financial partner with dioceses by providing matching grants to dioceses for church planting; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider the Church Planting Initiative budget for development staff to identify and nurture new sources of revenue in the grants, gifts, endowments and/or capital fund drives be increased from $75,000 to $475,000 during each year of the 2007–2009 triennium.

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #7 on Resolution C004 (Response to Windsor Report) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #193)

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #8 on Resolution C014 (Response to Windsor Report) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #197)
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #9 on Resolution C038 (The Windsor Report and the Anglican Communion) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**
**Committee discharged**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #198)

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #10 on Resolution C042 (Affirm Windsor Report) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**
**Committee discharged**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #199)

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #12 on Resolution D029 (Call for Listening and Respect) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**
**Committee discharged**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #200)

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #13 on Resolution D032 (Response to the Anglican Communion) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**
**Committee discharged**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #201)

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #14 on Resolution D081 (St. Bartholomew’s-Atlanta Memorial Resolution for General Convention) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**
**Committee discharged**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #202)

*(End of Consent Calendar)*

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to Suspend the Rule to add items to the Special Order of Business.

**Motion carried**
**Rule suspended**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business returned the House to consideration of priority items on the Special Order of Business.

**National and International Concerns**

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #29 on HB Message #250 on Resolution B018 (Comprehensive Children’s Policy) and moved concurrence.

*The House concurred*

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #192)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(B018)

*Resolved,* That the 75th General Convention urge Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level to work to ensure that governments provide adequate funding for programs that combat social and economic conditions that place children at risk or diminish children’s ability to achieve their full potential in the world; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention receive and endorse the National Council of Churches (NCC) comprehensive policy statement, entitled *The Church and Children: Vision and Goals for the 21st Century Policy.* The Episcopal Church is a member of the NCC whose governing body, the General Assembly, passed this statement on November 11, 2004 to ensure that all children have the opportunity to develop and flourish.

THE CHURCH AND CHILDREN: VISION AND GOALS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Policy Statement

As Christians, we are called to make a commitment to work together, as families, congregations, denominations and as an ecumenical community of member communions, to ensure that all children have the opportunity to develop and flourish. Therefore we, the member communions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, working with others in communities of faith and concern, strive to achieve the following Vision and Goals for Children.

**FAITH COMMUNITIES**

All children need to be part of nurturing communities where they are included as full members and participants in the common life of worship, prayer, witness and service. Therefore, we commit to:

- Ensure through leader development and assignment of resources that faith communities are places of joy, nurture and safety for children
- Nurture the spiritual life of children and teach them of the love, grace and fellowship of God
- Receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God
- Give high priority to the quality of planning for children and the preparation and support of those who minister with them
Foster community beyond the family unit, in which children, youth and adults know each other by name, minister to each other, and are partners together in serving Christ in the world. Appreciate children’s abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to God’s grace wherever that may be, and according to gifts given them, to carry on the faithful work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship, ministry of the community of faith and governance according to each communion’s distinctive polity.

FAMILY
All children have a right to be a part of loving and safe families. All segments of society share responsibility for supporting families in raising their children and future generations. Therefore, we commit to:
- Protect the dignity and value the diversity of every family
- Respect and preserve the child's bond and covenant with parents, family and community
- Ensure that families have the skills, knowledge and resources to develop, support and sustain loving homes
- Nurture families in recognizing and appreciating their children’s abilities and their gifts for ministry and in supporting their spiritual development
- Provide families resources and systems that enable them to balance the demands of parenting, work and education and make time for recreation
- Encourage parents to be active in their communities, in the democratic process, and in the promotion of the interests of children and families
- Encourage adoption as a healthy and appropriate means of securing for children a permanent family structure
- Be intentional in providing church and community support in those kinship care situations when children are being cared for by relatives other than their parents
- Encourage congregations to become caring partners with institutions and systems providing care for children, and engage in advocacy for children in those settings.

EDUCATION
All children have a right to quality public education that fosters their intellectual, social, emotional, physical, cultural and creative development. Therefore, we commit to:
- Respect and support family as the child’s first teacher, recognizing that learning begins at birth
- Value and invest in teachers as a key component of every child’s development
- Create an educational system that is a partnership of family, community, and school
- Respect and provide for each child’s differences and capacities to learn, recognizing the needs of those children with disabilities and with special gifts
- Ensure the availability of remedial education for children and their adult caregivers who need special help to be ready for further education and eventually to become employable
Support an equitable, fully-funded system that prepares every child for life-long learning
Ensure that every community provides safe, excellent, well-funded public schools for all their children
Develop the use of schools as community resources during and beyond school hours
Teach children to understand, respect, and celebrate diversity, multiple cultures and languages, and a global perspective

SAFETY
Every child has a right to live in a physically and emotionally safe environment that cultivates acceptance and peace and in which they are protected from the myriad of dangers confronting them. Therefore, we commit to:
- Provide child protection policies, safe church training and other resources that promote and ensure safe, non-violent family and community environments
- Promote legislation that eliminates children's access to handguns
- Teach and practice healthy conflict resolution in all segments of society
- Promote social justice through the elimination of prejudice and discrimination
- Promote non-violent, positive images and language that respect the dignity of every human being
- Advocate for reducing violence on TV, in movies, video games and on the Internet
- Ensure equal protection and due process of law for all children and youth in a system, which recognizes their differing capacities and promotes rehabilitation and learning.

ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
All children have a right to express and celebrate their souls and spirits through arts, culture and recreation. Children need to have open time to dream, play and create. Therefore, we commit to:
- Advocate for the integration of arts, culture and recreation into the core curriculum of education
- Provide access to a wide variety of affordable, quality arts, cultural and recreational programs for children of all ages
- Promote an increase in safe indoor and outdoor neighborhood recreational activities
- Create ongoing opportunities in congregations, schools, and before and after-school programs to discover, recover, preserve and celebrate traditions across cultures
- Ensure that museums, libraries, parks and diverse cultural resources are supported as vital parts of our communities.

ECONOMIC SECURITY
All children have a right to economic security and economic justice: meaning that all families have access to food, clothing, transportation and safe, affordable housing, and that all families have equal opportunities to provide these basic economic needs. Therefore, we commit to:
- Continue to strengthen the commitment to overcome poverty
- Promote family-friendly policies in the workplace
Actively pursue a just tax policy
Cultivate marketable job skills through providing congregational and community models of training and education
Provide accessible, affordable, high-quality child care
Promote corporate partnerships that strengthen communities
Provide economic security through government initiatives for the children whose parents cannot support them
Enhance access to jobs through sound policies for housing and transportation.

HEALTH
Every child and family has a right to guaranteed quality, comprehensive health care. All children deserve to live in a healthy environment that allows them to thrive. Therefore, we commit to:

Ensure quality pre-natal care is available for all
Focus on prevention as a key to preserving the health and well-being of children
Ensure that no children go hungry
Implement an effective health and nutrition education curriculum
Work for publicly funded, integrated, accessible and high quality mental health care
Develop partnerships for clean air, water, land and a healthy ecosystem.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #35 on HB Message #189 on Resolution D024 (Gender Equality for Women in The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #195)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D024)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse, ratify, and implement Resolution 13/31 adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council at its meeting in Nottingham, England in June 2005, stating that there should be equal participation of women and men on all decision-making bodies of the Anglican Consultative Council and that all Provinces of the Communion should work to achieve that goal; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge and encourage all provinces, dioceses, and congregations of The Episcopal Church to work toward the same goal of equal participation of women and men on all their decision-making committees, commissions, agencies, and boards; and be it further

Resolved, That a reporting mechanism be developed in order to record the achievement of such gender equality, reporting those achievements annually to the Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention.
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #13 on HB Message #155 on Resolution B002 (Response to Global Warming) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #194)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B002)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm that Global Warming threatens the future of God’s good creation, and the effects of Global Warming disproportionately hurt the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world; and be it further
Resolved, That Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level support efforts that seek to reduce Global Warming, including national and international legislation that increase the supply of clean energy and reduce consumption of fossil fuels; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention commend the Executive Council and particularly its Socially Responsible Investment Committee (SRI) for the work they are now doing with the Global Warming Shareholder Campaign (GWSC), and the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES) and the leadership they exercise as a member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR); and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge the Executive Council and its SRI to:
(a) use resources of The Episcopal Church, including its investments, to promote a sustainable global environment;
(b) seek by shareholder resolutions to change current policies and behaviors of those companies that are significant contributors to Global Warming, and if necessary, divest from those companies;
(c) call upon the expertise of Episcopalians who are closely connected with the GWSC to assist in this initiative;
(d) report the results of this initiative to Executive Council no later than its fall meeting in 2007.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #27 on HB Message #230 on Resolution D020 (End the War in Iraq) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #196)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D020)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the conclusion of the October 1, 2002 letter of the House of Bishops to members of Congress, stating that the conditions of the “Just War” tradition have not
been met in the national government’s decision to attack the nation of Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Congress and the President to immediately develop for implementation a plan for the stabilization of Iraq, to be followed by the prompt withdrawal of U.S. Armed Forces from Iraq, to provide for a transfer of peacekeeping functions to an international peacekeeping force, to work through international and Iraqi organizations in the reconstruction of Iraq’s civil and economic infrastructure, and for the full restoration of Iraqi sovereignty; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to acknowledge and confess that our government’s participation in the war in Iraq has resulted in individual and global injustices including passive acceptance of the loss of our military personnel, lack of support and care for those returning home, indifference to the loss of countless Iraqi citizens, silent response to atrocities, illegal confinement without representation or formal charges and torture; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to request the Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer to step-up dialogue with the Iraqi Muslim and Christian community to work toward nonviolent resolutions to conflict; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention, as a community of faith committed to reconciliation and nonviolence taught in the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, direct the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to encourage wide use of Christian formation materials that stress nonviolent methods to conflict resolution and change; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Standing Liturgical Commission to commission prayers and liturgies to be used in time of war, and that the General Convention call on Episcopalians to honor and support, through their prayers and actions, the armed service men and women who return home with injuries to body, mind, and spirit that they might be restored to wholeness of life and assisted in recovering from injury and trauma; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call on all Episcopalians to honor through their prayers and actions the men and women who conscientiously serve their country and especially those who have been killed and wounded; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call upon all Episcopalians as an act of penitence, to oppose and resist through advocacy, protest, and electoral action the continuation of the war in Iraq, and encourage the President and Congress to take proactive steps to end our participation as soon as possible.
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that it was time for the Special Order for election of members to the Joint Nominating Committee for Presiding Bishop.

Election for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop—Ballot #1
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Ballot #1 taken

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to Suspend the Special Order to allow the Committee on Social and Urban Affairs fifteen minutes for report prior to a vote on the resolutions.

Motion carried
Special Order suspended

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #11 on HB Message #134 on Resolution A123 (Slavery and Racial Reconciliation) and moved concurrence.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A123.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #203)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A123)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declare unequivocally that the institution of slavery in the United States and anywhere else in the world, based as it is on “ownership” of some persons by other persons, was and is a sin and a fundamental betrayal of the humanity of all persons who were involved, a sin that continues to plague our common life in the Church and our culture; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge its history of participation in this sin and the deep and lasting injury which the institution of slavery and its aftermath have inflicted on society and on the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our most profound regret that (a) The Episcopal Church lent the institution of slavery its support and justification based on Scripture, and (b) after slavery was formally abolished, The Episcopal Church continued for at least a century to support de jure and de facto segregation and discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church apologize for its complicity in and the injury done by the institution of slavery and its aftermath; we repent of this sin and ask God's grace and forgiveness; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church through the Executive Council urgently initiate a comprehensive program and urge every Diocese to collect and document during the next triennium detailed information in its community on (a) the complicity of The Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination and (b) the economic benefits The Episcopal Church derived from the institution of slavery; and direct the Committee on Anti-Racism to monitor this program and report to Executive Council each year by March 31 on the progress in each Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That to enable us as people of God to make a full, faithful and informed accounting of our history, the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Committee on Anti-Racism to study and report to Executive Council by March 31, 2008, which in turn will report to the 76th General Convention, on how the Church can be “the repairer of the breach” (Isaiah 58:12), both materially and relationally, and achieve the spiritual healing and reconciliation that will lead us to a new life in Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That to mark the commencement of this program the Presiding Bishop is requested to name a Day of Repentance and on that day to hold a Service of Repentance at the National Cathedral, and each Diocese is requested to hold a similar service.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #13 on HB Message #179 on Resolution A127 (Restorative Justice) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #204)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A127)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the principles of restorative justice, an important tool in implementing a
neutral articulation of the self-examination and amendment of life that is required to fulfill our baptismal covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th Convention, in support of and to enhance Resolution A123, call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to design a study and dialogue process and materials in order to engage the people of The Episcopal Church in storytelling about historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege as well as discernment towards restorative justice and the call to fully live into our baptismal covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th Convention, in support of and to enhance Resolution A123, call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to design a study and dialogue process and materials in order to engage the people of The Episcopal Church in storytelling about historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege as well as discernment towards restorative justice and the call to fully live into our baptismal covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That in the spirit of inclusion, dioceses also be invited to determine whether their call is to conduct truth and reconciliation processes in regard to other histories and legacies of racial discrimination and oppression that may be applicable in their geographic area, while not diminishing the strong call to focus on the history and legacy of slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That the dioceses will give a progress report to the Anti-Racism Committee. The Anti-Racism Committee will report their findings and recommendations to the Standing Commission on National Concerns and to Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Church hold before itself the vision of a Church without racism; a Church for all races.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #12 on HB Message #180 on Resolution C011 (Church Responsibility in Reparations) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Chapman of Minnesota moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C011.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #205)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C011)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention, affirming our commitments to become a transformed, anti-racist church and to work toward healing, reconciliation, and a restoration of wholeness to the family of God, urge the Church at every level to call upon Congress and the American people to support legislation initiating study of and dialogue about the history and legacy of slavery in the United States and of proposals for monetary and non-monetary reparations to the descendants of the victims of slavery.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #14 on HB Message #183 on Resolution A156 (Sexual Exploitation) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #207)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A156)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the work already occurring in many dioceses and at the same time recommit itself to the positions taken by previous General Conventions that sexual misconduct (encompassing both sexual harassment and sexual exploitation) of adults by clergy, church employees, and volunteer workers has been and continues to be of deep concern to this Church, is an abuse of trust, a violation of the Baptismal Covenant, contrary to Christian character and is, therefore, wrong; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese adopt policies for the protection from sexual misconduct of those served by diocesan programs, those who volunteer in the work of the diocese or are employed by the diocese, and that dioceses assist congregations in the development of such procedures and policies, including using the many resources that already exist, that address the following:

1. the articulation of behavioral standards for all clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who work with adults or who provide pastoral counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction, or the sacraments;
2. a screening process for all clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who provide pastoral counseling and care, spiritual direction, or the sacraments and who supervise clergy or lay volunteers;
3. education and training for all clergy, lay employees, and volunteers as listed above, with particular attention paid to what legally constitutes sexual harassment and to appropriate behavior and inappropriate sexual or sexualized behaviors towards adults, and with periodic refresher training encouraged;
4. guidelines for responding to concerns of sexual misconduct; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese shall report to the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development prior to the Spring 2009 House of Bishops meeting with a copy of its adopted and implemented policy and an evaluation of the history of its use. A summary report shall be made to the House of Bishops Spring 2009 meeting and a full report made to the 76th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #18 on HB Message #182 on Resolution D047 (Justice, Respect, and a Living Wage) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #206)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D047)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention support actively the right of workers to form a union, and increase the support in our cities and states for passage of “living wage” legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention commit the Church at all levels to contract solely with union hotels in its meetings, or to obtain confirmation that local prevailing “living wages” are paid by all hotels the Church uses; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention strongly urge the Church Center staff and especially the General Convention Planning Office to assure that dioceses that host events of The Episcopal Church comply with GC2003-A130 and provide a living wage for their employees; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend to the Church at all levels the services of Informed Meetings Exchange (www.inmex.org), a new non-profit agency committed to helping organizations make informed decisions regarding convention and meeting planning.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #6 on HB Message #107 on Resolution D012 (Summer Camp for Children of Persons in Prison) and moved concurrence.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D012.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #208)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D012)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Criminal Justice Officer, Director of Prison Ministry, to assist the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in establishing summer camps for the children of persons in prison with ten camps per year to be established over the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Criminal Justice Officer, Director of Prison Ministry, to create an advisory committee of not less than eight persons to provide advice and assistance in this effort; and be it further

Resolved, That the Criminal Justice Officer, Director of Prison Ministry, report to the 76th General Convention on his/her progress; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000.00 over the next triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Deputy Laird of Minnesota moved that all Resolutions on the daily calendar requiring concurrence with the House of Bishops be considered without debate, apart from introductions from committee chairs, which shall be limited to one minute.

Deputy King of Western New York moved an amendment to the motion to exclude resolutions from the Special Legislative Committee.  
A vote was taken on the amendment moved by Deputy King.  
**Motion carried**

Deputy Dice of Southern Ohio moved the previous question. 
A vote was taken to terminate debate.  
**Motion carried**  
Debate terminated  
**Motion defeated**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #15 on HB Message #181 on Resolution A167 (“Full and Equal Claim” for All the Baptized) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved the previous question. 
A vote was taken to terminate debate.  
**Motion carried**  
Debate terminated  
**Motion carried**

Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan moved to require an equal number of speakers pro and con on for each resolution.  
**Motion carried**

A vote was taken on Resolution A167.  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #209)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A167)  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm that gay and lesbian persons are by Baptism full members of the Body of Christ
and of The Episcopal Church as “children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church” (GC1976–A069); and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reiterate its apology “on behalf of The Episcopal Church to its members who are gay or lesbian, and to lesbians and gay men outside the Church, for years of rejection and maltreatment by the Church,” and recommit to “seek amendment of our life together as we ask God’s help in sharing the Good News with all people” (GC1997–D011); and be it further

Resolved, That, in evidence of that apology, The Episcopal Church pledge to include openly gay and lesbian persons on every committee, commission or task force developed for the specific purpose of discussing issues about sexuality and request the same of our sister churches in the Anglican Communion and Anglican Communion bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reiterate that “our baptism into Jesus Christ is inseparable from our communion with one another, and we commit ourselves to that communion despite our diversity of opinion and, among dioceses, a diversity of pastoral practice with the gay men and lesbians among us” (GC2003–C051).

Recess
The President declared a ten minute break.

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

Special Order of Business
The President introduced Kay Meyer of the Diocese of Atlanta, the newly-elected ECW (Episcopal Church Women) President, who addressed the House.

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

* HB Message #265: (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop) Adopted.
* HB Message #266: A153 (Proposed Title IV Revisions) Concurred.
* HB Message #267: C021 (Bertha and Ethelbert) Concurred.
* HB Message #268: A139 (Celebration of Women's Ministries) Concurred.
* HB Message #269: D019 (Pastoral Concern for Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their Families) Concurred.
* HB Message #270: D065 (Family Leave Pension Waiver) Concurred.
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Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Special Order to limit debate to one minute per speaker and to limit the total debate time on each resolution to four minutes.

Motion carried
Debate limited

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #16 on HB Message #178 on Resolution D005 (Opposing Criminalization of Homosexuality) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #210)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D005)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention adopt the following statement:
The 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declares that efforts to criminalize homosexual behavior are incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, incompatible with resolutions at successive Lambeth conferences including the 1998 Lambeth Resolution I.10, and incompatible with the Primates’ statement from Dromantine which declares that the, “victimization or diminishment of human beings whose affections happen to be ordered towards people of the same sex is anathema to us. We assure homosexual people that they are children of God, loved and valued by him, and deserving of the best we can give of pastoral care and friendship.” In affirming these consistent statements we declare our opposition to the imposition of civil or criminal penalties, especially imprisonment and execution, upon gay and lesbian people and our opposition to laws anywhere in the world that specifically target and impose imprisonment for homosexual behavior, speech, or assembly of gay and lesbian people and their supporters; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the government of Brazil for its courageous efforts to extend the protections of the U.N.’s Declaration on Human Rights to include gay and lesbian people and that the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States and the Episcopal Primate of Brazil. We commend to their attention Lambeth 1998 I.1, which affirms and adopts the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Executive Council to monitor the progress of efforts to criminalize or decriminalize homosexuality and efforts such as Brazil’s to extend the protections of basic human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the 75th General Convention convey this resolution to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, all Primates in the Anglican Communion, the President of the United States, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Secretary General of the United Nations, Anglican Observer of the United Nations, heads of state of all nations represented by Bishops and Deputies, all U.S. Senators and Representatives and the Governors of all states or territories within the pastoral jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church.

Evangelism

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #6 on Resolution B011 (Special Missionary Initiative) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B011)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Presiding Officers, Executive Council, and staff of The Episcopal Church Center, the standing committees of the Church, the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund and the Church Pension Fund, in coordination with the Bishop of and Diocese of Louisiana develop a strategy for a model missionary initiative, including both evangelism and service, for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Area (New Orleans, North and East Shore), to support overall church evangelism and the 20/20 goals, while providing a model and a test-bed for organization in areas of natural disaster or economic impoverishment; and be it further

Resolved, That the office of Evangelism at The Episcopal Church Center develop a recommended structure and a time line for implementation of said strategy. The initiative should consider: organization and methods, identification of resources, periodic sharing of progress and lessons-learned; it should also consider relief and development projects, new church planting and the revitalization of existing congregations, by providing leadership formation and training for personal and congregational evangelism and service with diverse populations including, among others, young adults, ethnic and racial populations, and new immigrants and persons affected by manmade and natural traumatic events. The officers, council and staff shall recommend quantitative measures of accountability for mission performance; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Center head of Evangelism report the findings and recommendations of this initiative to the Executive Council annually at the Council’s third meeting each calendar year, beginning in 2007 for one triennium; and be it further Resolved, That every diocese and congregation be encouraged to participate in this endeavor by supplying mission teams to enable implementation of this Special Missionary Initiative; and be it further Resolved, That all Convention, Church, and Executive Council offices and agencies plan a portion of their budget to support this initiative in the next Triennium; and further, that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $100,000.00 per annum to provide an officer for three years to coordinate implementation of this initiative.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Presiding Officers, Executive Council, and staff of The Episcopal Church Center, the standing committees of the Church, the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund and the Church Pension Group Fund, in coordination with the Bishop of and Diocese of Louisiana develop a strategy for a model missionary initiative, including both evangelism and service, for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Area (New Orleans, North and East Shore), to support overall church evangelism and the 20/20 goals, while providing a model and a test-bed for organization in areas of natural disaster or economic impoverishment; and be it further Resolved, That the office of Mission Evangelism at The Episcopal Church Center develop a recommended structure and a time line for implementation of said strategy. The initiative should consider: organization and methods, identification of resources, periodic sharing of progress and lessons-learned; it should also consider relief and development projects, new church planting and the revitalization of existing congregations, by providing leadership formation and training for personal and congregational evangelism and service with the diverse populations of the region including, among others, young adults, ethnic and racial populations, and new immigrants and persons affected by manmade and natural traumatic events. The officers, council and staff shall recommend quantitative measures of accountability for mission performance; and be it further Resolved, That the Church Center head of Mission Evangelism report the findings and recommendations of this initiative to the Executive Council annually at the Council’s third meeting each calendar year, beginning in 2007 for one triennium; and be it further Resolved, That every diocese and congregation be encouraged to participate in this endeavor by supplying mission teams to enable implementation of this Special Missionary Initiative; and be it further Resolved, That all Convention, Church, and Executive Council offices and agencies plan a portion of their budget to support this initiative in the next Triennium; and further, that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider
a budget allocation of $100,000.00 per annum to provide an officer to be based in Louisiana for three years to coordinate implementation of this initiative.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #211)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #31 on HB Message #89 on Resolution A063 (Additional Calendar Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business recommended, with no objection, to dispense with electronic ballots on votes by orders.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #32 on HB Message #90 on Resolution A064 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #212)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A064)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 76th General Convention, the commemorations proposed by this Convention, as follows:

January 8

Harriet Bedell

Deaconess and Missionary, 1969

I. Holy God, thou didst choose thy faithful servant Harriet Bedell to exercise the ministry of deaconess and to be a missionary among indigenous peoples: Fill us with compassion and respect for all people, and empower us for the work of ministry throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II. Holy God, you chose your faithful servant Harriett Bedell to exercise the ministry of deaconess and to be a missionary among indigenous peoples: Fill us with compassion and respect for all people, and empower us for the work of ministry throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 96:1-7

Lesson – Romans 16:1-2

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12
Preface of Apostles and Ordinations

February 28
Anna Julia Haywood Cooper
Educator, 1964
I. Almighty God, who didst inspire thy servant Anna Julia Haywood Cooper with the love of learning and the skill of teaching: Enlighten us more and more through the discipline of learning, and deepen our commitment to the education of all thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
II. Almighty God, you inspired your servant Anna Julia Haywood Cooper with the love of learning and the skill of teaching: Enlighten us more and more through the discipline of learning, and deepen our commitment to the education of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Psalm 119:33-40
Lesson – Proverbs 9:1-6
Preface of a Saint (3)

March 13 (or November 8)
James Theodore Holly
Bishop of Haiti and Dominican Republic, 1911
I. Most gracious God, by the calling of thy servant James Theodore Holly thou gavest us our first bishop of African-American heritage. In his quest for life and freedom, he led thy people from bondage into a new land and established the Church in Haiti. Grant that, inspired by his testimony, we may overcome our prejudice and honor those whom thou callest from every family, language, people, and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
II. Most gracious God, by the calling of your servant James Theodore Holly, you gave us our first bishop of African-American heritage. In his quest for life and freedom, he led your people from bondage into a new land and established the Church in Haiti. Grant that, inspired by his testimony, we may overcome our prejudice and honor those whom you call from every family, language, people, and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Psalm 86:11-17
Lessons – Deuteronomy 6:20-25
Acts 8:26-39
Gospel – John 4:31-38
Preface of Apostles and Ordinations
March 24
Oscar Romero
Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador
I. Almighty God, who didst call thy servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to thy Word who abideth, thy Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.
II. Almighty God, you called your servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 31:15-24
Lesson – Revelation 7:13-17
Gospel – John 12:23-32
Preface of a Saint (3)

April 7
Tikhon
Patriarch of Russia and Confessor, 1925
I. Holy God, holy and mighty, who hast called us together into one communion and fellowship: Open our eyes, we pray thee, as you opened the eyes of thy servant Tikhon, that we may see the faithfulness of others as we strive to be steadfast in the faith delivered unto us, that the world may see and know Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise unto ages of ages. Amen.
II. Holy God, holy and mighty, you call us together into one communion and fellowship: Open our eyes, we pray, as you opened the eyes of your servant Tikhon, that we may see the faithfulness of others as we strive to be steadfast in the faith delivered to us, that the world may see and know you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 72
Lessons – Jeremiah 31:10-14
2 Peter 1:3-11
Gospel – Matthew 5:3-16
Preface for Trinity Sunday

October 10
Vida Dutton Scudder
Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954
I. Most gracious God, who didst send thy beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in thy church witnesses who, after the example of thy servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
II. Most gracious God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in your church witnesses who, after the example of your servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Psalm 25:1-14
Lesson – Isaiah 11:1-10
Gospel – John 6:37-51
Preface of a Saint (3)

December 30
Frances Joseph-Gaudet
Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934
I. Merciful God, who didst raise up thy servant Frances Joseph-Gaudet to work for prison reform and the education of her people: Grant that we, encouraged by the example of her life, may work for those who are denied the fullness of life by reasons of incarceration and lack of access to education; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
II. Merciful God, who raised up your servant Frances Joseph-Gaudet to work for prison reform and the education of her people: Grant that we, encouraged by the example of her life, may work for those who are denied the fullness of life by reasons of incarceration and lack of access to education; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Psalm 146 or 40:1-10
Lesson – Lamentations 3:26-36 or Exodus 14:10-15:1
Preface of a Saint (2)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #33 on HB Message #194 on Resolution A067 (Rites of Passage Publication) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #213)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A067)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention approve for experimental use and for publication and distribution by Church Publishing, Inc., in the Rites and Liturgical Materials found in “Rites of Passage;” and be it further

Resolved, That the proposed liturgies from the “Blue Book” report be changed as follows:

1. Insert before Prayers and a Rite for Remembering the Departed, BB p. 140:

   Prayers for National Service

2. Revise list of prayers, BB p. 149, as follows:
   1. Reaching Puberty
   2. Earning a Driver's License or Permit
   3. Dating Relationships
   4. Graduating from High School
   5. Going to College
   6. Joining the Workforce
   7. Going on a Pilgrimage
   8. Moving from the Family Home

3. Revise prayer #3, Dating Relationships, BB p. 149, as follows:

   Our greatest joy in life, O God, is to love. We thank you for showing us through Jesus that loving a child, a friend, a dream or a companion makes us more fully human, created in your image. As N. stands ready to begin dating, help her to remember that she will be learning that love is sacred. May she bring to each new date hope for true friendship. May she listen, and speak, and act with the greatest respect for herself and her companion. May she strive for a relationship that is truthful, patient, courageous, and kind. Above all, may love teach her to love you more and more as, through the Spirit’s care, she grows in the image of your holy child, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

4. Delete prayer #7, A Call to Military Service, BB p. 150, and renumber the prayers that follow.

5. Revise prayer #8, Going on a Pilgrimage, BB, p. 150, as follows:

   Holy One, you led your people, night and day, by fire and cloud, so lead N. (N., N.,) by the light of your love. Go before him to prepare a safe path. Stay beside him to instill purpose and joy in his mission. Follow after him to leave peace in the wake of wherever he has stayed. Give your angels charge over his journey. At his returning, may all he has seen be engraved on his heart, and his sense of home enlarged for ever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Guide. Amen.

6. Delete prayer #10, For Godly Expression of One’s Sexuality, BB p. 150.

7. Revise the last line of the opening acclamation, BB pp. 151, 155, 167, as follows: “Praise to the Spirit who leads us in love.”

8. Revise the title “Celebrating an Engagement” (The Blessing of a Betrothal), BB p. 158, as follows: “The Blessing of a Betrothal.”

9. Substitute the following text for the entire rite on BB pp. 158-160:
The couple gather in the church or other suitable place with family, friends, and members of the congregation.

If the rite is celebrated at the Sunday Eucharist, the Ministry of the Word is celebrated in the usual manner, with the propers appointed for the Sunday. The Prayers of the People include intercession for the couple among the concerns of the local community. The Blessing of a Betrothal takes place immediately after the Prayers of the People, and the rite is followed immediately by the Peace.

If the rite is not celebrated at the Sunday Eucharist, it begins as follows

**Presider**
Blessed be God who has brought us to this day.

**People**
Blessed be the God of all our days.

**Presider**
Thanks be to Jesus who restores us to wholeness.

**People**
Thanks be to Jesus in whose death is our life.

**Presider**
Praise to the Spirit who calls us to service.

**People**
Praise to the Spirit who leads us in love.

A hymn, psalm, or suitable song may be sung.

One or more passages of Scripture selected by the couple may be read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the readings. Suitable passages include

Ruth 1:16b-17a  
Song of Solomon 2:1-3a, 4  
Psalm 100  
Psalm 117  
Romans 13:9-13  
1 John 4:7-8  
John 15:9-12

**The Presider then addresses the People in these or similar words**
Dear friends: N.N. and N.N. have come asking our witness and prayers as they publicly declare their intention to marry [on____]. In this time of betrothal, they have entrusted themselves to one another, and all are called to respect the bounds of their relationship. I invite N. and N. to come forward now, that we may hear their promises to one another.

**The couple stand before the Presider, who asks them**
Is either of you now promised to another?

**The man and woman respond together**
I am not.

**The Presider turns to the woman and says**
N., is it your will and intention to marry this man, N., who stands here before you?

**The woman responds**
It is.

**The Presider says to the man**
N., is it your will and intention to marry this woman, N., who stands here before you?

**The man responds**
It is.

*Here the couple may read aloud and then sign the Declaration of Intention. If they do not sign the Declaration at this time, they shall do so in the context of their canonically required instruction as to the nature, meaning, and purpose of Holy Matrimony.*

*The Presider asks the people*
Will you recognize this couple, and support and pray for them during this time of engagement?  
*The People respond*
We will.

*If an engagement ring has already been presented, the Presider takes the woman’s left hand and blesses that ring, using the prayer of blessing below. When desired, a mutual exchange of rings may be made, or some other suitable symbol of commitment may be used in place of the engagement ring(s). If a ring or other symbol is to be given during this service, the Presider first says these or similar words*
From of old, the chief sign of betrothal has been the giving and receiving of a ring. N., is it your intention to give N. a ring as a symbol of your commitment?  
*The man responds*
It is.  
*The man places an engagement ring on the left hand of the woman.*  
*The Presider then blesses the ring (or other symbol) in these or similar words*
Loving God, sanctify this sign of the intention of N. and N. to be joined together in holy matrimony. Bless and sustain them in their commitment to each other, that they may return before you to fulfill this solemn pledge, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*The Presider continues*
Let us pray for N. and N. and the pledge they have made.  
*Silence*
Blessed are you, Lord our God. You give abundant joy to N. and N. Pour out your grace upon them, and bring them to the day of their wedding in safety and peace. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

*The Presider says to the couple*
Greet each other with a holy kiss.  
*The couple greet each other, after which the Peace may be exchanged throughout the congregation. When communion is to follow, the liturgy continues with the Offertory, at which the couple may present the offerings of bread and wine.*

*Preface of the Season*
10. Add title for prayer #12 to the list at the top of BB p. 161, and add title and body of prayer at the bottom of BB p. 162:

*Beginning or Resuming a Dating Relationship*
Our greatest joy in life, O God, is to love. We thank you for showing us through Jesus that loving one another makes us more fully human, created in your image. As N. stands ready to begin [resume] dating, help her to remember that love is sacred. May she bring to each new date hope for a true friendship. May she listen, and speak, and act with the greatest respect for herself and her companion. May she strive for a relationship that is truthful, patient, courageous, and kind. Above all, may love teach her to love you more and more as, through the Spirit’s care, she grows in the image of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

11. Replace prayer #6, Surviving a Tragedy, BB p. 162, with the following text:

Loving Father, you comfort us in times of affliction: Our sister N. has suffered a great tragedy and needs your healing. Send your Holy Spirit to soothe the anger, fear, and sorrow of her broken heart. In the darkness of this moment, shine the light of your radiant love. Be her companion in her grief. In her pain, make her strong in courage, dry her tears, mend her heart, and gently call her to newness of life. We thank you for the assurance of your love, shown in your Son Jesus, who suffered for us, died and rose again to prepare our place in your eternal home. Amen.

12. Immediately before the section Prayers and a Rite for Remembering the Departed, BB p. 173, add the following section:

Prayers for National Service

Upon Entering Military Service
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: hear our prayers for N. as he enters military service. Be present with him, his family, and his community in this transition. Guide and govern him by your good Spirit. Protect him from evil, and lead us all into your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upon Deployment
God our Rock and Refuge: we commend to you gracious care N., N., and N., who are being deployed in the service of our nation. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to endure the perils which they may face; and grant that wherever they go, they may be assured of your abiding presence; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

For a Family Farewell to a Deployed Member
To be prayed by family members in church or at the place of parting
Into your hands, most merciful Savior, we place our beloved N., asking you to be his tower of safety and strength, his comfort and refuge in danger. Watch over him wherever he goes. Stand at his side in battle; keep him safe from enemy and accident. Defend him, waking and sleeping. Bless him as he travels, and let our love be an anchor and a joy for him through the time we are apart; and then, return him to us in safety. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

For the Family Separated during Military Service
God, the fountain of all mercy, your love is made known to us in the love of others: surround this family with the support and care of our community as they watch and wait for N.’s return; grant them patience, hope, and quiet confidence, until the time of reunion; through Christ we pray. Amen.

For Transfer or Change of Duty Station
Merciful God, be present with this community, and with N.N., and N. [and their families] at their change of duty [transfer]. Guide and protect them in their new responsibilities. Surround us with your eternal presence as some go and others stay. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Upon Return from Deployment
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: we praise and thank you for the return of N. from deployment. Be present as he strives to renew relationships and re-enter this community. Guide and guard him and us in this season of change. Wherever there is anxiety, pain, or hardship, bring healing through your grace and mercy. This we ask for your love’s sake. Amen.

For Veterans
Lord our God, look favorably on [N.N. and all] those who have served this nation in our armed forces. We thank you for your presence with them in their service. Help them and us to remember their fallen comrades, that the sacrifices we honor this day may never be forgotten. Let the light of liberty and the love of justice and mercy burn brightly in the heart of this nation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Upon Conscientious Objection to Military Service
Christ our Savior, Prince of Peace: Give to N. strength and courage to follow you in the path of nonviolence and embrace the disciplines of peace; for your mercy’s sake. Amen.

For Alternative Service
Everliving God, in whom we live and move and have our being: be present with N. in her commitment to conscientious service, and lead and guide her in your ways. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

For National or Mission Service
Lord Christ, you came among us as one who served: send your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen N., who is answering a call to service. Give him courage to persevere, and vision to see you present in all whom he serves; for you love and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #34 on HB Message #222 on Resolution D069 (Supreme Authority of Scripture) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #214)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D069)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge the authority of the triune God, exercised through Scripture.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #35 on HB Message #221 on Resolution D084 (Upholding Communion of the Baptized) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #215)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D084)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize the position of the Constitution and Canons (I.17.7), that only those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops, in deliberate consultation with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and others they may deem appropriate, provide to the 76th General Convention a pastoral and theological understanding of the relationship between Holy Baptism and eucharistic practice.

Point of Order
Deputy Neufeld of Albany moved that the vote on Resolution D069 be re-considered because many deputies had not located the text of the resolution in their binders at the time of the vote. Hearing no objection, the President ruled that the original vote was flawed and called for a re-vote on the resolution.

Deputy Neufeld of Albany moved to amend Resolution D069.

Proposed Amendment:
After the words, “triune God,” insert the words, “Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

Deputy Dales of New Hampshire moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

Deputy Fox of Montana reminded the House that the vote on the resolution was for a concurrence with the House of Bishops. Any changes to the resolution would send it back to the House of Bishops for consideration.
A vote was taken to terminate debate.  Motion carried  Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  Motion defeated  Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D069.

[Editor’s Note: See p. 683 for final text.]

Ballot #9—Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A063.  Ballot #9 taken by orders

Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #10 on HB Message #123 on Resolution A084 (Amend I.11.2(g)) and moved concurrence.  The House concurred  (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #217)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A084)
Resolved, That Canon I.11.2 is hereby amended to add a new subsection:
(g) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop assigned jurisdiction in an Area Mission, the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in such charge, until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #9 on HB Message #121 on Resolution B006 (The Educational Debt of Seminarians) and moved concurrence.  The House concurred  (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #130)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B006)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention mandate that the Standing Commission on Ministry Development design strategies for raising awareness and responding to the crisis of educational debt for those preparing for ordained ministry in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, the Executive Council, the Office
of Mission and Ministry, the diocesan Commissions on Ministries, the Office of Ministry Development, and the Society for the Increase of Ministry, shall share their results and recommendations with Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL) following each meeting of the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, annually to the House of Bishops, and to the 76th General Convention.

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules to consider resolutions from the Committees on Constitution, Canons, and the Special Legislative Committee prior to other resolutions.

*Motion carried
Rules Suspended

**Constitution**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #6 on HB Message #228 on Resolution A018 (Amend Article II. 2 [Election of Bishops-Second Reading]) and moved concurrence.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved for a paper ballot to be completed.

*Motion carried

**Ballot #10—Vote By Orders**

A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A018.

*Ballot #10 taken by orders

**Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #19 on HB Message #256 on Resolution B007 (Amend Canon III.18.4) and moved concurrence.

*Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #224)

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented a Report on the reconsideration of A032 (Amend Canon IV.5) and announced that the House of Bishops passed A032 (Amend Canon IV.5) in its original form, not knowing that the House had moved toward reconsideration.

*The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #222)
Resolved, That Canon IV.5, Sections 1 through 9 be amended and renumbered as follows:

Sec. 1. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop is vested with jurisdiction to try a Bishop who is duly Presented for one or more Offenses not including the Offense in Canon IV.1.1(c). The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine is vested with jurisdiction to try a Bishop who is duly Presented for one or more Offenses pursuant to Canon IV.3.21(c).

Sec. 2. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall consist of five Bishops of this Church, two Priests, and two confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing. Five Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of General Convention. Two Priests and two confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing shall be elected by the House of Deputies at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of General Convention.

Sec. 2.3. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine shall consist of nine Bishops of this Church. Three Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops at each regular meeting of General Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the third succeeding regular meeting of General Convention.

Sec. 4. All judges shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify; Provided, however, there shall be no change in the composition of a Court as to a proceeding pending before it, while that proceeding is unresolved except as specified in Canon IV.5.3.

Sec. 3.5. (a) No judge shall sit as a member of a Court who is a Complainant, or is related to the Respondent or Complainant by affinity or consanguinity, or who is excused pursuant to Canon IV.14.13; nor shall any Judge sit who, upon objection made by either party for any reason, is deemed by the other members of the Court to be disqualified.

(b) The death, permanent disability rendering the person unable to act, resignation or declination to serve as a member of a Court shall constitute a vacancy in that Court. The recusal or disqualification of a member of a Court from consideration of a particular Presentment shall constitute a temporary vacancy in that Court.

(c) Notices of resignations or declinations to serve shall be given by any Bishop chosen to serve as a member of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop or Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine by written notice sent to the Presiding Bishop.

(d) Notices of resignation or declinations to serve shall be given by any Priest or Lay Person chosen to serve as a member of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop by written notice sent to the President of the House of Deputies.
(e) Notices of recusal shall be given by a Judge to the Presiding Judge.
Sec. 4 6. Each Court shall from time to time elect from its own membership a
Presiding Judge, who shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which
chosen. If in any proceeding before a Court the Presiding Judge is disqualified
or is for any cause unable to act, that Court shall elect from its members a
Presiding Judge pro tempore.
Sec. 5 7. When a Court is not in session, if there is a vacancy in the office of
the Presiding Judge, the Bishop who is senior by consecration shall perform
the duties of the office of Presiding Judge.
Sec. 6 8. Vacancies occurring in a Court shall be filled as follows:
(a) In the case of a temporary vacancy due to the recusal or disqualification of
any Judge, the remaining Judges may appoint a Judge to take the place of the
one so disqualified in that particular case. If the recused or disqualified Judge
participated in any proceedings other than consideration of whether any Judge
should be disqualified, the remaining Judges shall decide whether or not the
Judge will be replaced for the remainder of that case.
(b) In the case of a vacancy in the Court, the remaining Judges shall have power
to fill such vacancy until the next General Convention, when the House of
Bishops shall choose a person Bishop to fill such a vacancy of a Bishop and the
House of Deputies shall choose a Priest or Lay Person, respectively, to fill a vacancy
of a Priest or Lay Person. The person so chosen shall serve during the remainder
of the term.
Sec. 7 9. Not less than five of the Judges shall constitute a quorum, but any
lesser number may adjourn the Court from time to time.
Sec. 8 10. (a) Upon receiving a Presentment, the Presiding Judge shall, within
30 days, send to each member of the Court a copy of the Presentment. If the
Presentment is issued pursuant to Canon IV.3.2.1(c) the Presiding Judge shall
also send a copy of the supporting briefs, answer, and statements.
(b) The Presiding Judge of the Court shall, within not more than three calendar
months from the Presiding Judge’s receipt of the Presentment, summon the
Respondent to answer the Presentment in accordance with the Rules of
Procedure.
(c) Court proceedings at which the Respondent and Church Attorney are to
appear shall be held within the Diocese of the accused Bishop, or within the
Diocese where the accused Bishop lives or serves, at the discretion of the Court.
The Court may, for good cause, appoint another place for any such
proceedings or conduct such proceedings by telephone conference provided
that all participants can hear and be heard by all other participants in the
telephone conference.
Sec. 9 11. Within three months following each regular meeting of General
Convention, the Court for the Trial of a Bishop shall appoint a Church Attorney
to serve until the next regular meeting of General Convention and until a
successor is duly appointed and qualified, and from time to time for good cause
and upon the request of the Church Attorney, appoint one or more assistant Church Attorneys to act for and in the place of the Church Attorney.

Special Legislative Committee
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #18 on HB Message #254 on Resolution B032 (Separate and Independent Status) and moved concurrence.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution B032.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #219)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B032)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm that no resolution of the General Convention is intended to affect either the historic separate and independent status of the churches of the Anglican Communion or the legal identity of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee presented its Report #16 on HB Message #140 on Resolution A165 (Commitment to Windsor and Listening Processes) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Dawson of Eau Claire moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A165.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #220)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A165)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Windsor Report “as offering a way forward for the mutual life of our
Communion” (Primates’ Communiqué), and as an essential and substantive contribution to the process of living into deeper levels of communion and interdependence across the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to the ongoing “Windsor Process,” a process of discernment as to the nature and unity of the Church, as we pursue a common life of dialogue, listening, and growth, formed and informed by the bonds of communion we share; and urge all members of this Church to commit themselves to the call of greater communion and interdependent life; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the “listening process” as recommended in the Windsor Report, “so that greater common understanding might be obtained on the underlying issue of same gender relationships” (Windsor Report, ¶135); and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention gratefully acknowledge the practical steps taken by the Anglican Communion Office to begin a formal “listening process” across the Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit this Church to participating fully and openly in this “listening process,” both at the local level and with the rest of the Communion (ACC 13, Resolution 12); and be it further

Resolved, That a staff person at The Episcopal Church Center be identified to forward this “listening process” in coordination with the cognate person for the Communion and with our Communion partners.

Results of Ballot #9: Vote By Orders on Resolution A063

The Secretary reported the results of Ballot #9.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #218)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A063)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention propose additional commemorations in the Calendar of the Church Year and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2007–2009, as follows:
January 8 – Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969
February 28 – Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964
March 13 – James Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti and Dominican Republic, 1911 (or November 8)
April 7 – Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia and Confessor, 1925
October 10 – Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954
December 30 – Frances Joseph-Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934

Results of Ballot #10: Vote By Orders on Resolution A018.
The Secretary reported the results of Ballot #10.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #221)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A018)
Resolved, That the second sentence of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:
Section 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction. But if the election shall have taken place within three months next one hundred twenty days before the meeting of General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of the Standing Committees. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #7 on HB Message #19 on Resolution A129 (Affirm Creation and Evolution) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #223)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A129)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm that God is Creator, in accordance with the witness of Scripture and the ancient Creeds of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the theory of evolution provides a fruitful and unifying scientific explanation for the emergence of life on earth, that many theological interpretations of origins can readily embrace an evolutionary outlook, and
that an acceptance of evolution is entirely compatible with an authentic and living Christian faith; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians strongly encourage state legislatures and state and local boards of education to establish standards for science education based on the best available scientific knowledge as accepted by a consensus of the scientific community; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopal dioceses and congregations seek the assistance of scientists and science educators in understanding what constitutes reliable scientific knowledge.

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #8 on HB Message #126 on Resolution D018 (Active Nonviolence Training) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #225)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D018)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge the provinces, dioceses, congregations, and institutions of The Episcopal Church to adopt and support for the next triennium nonviolence training for personal and social change, to advance the mission priorities of Congregational Transformation and Justice and Peace; and be it further

Resolved, That each Episcopal diocese be encouraged to make available active nonviolence training to congregations and institutions, to assist them in addressing conflicts, controversies, and divisions; to respond to violence, oppression, and injustice at all levels, including issues of racism, social and economic injustice, crime, and domestic violence; and where possible to create trainings that represent a diversity of perspectives within communities, including intergenerational trainings for youth/young adults with adults; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese be invited to identify candidates to attend training to become training facilitators in the diocese.

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #10 on HB Message #106 on Resolution A039 (Reconciliation Training) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #226)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A039)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Ministry Development to identify and evaluate curricular materials for formal faith-based reconciliation training appropriate for all ages, and to promote the use of these materials in congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops, and Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to participate in formal reconciliation training during the next triennium in order to prepare all bishops to carry the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation home to their dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the participation in faith-based reconciliation training by congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops, and Executive Council to the 76th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #12 on HB Message #165 on Resolution A090 (Commend PEALL) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #227)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A090)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the work of PEALL (Proclaiming Education for All) and affirm the continuation of this work as a key part of the future planning for integrated, holistic education in the Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #13 on HB Message #164 on Resolution A132 (Eliminate HIV/AIDS Stigma) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #228)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A132)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge its members to work to eliminate the stigma of HIV/AIDS through the following: Acknowledge that the stigmatization of anyone due to disease, and particularly due to HIV/AIDS, creates impediments to seeking treatment and care for the disease and education about the disease, resulting in detrimental effects on individuals, the church, and society at-large.
Affirm that the teachings of Jesus Christ clearly state that sickness and disease are not the result of sin in the human family. Acknowledge that our Baptismal Covenant vows obligate us to respect the dignity of every human being and to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves and that the stigmatization of those among us with disease is a violation of those vows; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge all worshiping communities, missions, parishes, dioceses, provinces, seminaries and educational institutions, boards and commissions to:

Educate their constituent members about HIV/AIDS with a goal of eliminating any stigma associated with the disease.

Educate their local, state and federal elected officials and representatives about HIV/AIDS with the goal of creating knowledgeable, compassionate, and sensitive public policy in educational services, support services, and medical treatment institutions.

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #11 on HB Message #147 on Resolution D043 (Dialogue on Mission of the Church) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #229)

Final Text of Resolution:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention strongly urge the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements, in consultation with the Executive Council, to enable a participatory, vision focused dialogue on the Mission of the Church to take place during times dedicated to that purpose at the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That during the triennium, the Executive Council develop and implement a process that will enable the Church to prepare for the dialogue to be held during the 76th General Convention.

Ecumenical Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #4 on HB Message #85 on Resolution A055 (UMC Interim Eucharistic Sharing) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #230)

Final Text of Resolution:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:
1. Welcome and rejoice in the substantial progress of The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue and of international conversations between Anglicans and Methodists, and give thanks for the Anglican-Methodist Covenant in Great Britain. We look forward to the day when full communion is established between The Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church;

2. Recognize now The United Methodist Church as a member of the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church in which the Gospel is rightly preached and taught;

3. Encourage the development of common Christian life throughout our respective Churches by such means as the following:
   a) Mutual prayer and mutual support, including parochial/congregational and diocesan/annual conference covenants or agreements,
   b) Common study of the Holy Scriptures, the histories and theological traditions of each Church, and the materials produced by The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue.
   c) Joint programs of religious education, theological discussion, mission, evangelism, and social action,
   d) Joint use of facilities;

4. Affirm now on the basis of the documents
   a) *Sharing in the Apostolic Communion*, produced by the International Anglican-Methodist Conversations in 1996;
   b) the “Constitution and Canons” of The Episcopal Church and the “Book of Common Prayer” of The Episcopal Church
   c) The United Methodist “Book of Worship” and the “Book of Discipline” of The United Methodist Church;
   d) and the documents “This Holy Mystery” on the Lord’s Supper and “By Water and the Spirit” on Baptism affirmed by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church that the basic teaching of each respective Church is consonant with the Gospel and is sufficiently compatible with the teaching of this Church that a relationship of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist is hereby established between The United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church under the following guidelines:
      i) The Episcopal Church extends a special welcome to members of The United Methodist Church to receive Holy Communion in it under the Standard for Occasional Eucharistic Sharing of its 1979 General Convention. This welcome constitutes a mutual recognition of Eucharistic teaching sufficient for Interim Sharing of the Eucharist, although this does not intend to signify that final recognition of each other's ministries has yet been achieved.
      ii) Bishops and Dioceses of The Episcopal Church and Bishops of The United Methodist Church may by mutual agreement extend the regulations of Church discipline to permit common, joint celebration of the Eucharist within their jurisdictions. This is appropriate in particular situations where the said authorities deem that local conditions are appropriate for the sharing of worship jointly by congregations of the respective Churches. The presence of an ordained bishop or elder in the United Methodist Church and a bishop or priest of The Episcopal Church at the altar in this way reflects the presence of two or more Churches expressing unity in faith and baptism as well as the remaining divisions which they seek to overcome; however, this does not imply rejection or final recognition of either Church's Eucharist or ministry. In such
circumstances the Eucharistic prayer will be from an approved liturgy as authorized jointly by the Bishops of the Episcopal Diocese and The United Methodist Episcopal Area.

iii) Clergy and Lay leadership of Episcopal and United Methodist congregations that might see such Interim Sharing of the Eucharist will support this relationship by establishing steps and activities among their local congregations, such as those outlined in section (3) above, so that the truest fulfillment of the vision for Interim Sharing of the Eucharist might be realized.

iv) This resolution and experience of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist will be communicated at regular intervals to other Churches of the World Methodist Council and the Anglican Communions throughout the world, as well as to the various ecumenical dialogues in which Anglicans and Methodists are engaged, especially Churches Uniting in Christ, in order that consultation may be fostered, similar experiences encouraged elsewhere, and already existing relationships of full communion respected;

5. Authorize continued United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogues for the discussion of any other outstanding questions that must be resolved before full communion can be established between the respective Churches, e.g., historic episcopate, and the ordering of ministry (Bishops, Priests, and Deacons) in the total context of apostolicity.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #7 on HB Message #202 on Resolution A025 (Amend Canon I) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #231)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A025)
Resolved, That Title I be amended by adding a new Canon 20, to be named “Of Churches in Full Communion,” as follows:

Sec.1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:
(a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente / the Philippine Independent Church, and
(c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

Sec.2. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the terms of “Called to Common Mission,” which was adopted by the 73rd General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution A040.
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #8 on HB Message #203 on Resolution A026 (Amend Canon III.12.1(d)) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #232)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A026)
Resolved, That Canon III.12.1(d) be amended to read as follows:
(d) The provisions of this Section 1 shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopal succession with which The Episcopal Church is in full communion as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the covenant of the two Churches as adopted by the General Convention.

Election Results – Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #1. The House of Deputies reports the election of the following to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop:

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The President appointed two youth representatives to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop: Ms. Jessica Lowe of Central Pennsylvania and Mr. Adam Eckert of Iowa.
Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that all discharge motions listed on Supplemental Calendar #3 for the Ninth Legislative Day be adopted.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order so that all requests by Legislative Committees to be discharged from considering a resolution may be grouped together on an ad hoc consent calendar unless inclusion of a particular resolution was objected to; according to the Rules of Order.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

A vote was taken to discharge Committees from the following resolutions:

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #4 on Resolution A004 (Program, Budget and Finance Appropriation) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #235

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #5 on Resolution A005 (HB Committee on Pastoral Development Budget Appropriation) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #236

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #6 on Resolution A050 (SECCC Budget Appropriation) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #238

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #7 on Resolution A091 (Budget Appropriation for the Standing Commission on
Ministry Development) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #240

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #8 on Resolution A106 (Fund Health Standing Commission) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #242

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #9 on Resolution A120 (Support ECP Centennial Endowment Fund) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #244

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #10 on Resolution A122 (Francophone Network) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #246

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #11 on Resolution A146 (Budget Appropriation for The Archives of The Episcopal Church) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #247

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #12 on Resolution A148 (Budget Appropriation for General Board of Examining Chaplains) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #249
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #13 on Resolution A152 (Title IV Budget Appropriation) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #251

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #14 on Resolution D040 (Restore Justice and Mission Partnerships Fund) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #253

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #15 on Resolution D078 (EYE Support) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution D079.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #255

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved adoption by title with amendments as noted on the Privilege and Courtesy Resolutions on Supplemental Calendar #2 for the Ninth Legislative Day:

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on Resolution D086 (Appreciation for Southern Ohio's Hospitality) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(D086)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express gratitude to Bishop Kenneth Price and the Diocese of Southern Ohio for their gracious and radical hospitality in hosting the 75th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation to the City of Columbus, and the Convention Center staff for their warm welcome, sunny skies and safe streets.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #237)
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on Resolution D091 (Gratitude for Presiding Bishop Griswold) and moved adoption.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D091)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention give high praise and thanksgiving to the ministry and leadership of the Primate of The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold, for his exceptional leadership during “challenging” times, for the grace of his ministry, and the nobility of his prayerful presence at our helm; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our deep and abiding affection and appreciation to Bishop Griswold and his wife, Phoebe, for their nine years of exceptional, international ministry, and our best wishes for their long and happy lives.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #239)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on Resolution D097 (Thanksgiving for the President-elect & the Vice-President-elect) and moved adoption.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D097)

Whereas, Bonnie Anderson, vice-president of the House of Deputies and a six-term deputy to Convention, has been an active layperson and advocate for youth for 35 years, in addition to currently serving on the Executive Council and holding a host of other appointments, has been unanimously elected president of the House of Deputies; and

Whereas, The Rev. Brian Prior of the Diocese of Spokane, who currently serves on the Executive Council, other church-wide committees, and chaired the Legislative Committee on Communications, was elected as vice-president of the House of Deputies; and

Whereas, The three-year term of Bonnie's and Brian's new offices will begin upon the close of General Convention 2006 today; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 75th General Convention express its gratitude for Bonnie Anderson's and Brian Prior's commitment to the “Church and the reconciling mission of God's work in the world” as they lead us in preparation for General Convention 2009.
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on Resolution D090 (Appreciation for the CCABs) and moved adoption.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D090)  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the vision, effort and technological savvy of the members of the Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards, who spent three years prayerfully preparing the Resolutions we have discussed and voted on during this Convention; and be it further  
Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the planners and publications staff who prepared the materials, both print and electronic, for us prior to the convention, as well as each day’s Convention Calendar and Convention Daily.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #243)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution D089 (Appreciation for the Official Youth Presence) and moved adoption.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D089)  
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention give thanks for the Official Youth Presence, the chaperones and members of the E3 youth group, the unofficial infants, children, the youth and the young adults, who have added so much to our worship and conversations throughout this Convention.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #245)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution D088 (Appreciation for General Convention Staff, Committee Members, Volunteers and Vendors) and moved adoption.
Final Text of Resolution:

(D088)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express its gratitude to the entire General Convention staff, to the Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries and members; and be it further

Resolved, That we share our appreciation with the legion of volunteers from throughout The Episcopal Church who, with cheerfulness and patience, registered, directed and informed all the participants in this Convention throughout both the Exhibit Hall and the Convention Center; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank those who exhibited, informed and treated us in the Exhibit Hall, giving us a greater understanding of a myriad of ministries and opportunities for charitable contribution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #248)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #9 on Resolution D087 (Appreciation for Worship Services and Chaplains) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(D087)

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express its praise and thanksgiving for all those who contributed their talents and gifts to our worship services: to the volunteers who ushered us; to the Communion ministers and Altar Guild who set the Table and distributed our Eucharistic banquet; to the artists who surrounded us with their visual prayers; to the Liturgists who prepared our services; to the musicians who sang, played and chanted to and with us and fed our hearts; to our table discussion mates who touched us with their stories; and, particularly, to those who presided, preached, read and assisted on the altar and who fed our minds and souls; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation to the Chaplains and those offering their testimony and prayers in both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #250)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on Resolution C052 (Charles M. Crump) and moved adoption.
Final Text of Resolution:

(C052)
Whereas, Revered institutions may be organizations or individuals; and
Whereas, Individual institutions endear themselves by words and actions; and
Whereas, Institutions remind us of our history as we deal with the present; and
Whereas, Individual institutions usually have a trademark that is their own; now therefore be it
Resolved, That the House of Deputies thank God for the presence of Charles M. Crump among us. He has been an engaging role model of wisdom, sensibility, kindness and attention to detail. As he prepares for his seventeenth General Convention, we look forward to his presence in the distinctive sport coat as we listen for “Crump, West Tennessee.”

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #252)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on Resolution D096 (Appreciation for Podium) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(D096)
Whereas, The Reverend Dr. Gregory S. Straub, elected Secretary of the House of Deputies and trendsetter with his bow ties and wild sports coats, has kept us on track with his wit and occasional song; and
Whereas, J. P. Causey, Chair of Dispatch of Business, deftly moved resolutions around on the calendar; and
Whereas, Polly Getz, Parliamentarian, despite her broken foot, was among the most active on the podium; and
Whereas, Saundra Richardson, Voting Secretary, time and time again had us wake up our “doohickeys” only to slowly and patiently instruct us on how to vote “1 or 2;” and
Whereas, All the Podium Staff were superb in advising all the above people as to what to do and when to do it; now therefore be it
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 75th General Convention highly commend all of the aforementioned people, and send a big “thank you” their way, for trying to keep us on schedule and for being so considerate of all of us when we really wanted to run the place.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #254)
Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report # 5 on HB Message #132 on Resolution A095 (Gay and Lesbian Affirmation) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #233)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A095)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm The Episcopal Church’s historical support of gay and lesbian persons as children of God and entitled to full civil rights; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the 71st General Convention’s action calling upon “municipal council, state legislatures and the United States Congress to approve measures giving gay and lesbian couples protection[s] such as: bereavement and family leave policies; health benefits; pension benefits; real-estate transfer tax benefits; and commitments to mutual support enjoyed by non-gay married couples;” and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention oppose any state or federal constitutional amendment that prohibits same-sex civil marriage or civil unions.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #17 on HB Message #177 on Resolution D046 (Jamestown Covenant) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #234)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D046)
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant and engagement of this Church with Indigenous Peoples, designating the decade of 2007 to 2017 as the Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, renewing the commitment of the Church to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, and enter into a special intentionality towards developing an outreach partnership among Indigenous People; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministries to plan and help coordinate appropriate celebrations, events and materials for the Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, with progress reports to be presented to the 76th General Convention.
Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced the House had completed its business and requested that it be discharged.

Special Order of Business

The President closed with prayer. The President-elect Bonnie Anderson was installed and the President turned the gavel over to her.

Adjournment

The President adjourned the House *sine die* at 6:00 p.m.
Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold Address to the Joint Session of the General Convention

When I became your Presiding Bishop eight and a half years ago, I called the church to the costly discipline of conversation. At that time I pointed out that the word conversation and the word conversion come from the same Latin root. I said that to enter into conversation deeply, and with an undefended heart, opened the way to conversion. By conversion I did not mean one point of view capitulating to another – but rather a new way of seeing one another and recognizing Christ in one another. The conversion of which I spoke had less to do with a change of mind and more to do with a change of heart.

As part of our response to the Windsor Report, we have passed Resolution A159 which reaffirms "the abiding commitment of the Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and to seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible." We have also passed Resolution A166 supporting the process of developing an Anglican Covenant for the purpose of strengthening our Communion. We have thus indicated our desire for continuing conversation.

However, unless there is a clear perception on the part of our Anglican brothers and sisters that they have been taken seriously in their concerns it will be impossible to have any genuine conversation. Therefore there will be no conversion and the bonds of affection which undergird communion will be further strained. We will be less able to recognize Christ in one another and the mission we are called to share together for the sake of the world will be further diminished and undermined.

For our voices to be heard there needs to be a clear sense that we are not ignoring the sensibilities of those who are genuinely unable to understand what we have done. Yes, there is anger, but to a greater degree, there is confusion.

And conversation works. I have already experienced some of its potential fruits in the course of primates' meetings, as difficult as they sometimes have been. There have been times when, with great difficulty, I have had to receive before I was able to give. Such moments have not been easy but they have been necessary.
Humility is not an easy virtue but it is very much required in this season. Humility requires at times a stance of restraint in order that something larger can happen. There are times when what may appear to be a step backward may be called for in order to go forward.

Let me say here: we need to be mindful of the dynamics that have brought us to where we are. Some among us feel that expressions of restraint with regard to the office of bishop demean the dignity of those among us who are gay and lesbian. Others among us may be opposed to expressions of restraint, which would make it more difficult for them to justify their apparent need to establish a separate ecclesial body. Nothing would better serve such purposes than to be able to say that we, because of our action or inaction, have chosen to walk apart from the rest of the Communion. In a strange way, those with very different views are able to vote on the same side of the question.

However, resolutions passed thus far indicate a desire on the part of the majority to find a way forward that may require relinquishments on all sides. The majority of us, whom I describe as the diverse center – made up of divergent opinions but unified by a common sense of being church together for the sake of mission, do not want to take a step that precludes further steps and genuine conversation.

I have said that conversation works and that I have seen the fruits of difficult conversations as hearts and minds have been opened. I want our 26th Presiding Bishop and our members of the Anglican Consultative Council to have an opportunity to be at the table, to engage in those conversations.

This is the final day of General Convention. What I believe we actually yearn for has not been adequately reflected through the workings of our legislative processes. Our conversations in both Houses reveal a much greater complexity. We must now act with generosity and imagination so that our actions are a clearer reflection of the willingness of the majority of us to relinquish something in order to serve a larger purpose.

As your Presiding Bishop and chief pastor, I now ask both Houses to consider the following resolution. I do so knowing that consideration in the House of Deputies may require special action.

Resolution B033: "On the Election of Bishops"

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention receive and embrace the Windsor Report's invitation to engage in a process of healing and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention therefore call upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any
candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.

I will close this session with a prayer and ask the bishops to return promptly to their House to reconvene in order to consider this resolution.

[Presiding Bishop Griswold led the session in prayer.]

The joint session is now ended.
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House of Deputies Necrology

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PART III

HOUSE OF BISHOPS
INTERIM MEETINGS
MEETING
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2004

SPECIAL MEETING

Held at
Camp Allen Conference Center

Navasota, Texas
March 19–25, 2004
Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Bishop at 7:10 p.m. Bishop Griswold offered an opening prayer.

Roll Call
Bishop Griswold called on the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., Secretary of the House of Bishops, who entered the registration list for the meeting as verification of a quorum and moved to dispense with the calling of the roll.

Motion carried

Bishop David Reed, retired bishop of Kentucky was acknowledged as the senior bishop present at the gathering.

Change of Status
Bishop Griswold noted that the following bishops, introduced to the House earlier, were either new or of changed status since the last meeting of the House.

Consecrated:
985 The Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska
986 The Rt. Rev. Johny Itty, Bishop of Oregon
987 The Rt. Rev. Franklin Brookhart, Bishop of Montana
988 The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
989 The Rt. Rev. Robert O’Neil, Bishop of Colorado
990 The Rt. Rev. George Councell, Bishop of New Jersey
991 The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee
992 The Rt. Rev. E. Johnson Howard, Bishop of Florida
993 The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire
994 The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas
Soon to be Consecrated:

The Rev. Mark Hollinsworth, Bishop of Ohio on April 17, 2004
The Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona on April 24, 2004
The Rev. Michael G. Smith, Bishop of North Dakota on May 8, 2004

Status Change:
The Rt. Rev. Martin Townsend is now serving as assistant bishop in Newark and was welcomed back into the House.

Communication from the Presiding Bishop

Announcement was made that recent damage to Cuttington College in Liberia has been extensive and that Trinity Church, Wall Street, and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society have both given funds toward its repair, but at least $100,000 is still needed. He asked that members be attentive to a request for assistance coming from the Rt. Rev. Herbert Donovan.

It was reported that Jan Nunley from the Communications office had released via the Internet a copy of “Caring For All The Churches, A Response of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church to an expressed need of the Church.” Bishop Griswold read brief statements that he and Council of Advice Chair, the Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins, had made accompanying the document.

Special Business of the Convention

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Wright, Chair of the Dispatch of Business Committee, presented the following matters:


Bishop Griswold called on the Bishop for Pastoral Development, the Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews who outlined events leading up to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, meeting at Camp Allen, Texas, on March 23rd, 2004, takes the following action regarding the Rt. Rev. Neptali Larrea Moreno, Bishop of Ecuador Central.

1. The House finds that on January 21st, 2004 the Presiding Bishop properly inhibited Bishop Larrea from the exercise of his ordained Ministry on the ground that there was probable cause to believe that Bishop Larrea had abandoned the communion of this Church by “an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Episcopal Church” under Canon IV.9(1).

2. The House further finds that in the ensuing period of more than two months Bishop Larrea has not contested the facts asserted by the Presiding Bishop in this matter or demanded a trial by this house as provided in Canon IV.9(2); and

3. The House therefore sadly gives its consent to the deposition of Bishop Larrea by the Presiding Bishop from the Sacred Ministry pursuant to canon IV.9(2).
A Resolution on Theological Consensus

Bishop Griswold called on the Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop in Charge of the Congregations in Europe who introduced and spoke to the following resolution.  

Resolved, That the House of Bishops ask the Presiding Bishop and the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops to name a panel of the best available theologians in the Episcopal Church to compose a theological study that presents the case for the expansion of the Church’s teaching on sexuality, marriage, and same-sex unions/partnerships and their blessing; and be it further  

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops appoint a panel of the best available Episcopal theologians to compose a theological study arguing against the case for the expansion of the Church’s teaching on sexuality, marriage, and same-sex unions/partnerships and their blessing; and be it further  

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops invite theologians of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Communion, the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Churches, and the Old Catholic Churches, to write a comment addressing both studies; and be if further  

Resolved, That the members of these two committees meet together for conversation, discussions and dialogue; and be it further  

Resolved, That these studies and companion comments be presented as one Report to the House of Bishops at its meeting in the fall of 2005, with a view towards commending it to the wider church.  

Explanation: Recent actions of the 74th General Convention have shown that there is support among a majority of Bishops and Deputies that gay people living in partnerships with another are full members of the Episcopal Church, with the right to live their relationship openly and with the Church’s approval. A number of study documents and General Convention resolutions have already provided some basis for this change. However, there exists no statement that sets forth the theological grounds for our expansion of the teaching on marriage. Moreover, the General Convention by a clear majority did not approve the creation of rites for blessing of same-sex unions, allowing however for local diocesan practices to continue in their diversity, some blessing same-sex unions and ordaining gay people in partnerships, some continuing to refuse to do either, and some allowing one but not the other. The need to prepare a theological study for the Episcopal Church has therefore never been greater. From the needs of our education programs, to conversations with our ecumenical partners, and most of all, for the eventual reconciliation within the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, we must make every effort to provide a theological study of the highest quality that can inform the debate and
discussion at every level of the Church’s life. Without it we shall continue to be “blown about by every wind of doctrine” (Eph. 4:14).

It was then moved that this Resolution be referred to the Presiding Bishop’s Committee on C051.

Motion carried
Resolution referred

Resolution on Confirmations in the Diocese of Ohio
Bishop Griswold called on the Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, bishop-elect of Ohio, who introduced the following resolution.

We, the members of the House of Bishops, meeting at Camp Allen for our Spring meeting in March 2004, say to the Church, and particularly to the Church gathered in the Diocese of Ohio, that we repudiate and deplore the unilateral actions of the five bishops of the Episcopal Church, USA who crossed diocesan jurisdictional boundaries and entered the Diocese of Ohio on Sunday, March 14 to confirm and to celebrate the Eucharist without the knowledge and permission of the Bishop of Ohio. Bishops FitzSimmons Allison, former Bishop of South Carolina, Maurice Benitez, former Bishop of Texas, William Cox, former Assistant Bishop of Oklahoma, Alex Dickson, former Bishop of West Tennessee and William Wantland, former Bishop of Eau Claire, joined in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and in so doing used the sacrament of unity in Christ as an instrument of division and defiance. Secretive in its planning, their action was discourteous, disruptive and a willful violation of our Constitution and Canons.

We are keenly aware of the concerns of people of our church who are in disagreement with their bishops and the decisions of the 74th General Convention. As their pastors, it is our hope and expectation that they will share their views directly with their bishops. In our continuing efforts to care pastorally for all of our people, at this meeting we have endorsed a plan for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight. We are committed to responding generously and pastorally to requests made in accordance with this plan.

We expect all of our colleagues in the House of Bishops to be models of reconciling behavior, even when we disagree with one another. We have prayerfully considered the use of the disciplinary canons in response to the actions in Ohio. In the spirit of our commitment to reconciliation, we choose a different course. We invite these five bishops to meet with the Presiding Bishop’s Council of Advice to discuss their actions. Further, we want them to hear about the work we continue to do as bishops who embrace the ministry of reconciliation for the mission of the whole church, which as our Prayer Book tells us is “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.”

At the same time, we hold these five bishops, and one another, accountable for the good order of the Church, the Body of Christ. Therefore, in the future any bishop
performing Episcopal acts without the permission of the diocesan bishop will be subject to discipline under our canons.

We begin every liturgy of baptism and confirmation with this proclamation. “There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God’s call to us; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all.” We are saddened that the Akron confirmands were denied the joy associated with a confirmation by their own bishop in their own parish church in a liturgy that was publicly and happily anticipated. We hope they will take full part in the life of their parish church and diocese and we wish them every blessing.

**Resolution on Violence in Sudan**

Bishop Griswold then called on the Rt. Rev. Francis Gray who introduced the following resolution:

**Resolved,** That the House of Bishops meeting in Texas on March 23, 2004, deplores the violence against civilian populations in the Darfur region, Malakal, and other parts of the upper Nile and calls on the Federal Government of Sudan to bring peace to these areas; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the government immediately allow international observers and humanitarian aid into the Darfur region; and be it further

**Resolved,** That this resolution be delivered to the Embassy of Sudan, office of SPLM, the President of the United States, Special envoy Senator Danforth and Congressmen Royce, Payne and Wolfe, and to the Anglican Observer at the United Nations.

**Bishop Leo Alard**

The Rt. Rev. Gethin Hughes noted that the Rt. Rev. Leo Alard, former Bishop Suffragan of Texas had died since we last met here at Camp Allen in the diocese where he served. The Secretary was directed to communicate our love and sense of loss of this House to his wife, daughter and family.

**Letter of Support to the Bishop of Haiti**

The Rt. Rev. Theodore Daniels requested that the Secretary be directed to send a letter of support and concern to the Bishop of Haiti acknowledging our concern regarding the current hostilities in that county.
Reading of the Minutes
Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes.  

Motion carried

Adjournment
Bishop Griswold adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTE: See Appendix D for the full text of “Caring For All The Churches, A Response of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church to an expressed need of the Church” which was created and perfected during the course of this gathering of the House.

Certified by (The Rt. Rev.) John L. Rabb, Committee on Certification of Minutes
Appendix A
Navasota, Texas

Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 19 – MC: Mark Sisk
10:00 a.m.  HOB Planning Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m.  Orientation for Group Facilitators
2:30  Orientation for New Bishops
4:00  Session I - Strands of the Meeting: Personal, Ecclesial & Global
      Reconciliation
5:30  Eucharist
6:30  Supper
7:30  Core Group Connection and Compline
9:00  Hospitality

Saturday, March 20 – MC: Katharine Jefferts Schori
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer
8:00  Breakfast
9:00  Session II - Bible Study
11:15  Break
11:45  Eucharist
12:30 p.m.  Lunch
2:00  Session III – Setting the Context Ecclesial Reconciliation: Plenary on
      Episcopal Pastoral Care
3:00  Break
3:15  Core Group Conversation
5:15  Break
5:30  Worship
6:00  Core & Expanded Group Facilitators Meeting
6:30  Steak Cookout

Sunday, March 21 – MC: Rayford High
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer
8:00  Continental Breakfast
9:00  Eucharist
10:15  Brunch
3:00 p.m.  Session IV - Expanded Group Conversations on Episcopal Pastoral Care
6:00  Supper
7:30  Taizé Prayer
9:30  Hospitality
Monday, March 22 – MC: Ed Little
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer  
8:00  Breakfast  
9:00  Session V - Bible Study  
11:15  Break  
11:45  Eucharist  
12:30 p.m.  Lunch  
2:30  Session VI - Ecclesial Reconciliation: Plenary  
5:00  Break  
5:30  Evening Prayer  
6:00  Supper  
7:30  Hospitality  
7:30  Evening free unless time is needed to extend afternoon conversations

Tuesday, March 23 – MC: Lloyd Allen
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer  
8:00  Breakfast  
9:00  Session VII - Bible Study  
11:15  Break  
11:45  Eucharist  
12:30 p.m.  Lunch  
2:30  Session VIII - Global Reconciliation: Presentation  
5:00  Break  
5:30  Worship  
6:00  Supper  
7:00  Session IX - Business Session–Mini-versity (Following Business Session)  
9:00  Hospitality

Wednesday, March 24 – MC: Victor Scantlebury
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer  
8:00  Breakfast  
9:00  Session X - Bible Study  
11:15  Break  
11:45  Noontday Prayers  
12:30 p.m.  Lunch  
2:30  Session XI - Global Reconciliation: Presentation, Expanded Group & Plenary Discussion  
5:00  Break  
5:15  Eucharist  
6:30  Festive Dinner

Thursday, March 25
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer
8:00  Breakfast
9:00  HOB Planning Committee meeting
12:00 p.m.  Lunch
1:00  Resume Planning Committee Meeting
3:30  Adjourn Planning Committee Meeting
Appendix B
Navasota, Texas

Bishops Present at the Interim Meeting of Spring 2004

Adams, James M.
Adams, III, Gladstone B.
Alexander, J. Neil
Allen, Lloyd E.
Alvarez, David
Anderson, Craig B.
Anderson, Robert M.
Bainbridge, III, Harry B.
Bane Jr., David C.
Bena, David J.
Brookhart Jr., C. Franklin
Bruno, J. Jon
Buchanan, John C.
Burnett, Joe G.
Caldwell, Bruce
Carranza, Serio
Cederholm Jr., Roy F.
Chane, John B.
Chang, Richard S.
Charleston, Steven
Councell, George E.
Creighton, Michael W.
Croneberger, John P.
Curry, James E.
Curry, Michael B.
Daniel III, Clifton
Daniels, Theodore A.
Duncan II, Philip M.
Duncan Jr., Robert W.
Duque, Francisco
Dyer, James M.
Ely, Thomas C.
Epting, C. Christopher
Folts, James E.
Frate, Leopold
Gallagher, Carol J.
Garrison, J. Michael
Gepert, Robert R.
Gibbs Jr., Wendell N.
Gloster, J. Gary
Gray III, Duncan M.
Gray, Francis C.
Gregg, William O.
Grew II, J. Clark
Griswold, Frank T.
Gulick Jr., Edwin F.
Harris, Barbara C.
Harris, Gayle E.
Hathaway, Alden M.
Henderson Jr., Dorsey F.
Herlong, Bertram N.
Herzong, Daniel W.
High, Rayford B.
Hollingsworth, Mark
Howard, S. Johnson
Howe, Barry R.
Howe, John W.
Hughes, Gethin B.
Ihloff, Robert W.
Irish, Carolyn T.
Itty, Johny
Jacobus, Russell E.
Jefferts Schori, Katharine
Jelinek, James L.
Jenkins III, Charles E.
Johnson, Don E.
Johnson, Robert H.
Jones, David C.
Joslin, David B.
Kelsey, James A.
Klumeyer, William M.
Knudsen, Chilton R.
Ladehoff, Robert L.
Lai, David J.
Lamb, Jerry A.
Lee, Peter J.
Leidel Jr., Edwin M.
Lillibridge, Gary
Lipscomb, John B.
Little II, Edward S.
Louitit Jr., Henry
MacDonald, Mark L.
MacPherson, D. Bruce
Marble Jr., Alfred C.
Marshall, Paul V.
Matthews, F. Clayton
Maze, Larry E.
McKelvey, Jack M.
Miller, Steven A.
Moody, Robert M.
Ohl Jr., C. Wallis
O’Neill, Robert J.
Ottley, James H.
Packard, George E.
Parsley Jr., Henry N.
Payne, Claude E.
Pershell, William D.
Plummer, Steven T.
Powell, F. Neff
Price Jr., Kenneth L.
Rabb, John L.
Ramos-Orench, Wilfrido
Reed, David B.
Robertson, Creighton L.
Robinson, V. Gene
Roskam, Catherine S.
Rowthorn, Jeffrey W.
Salmon Jr., Edward L.
Sauls, Stacy F.
Scantlebury, Victor A.
Scarfe, Alan
Scriven, Henry W.
Scruton, Gordon P.
Shahan, Robert R.
Shand, James J.
Shaw III, SSJE, Thomas
Shimpfky, Richard L.
Sisk, Mark S.
Skilton, William J.
Smith, Andrew D.
Smith, George W.
Smith, John H.
Smith, Kirk
Stanton, James M.
Swenson, David L.
Swing, William E.
Talton, Chester L.
Thompson Jr., Herbert
Townsend, Martin G.
Vache, C. Charles
vonRosenberg, Charles G.
Waggoner Jr., James E.
Walker Jr., Orris G.
Warner, Vincent W.
Waynick, Catherine M.
Whalon, Pierre
Whitmore, Keith B.
Williams Jr., Arthur B.
Wimberly, Don A.
Wolf, Geralyn
Wolfé, Dean E.
Wolfrum, William H.
Wright, Wayne P.
Appendix C
Navasota, Texas

Newly Consecrated Bishops

Bishops who have been consecrated since the meeting of the 74th General Convention, held in Minneapolis, July 30th to August 8th, 2003:

Bishop of Nebraska, September 13, 2003
Joe Goodwin Burnett (985)
Chief Consecrator: James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota
Co-Consecrators: James Daniel Warner, Bishop of Nebraska, Resigned
James Edward Krotz, Bishop of Nebraska, Resigned
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta
Alfred Clark Marble, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi, Resigned
Duncan Montgomery Gray, III, Bishop of Mississippi
Duncan Montgomery Gray, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi, Resigned

Bishop of Oregon, September 20, 2003
Johny Itty (986)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators: Edmond Lee Browning, D.D., XXIV Presiding Bishop
Robert Louis Ladehoff, Bishop of Oregon
Rodney Rae Michel, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Long Island
James Hamilton Ottley, Assistant Bishop of Southeast Florida
Oriss George Walker, D.C.L., Bishop of Long Island
Paul R. Swanson, Bishop, Oregon Synod, ELCA

Bishop of Montana, September 27, 2003
C. Franklin Brookhard (987)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators: William Miche Kluemeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
Charles Lovett Keyser, Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Services, Healthcare and Prison Ministries, Resigned
James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota

The Bishop Suffragan of Texas, October 4, 2003
Rayford Baines High, Jr. (988)
Chief Consecrator: David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana
Co-Consecrators: Don Adger Wimberly, D.D., Bishop of Texas
Claude Edward Payne, D.D., Bishop of Texas, Resigned
William Elwood Sterling, Bishop Suffragan of Texas, Resigned
Theodore Athelbert Daniels, Assistant Bishop of Texas
Scott Field Bailey, D.D., Bishop of West Texas, Resigned

The Bishop of Colorado, October 4, 2003
Robert John O’Neil (989)
Chief Consecrator: James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota
Co-Consecrators: William Jerry Winterrowd, Bishop of Colorado
Marvil Thomas Shaw, S.S.J.E., Bishop of Massachusetts
William Harvey Wolfrum, Bishop Suffragan of Colorado, Resigned
Barbara Clementine Harris, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned

The Bishop of New Jersey, October 18, 2003

George Edward Councell (990)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators: Andrew Frederick Wissemann, Bishop of Western Massachusetts, Resigned
William Dailey Persell, Bishop of Chicago
Gordon Paul Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts
George Phelps Mellick Belshaw, Bishop of New Jersey, Resigned

The Bishop of Milwaukee, October 18, 2003

Steven Andrew Miller (991)
Chief Consecrator: Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan
Co-Consecrators: Roger John White, DCL, Bishop of Milwaukee, Resigned
Arthur Anton Vogel, D.D., Bishop of West Missouri, Resigned
Russell Edward Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac
Keith Bernard Whitemore, Bishop of Eau Claire

The Bishop of Florida, November 1, 2003

Samuel Johnson Howard (992)
Chief Consecrator: Charles Edward Jenkins, III, D.D., Bishop of Louisiana
Co-Consecrators: Stephen Hays Jecko, D.D., Bishop of Florida
Frank Stanley Cerveny, D.D., Bishop of Florida, Resigned
John Wadsworth Howe, D.D., Bishop of Central Florida
John Bailey Lipscomb, D.D., Bishop of Southwest Florida
Edward Lloyd Salmon, Jr., Bishop of South Carolina

The Bishop of New Hampshire, November 2, 2003

V. Gene Robinson (993)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators: Edmond Lee Browning, D.D., XXIV Presiding Bishop
Albert Theodore Eastman, D.D., Bishop of Maryland, Resigned
Barbara Clementine Harris, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned
Chilton Abbie Richardson Knudsen, D.D., Bishop of Maine
Krister Stendahl, Bishop Emeritus of Stockholm
Herbert Alcorn Donovan, Jr., D.D., Bishop of Arkansas, Resigned
The Bishop of Kansas, November 8, 2003
Dean Elliott Wolfe (994)
Chief Consecrator: David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana
Co-Consecrators: William Edward Smalley, D.Min., Bishop of Kansas
Richard Frank Grein, D.D., Bishop of New York, Resigned
Sam Byron Hulsey, D.D., Bishop of Northwest Texas, Resigned
William Edwin Swing, D.D., Bishop of California
Gerald Mansholt, Ph.D., Bishop, Central States Synod, ELCA
Riah El-Assal, Bishop of Jerusalem

The Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas, February 21, 2004
Gary Lillibridge (995)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators: James Edward Folts, D.D., Bishop of West Texas
Robert Boyd Hibbs, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, Retired
Scott Field Bailey, D.D., Bishop of West Texas, Resigned
John Herbert MacNaughton, D.D., Bishop of West Texas, Resigned
Earl Nicholas McArthur, Suffragan Bishop of West Texas, Resigned
Gerald Nicholas McAllister, Bishop of Oklahoma, Resigned

Change in Status
The following are change in status received by the Secretary of the House of Bishops from the Presiding Bishop since the meeting of the General Convention, held in Minneapolis, July 30th to August 8th, 2003:

The Rt. Rev. Martin Townswend
The Assistant Bishop in Newark
Necrology

Since the meeting of the General Convention, held in Minneapolis, July 30th to August 8th, 2003, the following bishops have departed this life:

October 16, 2003  The Rt. Rev. Leopoldo Jesus Alard  Bishop Suffragan of Texas
January 5, 2004  The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Sr.  Retired Bishop of Western Michigan
February 2, 2004  The Rt. Rev. Furman Charles Stough  Retired Bishop of Alabama
February 13, 2004  The Rt. Rev. David Bell Birney, IV  Retired Bishop of Idaho
Appendix D
Navasota, Texas

Caring For All The Churches

A Response of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church to an expressed need of the Church

The church is the Body of Christ. Our life in this Body is a continuing action of God’s grace among us, by whose power alone we are “joined together” in Christ and grow “into a holy temple in the Lord” (Eph. 2:21). Through the church’s common life in Christ, God intends to signify to the world the beginning of a new and reconciled creation.

We know the unity with God that Christ has won for humanity, he won through the victory of his passion. We are mindful of the suffering of Jesus who, on the Cross and through his resurrection, reaches into every corner of alienated human life, reconciling and restoring to the household of God all who come to him in faith. By God’s grace the church is continually called, in repentance and hope, to be a trustworthy sign to the world of this costly reconciling power of God. We understand that, in obedience to Christ and putting our whole trust in him, we may share in his unity with the Father through the Holy Spirit. Communion in the Trinity is the salvation of the world. The church, thus, exists for the sake of the world. Therefore, for the sake of the world, we have been called “to serve before God day and night in the ministry of reconciliation”, (BCP, p.521) which is to be carried out “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Eph. 4:2-3)

We as bishops are not of a common mind about issues concerning human sexuality. Different points of view on these matters also exist within our dioceses and congregations. In some instances there are significant differences between congregation(s) and the bishop and few of our congregations are themselves of one mind. As we exercise pastoral leadership in our dioceses, we pledge ourselves to work always towards the fullest relationship, seeking, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has said, “the highest degree of communion.” We are grateful for his leadership and share the pastoral concerns expressed by the Primates of the Anglican Communion in their statement of October 2003, “for those who in all conscience feel bound to dissent from the teaching and practice of their province in such matters.” We have committed ourselves to living through this time of disagreement in love and charity and with sensitivity to the pastoral needs of all members of our church.
In the circumstance of disagreement regarding the actions of the 74th General Convention on issues of human sexuality, we commit ourselves to providing and to making provision for pastoral care for dissenting congregations, and we recognize that there may be a need for a bishop to delegate some pastoral oversight. Oversight means the episcopal acts performed as part of a diocesan bishop’s ministry either by the diocesan bishop or by another bishop to whom such responsibility has been delegated by the diocesan bishop. In other Anglican Provinces, the term “pastoral oversight” signifies what we mean by “pastoral care.” In our Episcopal Church polity, “oversight” does not confer “jurisdiction.” We are aware of current examples of the delegation of pastoral oversight in the gracious accommodations which have occurred in some dioceses.

As we together commit to a process for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight, we also recognize the constitutional and canonical authority of bishops and the integrity of diocesan boundaries. We are in accord with the statement of the primates: “Whilst we affirm the teaching of successive Lambeth Conferences that bishops must respect the autonomy and territorial integrity of dioceses and provinces other than their own, we call on the provinces concerned to make adequate provision for episcopal oversight of dissenting minorities within their own area of pastoral care in consultation with the Archbishop of Canterbury on behalf of the Primates.”

Sensitive pastoral care does not presuppose like-mindedness. Bishops and congregations have frequently disagreed about particular articulations and interpretations of scripture and the Creeds while being able to transcend their differences through common prayer and celebration of the sacraments of the new covenant. The notion that the bishop’s views must be in accord with those of a particular rector or congregation for the bishop to be received as chief pastor opens the way to undermining the bishop’s pastoral ministry, which must embrace all and “support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries.” Our theology and practice hold that ordination and consecration provide the gifts and grace necessary for the sacramental acts of a bishop to be effectual. (See article XXVI of the Articles of Religion: Of the Unworthiness of the Ministers, which hinders not the effect of the Sacraments.)

As bishops we share a ministry of episcopé as stewards of the mystery of faith that none of us possesses alone. We believe it is our particular charge to nourish, guard and represent in the church this “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” We understand this to be for the sake of the world and in fidelity to our Lord who gave his life to restore all to unity with God. We recognize and repent of our failures of charity towards one another in this shared ministry of episcopé, and we pledge ourselves to a sacrificial ministry with one another, valuing in each the presence of the Crucified and Risen Christ. While our unity may be strained, we continue to strive for godly union and concord. Our task requires humility, charity, mutual respect and
a willingness to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

In March of 2002 the House of Bishops adopted the following covenant: "We believe that the present Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church are sufficient for dealing with questions of episcopal oversight, supplemental episcopal pastoral care, and disputes that may arise between the bishop and a congregation. We encourage that their provisions be used wisely and in the spirit of charity.

"The provision of supplemental episcopal pastoral care shall be under the direction of the bishop of the diocese, who shall invite the visitor and remain in pastoral contact with the congregation. This is to be understood as a temporary arrangement, the ultimate goal of which is the full restoration of the relationship between the congregation and their bishop."

Expanding on this previous agreement, and working always towards "the highest degree of communion," we offer the following recommendations in order to provide Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight. We expect that the first priority in a relationship between a diocesan bishop and congregation is a striving for unity. As such, it is incumbent upon both the bishop and the rector/congregation to meet together, with a consultant, if needed, to find ways to work together. If for serious cause in the light of our current disagreements on issues of human sexuality, the bishop and rector/congregation cannot work together, we propose the following process for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight.

1. In the spirit of openness, the rector and vestry, or the canonically designated lay leadership shall meet with the bishop to seek reconciliation. After such a meeting, it is our hope that in most instances a mutually agreeable way forward will be found.

2. If reconciliation does not occur, then the rector and two-thirds of the vestry, or in the absence of a rector, two-thirds of the canonically designated lay leadership, after fully engaging the congregation, may seek from their diocesan bishop, (or the diocesan bishop may suggest) a conference regarding the appropriateness and conditions for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight.

3. After such a conference the bishop may appoint another bishop to provide pastoral oversight.

4. If no reconciliation is achieved, there may then be an appeal to the bishop who is president or vice-president of the ECUSA province in which the congregation is geographically located, for help in seeking a resolution. Those making such an appeal must inform the other party of their decision to appeal.

5. When such an appeal has been made, the provincial bishop may request two other bishops, representative of the divergent views in this church, to join with the provincial bishop to review the situation, to consider the appeal, and to make recommendations to all parties. If an episcopal visitor is to be invited, that bishop shall be a member in good standing in this Church.

6. When an agreement is reached with respect to a plan, it shall be for the purpose of reconciliation. The plan shall include expectations of all parties, especially
mutual accountability. The plan shall be for a stated period of time with regular reviews.

The provincial bishop shall periodically inform the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop’s Council of Advice, and the House of Bishops at its regular meetings of the progress and results of this process.

As bishops of this church, we pledge ourselves to pray and work for patience and the generosity of spirit that can enable a pastoral resolution as we live with our differences. As well, we will strive for Godly union and concord as together we seek to be led by the Spirit of truth who, as Jesus tells us, “will guide us into all the truth.” (John 16:13)

The House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church
23 March 2004
MEETING
OF THE
HOUSE OF BISHOPS
2004

SPECIAL MEETING

Held at
The Davenport Hotel

Spokane, Washington
September 23–28, 2004
Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Bishop at 4:00 p.m. Monday, September 27, 2004.
Bishop Griswold stated that the liturgies of the conference sufficed as opening devotions.

Roll Call
Bishop Griswold called on the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Secretary of the House of Bishops, who moved the registration list, consisting of 135 bishops and one bishop-elect constituted verification of a quorum and moved to dispense with the calling of the roll.

Motion carried
Bishop Griswold noted that bishops in attendance for the first time had been introduced at the opening dinner.
There were no communications from the Presiding Bishop other than matters on the agenda. There were two orders of business.

Committee on Privilege and Courtesy
The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Jr. of the Committee on Privilege and Courtesy reported that a nomination had been received from the Rt. Rev. Gethin B. Hughes of the Diocese of San Diego to approve the Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity, retired Bishop of Jerusalem, for collegial membership in the House of Bishops. Bishop Kafity now resides in the Diocese of San Diego. The announcement of this nomination had been circulated among the bishops prior to the meeting, as it required by canon. Bishop Ohl moved the nomination on behalf of the committee.

Motion carried
Mind of the House Resolution
The Rt. Rev. Henry Louttit, Jr. and the Rt. Rev. David C. Jones moved the following Mind of the House Resolution:

Resolved, That the transfer of a canonical residence to a diocese in another province of the Anglican Communion shall meet the following guidelines: (a) The ministry to be exercised within the geographical boundaries of the diocese or the Province of the Anglican Communion to which the transfer is to be made. (b) No disciplinary matters be pending regarding the individual requesting transfer.

(Explanation: The House of Bishops rejects the practice of transfer of canonical residence to allow a priest or bishop to exercise ministry outside of the geographical boundaries of his or her canonical residence.)

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Reports of Special Committees
The Secretary reported on behalf of the Committee on Resignations that mail polls, conducted since the last meeting on March 23, 2004, had yielded the appropriate consents to the following resignations:

- The Rt. Rev. J. Gary Gloster, August 31, 2004
- The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, September 18, 2004

The Secretary reported on behalf of the Committee on Consecrations that mail polls conducted since the last meeting on March 23, 2004, has yielded the appropriate consents to the consecrations of the following bishops who were attending this meeting for the first time:

- The Rt. Rev. Michael Gene Smith, May 8, 2004
- The Rt. Rev. Granville Porter Taylor, September 18, 2004

It should also be noted that two bishops who were bishops-elect and in attendance at the March 23, 2004 meeting, were consecrated between then and this meeting.

- The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, consecrated Bishop of Ohio on April 17, 2004
- The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, consecrated as Bishop of Arizona on April 24, 2004

The Rev. Bavi Rivera, bishop suffragan-elect of Olympia, was in attendance at this meeting but has not yet been consecrated.

Reading of the Minutes
A motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the last interim meeting, held on March 23, 2004, was made.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.
Certified by The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, The Rt. Rev. Barry R. Howe, Committee on Certification of Minutes
Appendix A
Spokane, Washington

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 23 – MC: Mark Sisk
10:00 a.m. Joint Planning Committee Meeting & Lunch
1:00 p.m. Facilitators Orientation
3:00 Session I: Opening Session: Welcome
4:30 Eucharist
5:30 Core Group Connection
7:15 Group Dinner

Friday, September 24 – MC: Victor Scantlebury
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer/Reflection
9:00 Session II
12:00 p.m. Eucharist & Lunch
2:45 Session III
5:00 Art Gala
6:00 Class Dinners

Saturday, September 25 – MC: Katharine Jefferts Schori
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 Session IV
12:00 p.m. Eucharist
1:00 Lunch/Planning Committee Lunch
Free Afternoon

Sunday, September 26 – MC: Tom Ely
9:00 a.m. Buses leave for Cathedral
10:00 Eucharist
12:00 p.m. Lunch
2:30 Session V
4:00 Buses leave for Paulsen House
5:00 Picnic

Monday, September 27 – MC: Lloyd Allen/Rayford High
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 Session VI
11:45 Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Lunch
2:30 Session VII
6:00 Provincial Dinners

Tuesday, September 28 – MC: Ed Little

9:00 a.m. Session VIII
12:30 p.m. Core Group Lunch
2:30 Session IX
4:30 Eucharist
6:00 Reception
7:00 Group Closing Dinner
Appendix B
Spokane, Washington

Bishops Present at the Interim Meeting of September 2004

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Croneberger, John P.
Curry, Michael Bruce
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Duque, Francisco
Duracin, J. Zache
Duvall, Charles F.
Ely, Thomas Clark
Epting, C. Christopher
Folts, James E.
Frade, Leopold
Gallagher, Carol Joy
Garrison, J. Michael
Gepert, Robert
Gibbs Jr., Wendell N.
Gloster, J. Gary
Gray III, Duncan M.
Gregg, William O.
Griswold, Frank T.
Gulick Jr., Edwin F.
Hampton, Sanford Z.K.
Harris, Barbara C.
Harris, Gayle
Henderson Jr., Dorsey F.
High Jr., Rayford B.
Holguín, Julio Cesar
Hollingsworth Jr., Mark
Howard, Samuel Johnson
Howe, Barry R.
Hughes, Gethin B.
Ihloff, Robert W.
Irish, Carolyn T.
Isaac, Telesforo
Itty, Johny
Jacobs, Russell E.
Jefferts Schori, Katharine
Jelinek, James L.
Jenkins III, Charles E.
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Jones, Bob G.
Jones, David C.
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Keyser, Charles L.
Kimsey, Rustin R.
Klumsmeyer, W. Michie
Knudsen, Chilton R.
Lai, David
Lamb, Jerry A.
Lee, Peter James
Leidel Jr., Edwin M.
Lillibridge, Gary
Little II, Edward S.
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Appendix C
Spokane, Washington

Newly Consecrated Bishops

Bishops who have been consecrated since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Camp Allen Conference Center, Navasota, Texas, March 19-25, 2004:

The Bishop of Ohio, April 17, 2004
Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. (996)
Chief Consecrator: Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan
Co-Consecrators: Joseph Clark Grew, D.D., Bishop of Ohio
Marvil Thomas Shaw, III, S.S.J.E., Bishop of Massachusetts
Barbara Clementine Harris, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned
George Leslie Cadigan, D.D., Bishop of Missouri, Resigned
William Edwin Swing, Bishop of California

The Bishop Coadjutor of Arizona, April 24, 2004
Kirk Stevan Smith (997)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators: Robert Reed Shahan, D.D., Bishop of Arizona
Joseph Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada
Michael J. Neils, Bishop, Grand Canyon Synod, ELCA

The Bishop of North Dakota, May 8, 2004
Michael Gene Smith (998)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators: Andrew Hedtler Fairfield, Bishop of North Dakota, Resigned
Harold Anthony Hopkins, Jr., D.D., Bishop of North Dakota, Resigned
James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota

The Bishop of Western North Carolina, September 18, 2004
Granville Porter Taylor (999)
Chief Consecrator: Robert H. Johnson, D.D., Bishop of Western North Carolina
Co-Consecrators: John Neil Alexander, D.D., Bishop of Atlanta
Frank Kellogg Allen, D.D., Bishop of Atlanta, Resigned
Michael Bruce Curry, D.D., Bishop of North Carolina
Resignations
Since the meeting of the Interim Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Camp Allen Conference Center, Navasota, Texas, March 19-25, 2004, the Secretary has received notice of the intent of the following bishops to resign or retire:

Bishop of El Camino Real
August 31, 2004  The Rt. Rev. J. Gary Gloster
Bishop of Suffragan Bishop of North Carolina
Bishop of Western North Carolina

Necrology
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Camp Allen Conference Center, Navasota, Texas, March 19-25, 2004, the following bishops have departed this life:

May 2, 2004  The Rt. Rev. John Lester Thompson
Retired Bishop of Northern California
May 23, 2004  The Rt. Rev. John Raymond Wyatt
Retired Bishop of Spokane
Appendix D
Spokane, Washington

A Word to The Episcopal Church from the House of Bishops
Spokane, Washington
28 September 2004

We the bishops of the Episcopal Church, gathered in Spokane for our regular fall meeting, greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our time together has reminded us of the words spoken at our ordination that our “heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope,” and our “joy is to follow him who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

We are deeply grieved by the on-going violence and division in the Middle East, continuing war in Iraq, the Sudan and other troubled places, and we are mindful of the devastating effects of hurricanes and other natural disasters. As well, we are sharply aware of tensions and pain in our church and in the Anglican Communion. During these days we have explored more fully our continuing call as your chief pastors to be ministers of reconciliation, even as we seek and discover reconciliation within ourselves, within our church and across the Communion.

We rejoice in the depth of our conversations and, in spite of the differences among us, we discovered that although we are not of one mind in all things we are profoundly of one heart in our commitment to proclaim Christ’s reconciling love to this broken world. We are confident that our household of faith is large enough to embrace us all.

We have been encouraged by stories of health, vitality and strength within the Episcopal Church. We have also heard stories of anger, anguish and division within this church. All are responses of faithful people.

Our perspectives have been enlarged by the presence and witness of bishops from other provinces of the Anglican Communion. These bishops have described some difficult consequences felt in their provinces as a result of our decisions. We are deeply saddened by the pain we have heard so movingly described.

The report of the Lambeth Commission will be released in mid-October. We are committed to a gracious reception of the report in a spirit of humility and to a
willingness to learn how we might best be faithful and responsible partners in the Anglican Communion. It is our intention to gather as provincial Houses of Bishops during the autumn and then to meet as a House of Bishops early in the new year to study and appropriate the work of the Commission.

We believe our relationships with others make real and apparent God’s reconciling love for all of creation. Our mutual responsibility, interdependence and communion are gifts from God. Therefore, we deeply value and are much enriched by our membership in the Anglican Communion. We also value Anglican comprehensiveness and its capacity to make room for difference.

As the future unfolds differences will continue to challenge us. We believe that the gift of difference is the gift of Christ among us. In wrestling with difference we discover a blessing as Jacob discovered a blessing when he wrestled with God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
MEETING
OF THE
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2005

SPECIAL MEETING

Held at
The Hilton Salt Lake City Center

Salt Lake City, Utah
January 12–13, 2005
The House of Bishops met January 12–13, 2005 in Salt Lake City in the Diocese of Utah to discuss and respond to the Windsor Report. A legislative session of the House was not held; therefore, there are no meeting minutes from the gathering.

See Appendix B for members of the House present at the gathering.

See Appendix C for "A Word to the Church."
## Appendix A
### Salt Lake City, Utah

### Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, January 12, 2005**

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<td>8:45</td>
<td>Introductions and reconnections in table groups</td>
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<td>Council of Advice: Provincial responses to Windsor Report and Caring for all the churches – Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight</td>
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<td>10:45</td>
<td>Plenary presentation by Bishop Dyer and questions for clarification</td>
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<td>12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch at tables: discussion of question 1 from Primates Standing Committee noting positive invitations, areas of difficulty or uncertainty, and questions</td>
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<td>Expanded groups Reports from each table. Convergences, divergences, questions are noted</td>
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<td>Report back in plenary</td>
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<td>Expanded Groups: • Groups B, C consider question 3 • Groups E, F consider question 4 • Group G considers question 2</td>
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Salt Lake City, Utah

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Wolfe, Dean  
Wolfrum, William H.  
Wright, Wayne P.
Appendix C
Salt Lake City, Utah

A Word to the Church
The House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church
January 12 – 13, 2005, Salt Lake City, Utah

To the faithful in Christ Jesus, greetings in the season of Epiphany. We rejoice together with you that God has “caused a new light to shine in our hearts” revealing God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. The sufferings of our brothers and sisters in the aftermath of tsunamis in South Asia and flooding and mud slides in California and here in Utah where we are meeting, make us long all the more for this new light revealed to us in Christ. We are mindful as well of the suffering around the world caused by global poverty, HIV/AIDS, malaria, other diseases, and war. In this suffering world we are called to “serve and signify God’s mission to the world, that mission whereby God brings to men and women, to human societies and to the whole world, real signs and foretastes of that healing love which will one day put all things to rights” (Windsor Report, paragraph 3).

We decided at our September meeting in 2004 to set aside this time so we might together begin to receive the Windsor Report with humility. We have met for a day and a half in Salt Lake City. We welcome with gratitude the work of the Lambeth Commission on Communion. We realize this is a long-term effort which will most likely extend beyond our March meeting. In the meantime, we aim to practice the more intentional consultative processes called for by the Windsor Report. We also anticipate the Executive Council of our church joining in this consultation.

In this spirit of intentional practice, we affirm that all need to repent, as the Archbishop of Canterbury reminded us in his Advent Letter 2004. We repent of the ways we as bishops have sometimes treated each other, failing to honor Christ’s presence in one another. Furthermore, too often we have also failed to recognize Christ’s presence fully manifest in our sister and brother Anglicans around the global communion. We honor their full voice and wisdom. We desire mutuality. We recognize our interdependence in the Body of Christ.

Moreover, we as the House of Bishops express our sincere regret for the pain, the hurt, and the damage caused to our Anglican bonds of affection by certain actions of our church. Knowing that our actions have contributed to the current strains in our Communion, we express this regret as a sign of our deep desire for and commitment to continuation of our partnership in the Anglican Communion.
We note here that our decision-making structures differ from those in many parts of the Anglican Communion and that our actions require conciliar involvement by all the baptized of our church, lay and ordained. Therefore we as bishops, in offering our regrets, do not intend to preempt the canonical authority of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. At the same time, we are keenly aware of our particular responsibility for episcopal leadership.

We long for the fullest expression of the gift of communion that God has given us through Christ. “The communion we enjoy with God in Christ and by the Spirit, and the communion we enjoy with all God’s people living and departed, is the specific practical embodiment and fruit of the gospel itself” (Windsor Report, paragraph 3). We rejoice in our partnership in the worldwide Anglican Communion and affirm anew our commitment to the interdependence of this church as a member of the Anglican Communion.

We agree that one important expression of our communion would be a Communion-wide study and discernment process on matters of human sexuality as recommended by Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988 and 1998 and are eager to continue to respond to this challenge. This would be a sign of respect for gay and lesbian persons in our common life and of our ongoing pastoral care for them. We also believe that such a process would strengthen our communion. By doing so, we will be able to share more of the prayerful conversations and studies on the ministries and contributions of homosexual persons in the church that have enriched our experience for many years. The Presiding Bishop has already established a committee to offer a theological explanation of how “a person living in a same gender union may be considered eligible to lead the flock of Christ” (Windsor Report, paragraph 135).

We pray our brothers and sisters throughout the Anglican Communion will forgive us and that together we may remain in steadfast relationship so we might open our lives and our hearts to one another and learn how the Holy Spirit is acting in our different contexts. We are eager to take steps to make this possible, and particularly would welcome invitations to visit other Anglican provinces to learn from them the many ways they are vital witnesses to the healing love of Christ, often in very difficult circumstances.

During this brief meeting we humbly struggled in our deliberations to discern how best to receive the Windsor Report. We had an extensive discussion about a “moratorium on the election and consent to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate who is living in a same gender union until some new consensus in the Anglican Communion emerges” (Windsor Report, paragraph 134). We have only begun a serious and respectful consideration of how we might respond. Further, we have not had sufficient time to give substantive consideration to recommendations in the Report calling for a moratorium on diocesan boundary violations or the call
for a moratorium and further discussion of the authorization of liturgical texts blessing same sex unions. (Here we note that there are those among us who do not agree with the statement in paragraph 144 of the Windsor Report that “the Episcopal Church has by action of Convention made provision for the development of public Rites of Blessing of same sex unions.”)

In February 2005 the Primates of the Anglican Communion will consider the Windsor Report. We commit ourselves to a more thorough consideration of the range of concrete actions identified in the Report at our House of Bishops meeting in March 2005. We do not wish to act in haste. We believe it is extremely important to take the time to allow the Holy Spirit to show us ways we can engage with people throughout our church in a consideration of all of the invitations for further reflection and the recommendations of the Windsor Report.

We seek together the epiphany of Christ’s reconciling love for the world, which lies at the heart of the mission we share. It is our prayer that along with Anglican Christians around the world we may be faithful to God’s mission.
MEETING
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2005

SPECIAL MEETING

Held at
Camp Allen—Diocese of Texas

Navasota, Texas
March 11–16, 2005
Episcope in the Service of God's Mission

Since the Spring meeting is meant to be a retreat, only a brief outline of the meeting is included in these minutes. Only official reports and actions are recorded in detail.

The meeting opened with 141 bishops registered. The Presiding Bishop welcomed the House and then gave a reflection of the recent Primates meeting.

Bishops John Chane and John Lipscomb spoke of the just completed meeting of the Bishops for a Just Society and Bishop Kenneth Price spoke of his experience with the Windsor Reception Committee.

Following that session, the Eucharist was celebrated. In the evening a plenary discussion on the community of the House of Bishop was held. Bishops were asked to share how they have responded to the Windsor Report in their own Dioceses and to address the question “Is there a Way Forward?”

SECOND DAY

Discussion in the morning session occurred in table groups and plenary and was centered on the question of “How do we as a community of bishops sharing a
common ministry of episcope live our differences in such a way that the mission of the church is advanced and not diminished?

The Eucharist followed the morning session.

In the afternoon, expanded groups and plenary focused on the question, “Without usurping the authority of the General Convention, how can we make a further response to requests put to us both in the Windsor Report and in the communique from the primates meeting?”

After intense discussions, the day ended with a cookout.

THIRD DAY

Sunday
March 13, 2005
Fifth Week in Lent

This day began with Eucharist, followed by sabbath time for rest and reflection in the afternoon.

In the evening, The Rev. Dr, Mark McIntosh gave a summary of the Theology Committee’s work on “Forming Christians: Reflection on Baptism, Confirmation and Christian Formation.”

A panel consisting of Bishops Henry Parsley, William Gregg, Robert Ihloff, Joe Burnett, Catherine Roskam and Ted Daniels presented this work.

FOURTH DAY

Monday
March 14, 2005
Fifth Week in Lent
On Monday, several reports were given. Bishop Clay Mathews reported on the Episcopal Identity Project, a CREDO study to look at our identity and establish a baseline for evaluation.

Dr. Elaine Hollensbe and Glen Kreiner of the College of Business of the University of Cincinnati distributed a survey on Episcopal identity and asked that it be returned so they could share the results at the 2006 General Convention.

Bishop Robert Johnson reported for the Pastoral Development Committee on B008. The discussion addressed ways to help the Church continue to be a safe place, protecting children and youth from abuse. The Church Pension Fund offers guidelines for dioceses to implement safeguards, and each diocese was asked by Bishop Johnson to report its efforts to the Pastoral Development Committee.

Bishop John Rabb spoke of the 1994 document on the Sin of Racism and reported this document needs to be updated. A New Pastoral is planned for the Fall meeting. Bishop Johny Itty spoke on the effects of the recent tsunami and of the relief efforts. Bishop Henry Bainbridge spoke of the response of Episcopal Relief and Development. Bishops Charles Keyser reported for Bishops Barbara Harris, James Waggoner, Dorsey Henderson and Michael Creighton and the priest and lay members on the Title IV Review Committee.

Bishop Mark McDonald left the meeting to testify in Washington opposing oil drilling in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge. The House moved, seconded and passed its support of Bishop McDonald and its opposition to the drilling.

Official reflections and observations were offered by visiting Bishop Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Manchester. His presentation was followed by the Eucharist.

In the afternoon and evening there were expanded groups and plenary to discuss the nature of the church and our response to the Windsor Report and a Communique from the Primates on that Report, Bishop Stacy Sauls and John Lipscomb spoke for a diverse group of bishops who had already been working on this draft, presenting the first look at a document for our refinement. This first draft was distributed and expanded groups met to discuss it.

A plenary was then held for further discussion and refinement.

FIFTH DAY
Ms. Diane Pollard, Co-chair of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop arrived and along with Bishop Kenneth Price, gave an overview and update of the committee’s work. Table groups discussed her report and offered suggestions. Bishop Jack McKelvey also reported on plans of the Transition Committee.

Bishops John Croneberger, Jim Kelsey and Keith Whitmore then offered an overview of Title III Revisions in preparation for the 2006 General Convention.

Following a celebration of the Eucharist, the House reconvened in the afternoon, Bishops Mark Sisk and Charles Jenkins were joined by Bishops John Lipscomb, Stacy Sauls, Ed Salmon and Katharine Jefferts Schori to present the third draft of a Covenant Statement of the House of Bishops. After discussion, this draft was resubmitted to be revised incorporating comments made by the full House.

SIXTH DAY


Bishops Catherine Waynick and Wallis Ohl then introduced Stephen F. Hutchinson and Duncan A. Bayne who made a presentation on a proposed New Title IV and distributed a narrative guide to proceedings under these new Canons.

In the afternoon, Bishop Mark Sisk and Porter Taylor then presented A Word to the Church, the official statement on this meeting of the House. It was discussed and adopted. See Appendix E.
The Final revision of the Covenant Statement of the House of Bishops was presented and was then adopted by a large majority. See Appendix D.

**Adjournment**

The meeting ended the Presiding Bishop’s comments followed by Eucharist and a banquet.
Appendix A
Navasota, Texas

Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 11, 2005
10:00 a.m.    HOB Planning Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m.    Lunch
1:30          Orientation for Group Facilitators
              Registration and Meet & Greet
3:00          Session I
5:30          Eucharist
6:30          Supper
7:30          Session II
9:00          Hospitality

Saturday, March 12, 2005
7:30 a.m.     Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m.     Breakfast
9:00          Session III
11:15         Break
11:45         Eucharist
12:30 p.m.    Lunch
2:00          Session IV
5:15          Break
5:30          Evening Prayer
6:00          Dinner
6:30          Steak Cookout

Sunday, March 13, 2005
8:00 a.m.     Light Breakfast
9:00          Eucharist
10:15         Brunch
6:00 p.m.     Supper
7:00          Session V
9:30          Hospitality

Monday, March 14, 2005
7:30 a.m.     Morning Prayer
9:00          Breakfast
9:00          Session VI
11:15         Break
11:45
12:30 p.m.

2:00
5:00
5:30
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7:00
9:00

Eucharist
Lunch

Session VII
Break
Evening Prayer
Dinner

Session VIII
Hospitality

Tuesday, March 15, 2005
7:30 a.m.
9:00
9:00
11:15
11:45
12:30 p.m.

2:00
5:00
5:30
6:00
7:30
9:00

Session IX
Break
Evening Prayer
Supper
Interest Groups
Hospitality

Wednesday, March 16, 2005
7:30 a.m.
8:00
9:00
11:15
11:45
12:30 p.m.

2:00
5:00
5:15
6:30

Session X
Break
Eucharist
Festive Dinner

Thursday, March 17, 2005
7:30 a.m.
8:00
9:00
12:00 p.m.
1:00
5:00
6:00

Session XI: Presiding Bishop’s reflections
Resume Planning Committee Meeting
Adjourn Planning Committee Meeting
Appendix B
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Bishops Present at the Interim Meeting of March 2005

Adams, James M.  Gray, Francis C.
Adams III, Gladstone B.  Gregg, William O.
Allen, Lloyd E.  Gulick Jr., Edwin F.
Alvarez, David  Harris, Barbara C.
Anderson, Robert M.  Harris, Gayle E.
Andrus, Mark H.  Hathaway, Alden M.
Bainbridge III, Harry B.  Henderson Jr., Dorsey F.
Bane Jr., David C.  Herlong, Bertram N.
Bena, David J.  High, Rayford B.
Bennison Jr., Charles E.  Holguin, Julio C.
Brookhart Jr., C. Franklin  Hollingsworth, Mark
Bruno, J. Jon  Howard, S. Johnson
Buchanan, John C.  Howe, Barry R.
Burnett, Joe G.  Howe, John W.
Caldwell, Bruce  Ihloff, Robert W.
Carranza, Serio  Irish, Carolyn T.
Cederholm Jr., Roy F.  Itty, Johney
Chane, John B.  Jacobus, Russell E.
Chang, Richard S.  Jefferts Schori, Katharine
Councell, George E.  Jelinek, James L.
Creighton, Michael W.  Jenkins III, Charles E.
Croneberger, John P.  Johnson, Don E.
Curry, James E.  Johnson, Robert H.
Curry, Michael B.  Jones, David C.
Daniel III, Clifton  Joslin, David B.
Daniels, Theodore A.  Kelsey, James A.
Duncan II, Philip M.  Keyser, Charles L.
Duncan Jr., Robert W.  Klusmeyer, William M.
Duracin, Jean Z.  Knudsen, Chilton R.
Ely, Thomas C.  Ladehoff, Robert L.
Epting, C. Christopher  Lamb, Jerry A.
Folts, James E.  Leidel Jr., Edwin M.
Frade, Leopold  Lillibridge, Gary
Gallagher, Carol J.  Lipscomb, John B.
Garrison, J. Michael  Little II, Edward S.
Gepert, Robert R.  Louitit Jr., Henry
Gibbs Jr., Wendell N.  MacDonald, Mark L.
Gloster, J. Gary  MacPherson, D. Bruce
Gray III, Duncan M.  Marble Jr., Alfred C.
Marshall, Paul V.
Mathes, James
Matthews, F. Clayton
Maze, Larry E.
McKelvey, Jack M.
Michel, Rodney R.
Miller, Steven A.
Moody, Robert M.
Ohl Jr., C. Wallis
O'Neill, Robert J.
Ottley, James H.
Packard, George E.
Parsley Jr., Henry N.
Payne, Claude E.
Persell, William D.
Pettit, Vincent K.
Powell, F. Neff
Price Jr., Kenneth L.
Rabb, John L.
Ramos-Orench, Wilfrido
Rivera, Bani Edna
Robertson, Creighton L.
Robinson, V. Gene
Romero, Sylvestre
Roskam, Catherine S.
Salmon Jr., Edward L.
Sauls, Stacy F.
Scantlebury, Victor A.
Searle, Alan
Scriven, Henry W.
Scruton, Gordon P.
Shand, James J.
Shaw III, SSJE, Thomas
Sisk, Mark S.
Skilton, William J.
Smith, Andrew D.
Smith, George W.
Smith, Kirk
Smith, Michael
Stanton, James M.
Steenson, Jeffrey
Swing, William E.
Talton, Chester L.
Taylor, Porter
Thompson Jr., Herbert
vonRosenberg, Charles G.
Waggoner Jr., James E.
Walker Jr., Orris G.
Warner, Vincent W.
Waynick, Catherine M.
Whalon, Pierre
Williams Jr., Arthur B.
Wimberly, Don A.
Wolf, Geralyn
Wolfe, Dean E.
Wolfrum, William H.
Wright, Wayne P.

Guests
McCulloch, Nigel–Manchester
Appendix C  
Navasota, Texas

Newly Consecrated Bishops

Bishops who have been consecrated since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Washington, September 23–28, 2004:

The Bishop Coadjutor of Rio Grande, January 15, 2005
Jeffrey Neil Steenson (1000)
Chief Consecrator: The Presiding Bishop
Co-Consecrators:
Terence Kelshaw, Bishop of Rio Grande
Clarence C. Pope, Jr., Bishop of Fort Worth, Resigned
Mark L. MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska
Anthony J. Burton, Bishop of Saskatchewan

The Bishop Suffragan of Olympia, January 22, 2005
Bavi Edna Rivera (1001)
Chief Consecrator: Harry B. Bainbridge, III, Bishop of Idaho
Co-Consecrators:
Vincent W. Warner, Jr., Bishop of Olympia
William E. Swing, Bishop of California
Shannon C. Mallory, Bishop of El Camino Real, Resigned
Catherine S. Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York

The Bishop of San Diego, March 5, 2005
James Robert Mathes (1002)
Chief Consecrator: Richard S. O. Chang, Bishop of Hawaii
Co-Consecrators:
Gethin B. Hughes, Bishop of San Diego
William D. Persell, Bishop of Chicago
Robert M. Wolterstorf, Bishop of San Diego, Resigned
Victor A. Scantlebury, Assistant Bishop of Chicago
Robert M. Anderson, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles

Necrology

Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held in Spokane, Washington, September 23–28, 2004, the following bishops have departed this life:

Retired Bishop of Rio Grande
Appendix D
Navasota, Texas

A Covenant Statement of the House of Bishops

We have received the Windsor Report as a helpful contribution to our relationships with Anglican brothers and sisters across the world. We recognize its recommendations as coming from a broadly representative commission inclusive of bishops, clergy, and laity and as an attempt to speak as equals to equals. We experience it as being in the best tradition of autonomy within communion and as helpful in our efforts to live into communion. Likewise, we appreciate receiving the communiqué from the February meeting of the Primates and take seriously the perspectives and convictions stated therein. It is our heartfelt desire to be responsive and attentive to the conversation we have already begun and to which we are being called and as a body offer the following points.

1. We reaffirm our commitment to the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral of 1888 and each of its individual points. We reaffirm our earnest desire to serve Christ in communion with the other provinces of the Anglican family. We reaffirm our continuing commitment to remain in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury and to participate fully in the Anglican Consultative Council, the Lambeth Conference, and the Primates' Meeting, and we earnestly reaffirm our desire to participate in the individual relationships, partnerships, and ministries that we share with other Anglicans, which provide substance to our experience of what it is to be in communion.

2. We express our own deep regret for the pain that others have experienced with respect to our actions at the General Convention of 2003 and we offer our sincerest apology and repentance for having breached our bonds of affection by any failure to consult adequately with our Anglican partners before taking those actions.

3. The Windsor Report has invited the Episcopal Church "to effect a moratorium on the election and consent to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate who is living in a same gender union until some new consensus in the Anglican Communion emerges" (Windsor Report, para. 134). Our polity, as affirmed both in the Windsor Report and the Primates' Communiqué, does not give us the authority to impose on the dioceses of our church moratoria based on matters of suitability beyond the well-articulated criteria of our canons and ordinal. Nevertheless, this extraordinary moment in our common life offers the opportunity for extraordinary action. In order to make the fullest possible response to the larger communion and to re-claim and strengthen our common bonds of affection, this House of Bishops takes the following provisional measure to contribute to a time for healing and for the educational process called for in the Windsor Report. Those of us having jurisdiction pledge to withhold consent to the consecration of any person elected to the episcopate after the date hereof until the General Convention of 2006, and we encourage the dioceses of our church to delay episcopal elections accordingly. We believe that Christian community requires us to share the burdens of such forbearance;
thus it must pertain to all elections of bishops in the Episcopal Church. We recognize that this will cause hardship in some dioceses, and we commit to making ourselves available to those dioceses needing episcopal ministry.

4. In response to the invitation in the Windsor Report that we effect a moratorium on public rites of blessing for same sex unions, it is important that we clarify that the Episcopal Church has not authorized any such liturgies, nor has General Convention requested the development of such rites. The Primates, in their communiqué "assure homosexual people that they are children of God, loved and valued by him, and deserving of the best we can give of pastoral care and friendship" (Primates' Communiqué, para. 6). Some in our church hold such "pastoral care" to include the blessing of same sex relationships. Others hold that it does not. Nevertheless, we pledge not to authorize any public rites for the blessing of same sex unions, and we will not bless any such unions, at least until the General Convention of 2006.

5. We pledge ourselves not to cross diocesan boundaries to provide episcopal ministry in violation of our own canons and we will hold ourselves accordingly accountable. We will also hold bishops and clergy canonically resident in other provinces likewise accountable. We request that our Anglican partners "effect a moratorium on any further interventions" (Windsor Report, para. 155; see also 1988 Lambeth Conference Resolution 72 and 1998 Lambeth Conference Resolution III.2) and work with us to find more creative solutions, such as the initiation of companion diocese relationships, to help us meet the legitimate needs of our own people and still maintain our integrity.

6. As a body, we recognize the intentionality and seriousness of the Primates' invitation to the Episcopal Church to refrain voluntarily from having its delegates participate in the Anglican Consultative Council meetings until the Lambeth Conference of 2008. Although we lack the authority in our polity to make such a decision, we defer to the Anglican Consultative Council and the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church to deliberate seriously on that issue. The bonds of affection are not ends in themselves but foundations for mission. Therefore, we re-commit ourselves to work together throughout the communion to eradicate HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and other diseases, to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and to address the other efforts mentioned by the Primates' Communiqué (para. 20). We dedicate ourselves to full and open dialogue in every available venue through invitations for mutual visitation, intentional exploration of the theological perspectives and spiritual gifts that our diverse cultures offer, and collaborative partnerships for the purpose of shared mission in Christ.
Appendix E
Navasota, Texas

A Word to the Church

The House of Bishops
Camp Allen, Texas
March 16, 2005

Beloved in Christ,

We are gathered at Camp Allen in Texas for our annual spring meeting, this year on the eve of Holy Week. The work we have accomplished is in service to that act through which God reconciled the whole world to himself through Christ.

"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him" (Romans 6:9). As we prepare to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death, we rejoice to place our whole trust in the freedom Christ has won for us and to submit ourselves to the service of his mission.

During these days we prayed the common prayer of our church, and our daily celebration of the Eucharist brought us closer together in the presence of the paschal mystery. Tears were shed to see lives taken and displaced by the tsunami, as we heard from one of our community who traveled to that region on behalf of Episcopal Relief and Development and of us all. In hearing of the threats to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, we were challenged to be good stewards of the creation. In considering Christian formation, we pondered how the Gospel is heard in diverse cultures: we were encouraged to listen to all voices, and to respect the dignity of every human being. Our hope and intention is to use the time ahead to initiate ways to speak with and learn from our brothers and sisters across the Communion about our common commitment to Christ and the different ways we seek to articulate, not only with our lips but in our lives, the gospel we share.

At our meeting in Salt Lake City in January 2005 we said that we would "commit ourselves to a more thorough consideration of the range of concrete actions identified in the [Windsor] Report at our House of Bishops meeting in March 2005." We also said we believe it is extremely important to take the time to allow the Holy Spirit to show us the way to deepen our communion together.
We believe that the Covenant Statement we have made has been achieved under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our Covenant expresses remarkable convergences among us during these days and emerged from our mutual desire to speak as one House embracing widely divergent points of view. We sensed a profound solidarity and willingness to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

We pray that this Covenant Statement will be seen by brother and sister Anglicans as responding to some of their concerns. We pray that our overwhelming support for the Covenant may be a sign to them of our unwavering commitment to life in communion.

We pray as well that our Covenant will be useful for us all in healing relationships and opening the way for renewed solidarity in the service of Christ's work of reconciliation. We believe our Covenant Statement is a reflection of a fresh spirit of mutual forbearance and reconciliation among us. We faced into our deep divisions with an openness that has not characterized our recent past. We believe this marks the beginning of a new day in our life together as bishops and as the Episcopal Church.

We move now toward Holy Week with a renewed sense of community and of the work already accomplished for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Very soon we and our sisters and brothers across the globe will be walking the way of the Cross together. Following the footsteps of Jesus, we cannot help but be opened to the needs of others as we move forward as fellow members of Christ's crucified and risen body, the Church. As the Apostle Paul tells us: "We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).
MEETING
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2005

SPECIAL MEETING

Held at
The Ritz Carlton

San Juan, Puerto Rico
September 22–27, 2005
Call to Order
On Thursday the meeting opened at 9:15 a.m. by the Presiding Bishop with 125 bishops registered (plus various spouses, guests and staff). Bishop Griswold introduced Bishop David Alvarez of the host diocese of Puerto Rico. Bishop Alvarez and his wife, Maryleen and their daughter welcomed us and introduced several dignitaries including representatives of the government and the Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches. This was followed by a video presentation on the work and ministry of the Diocese of Puerto Rico.

Update on Hurricane Katrina
Following this presentation, Bishop Charles Jenkins of the Diocese of Louisiana and Bishop Duncan Gray of the Diocese of Mississippi addressed the House with an update of the devastation in each of their dioceses caused by Hurricane Katrina. Bishop Philip Duncan of the Central Gulf Coast also presented an update on his diocese as well.

In addition Bishop George Packard, Suffragan for Chaplaincies, reported on the stellar work being done in the hurricane ravaged areas by our chaplains and distributed a four phase overview entitled “We Will Stand With You” for dealing with response to the crisis. He also distributed a form for each diocese to report on assistance it was rendering so that coordination could be maintained by his office.

Robert Radtke, newly appointed President of Episcopal Relief and Development and Richard Parkins of Migration Ministries also reported on the extensive work being done by their respective organizations. A general discussion followed these presentations.
Recess
Eucharist was celebrated at noon and then bishops and spouses met in their respective small groups for catch-up time.

Reconvene
At 2:30 p.m., the meeting reconvened and discussion regarding response to the hurricane continued.

Recommended Core Values and Behaviors
Bishops Clay Mathews and Katharine Jefferts Schori then presented a paper titled Recommended Core Values and Behaviors and gave three questions for small groups to discuss concerning these group norms. Discussion and reporting followed. See Appendix D.

A reception was held at 6:00 followed by a dinner. At that dinner, Bishop Griswold welcomed all bishops and announced that the Rt. Rev. Ambrose Gumbs, newly consecrated Bishop Diocesan of the Virgin Islands, and his wife, Phyllis, were with us for the first time. The Rt. Rev. Jim Folts, bishop of West Texas, who is retiring in January, was honored.

SECOND DAY

Friday
September 23, 2005

Morning Prayer and Bible study was conducted at 8:15 a.m. At 9:30, brief reports were heard from recent ad hoc gatherings of bishops held in Los Angles and St. Louis.

Discussion of core values and of concerns and issues wishing to be raised continued in small groups. The concerns were collected, complied and later distributed. See Appendix E.

Eucharist followed at noon. At 3:00 Professor Philip Sheldrake of the University of Durham, England, addressed the meeting on the subject of reconciliation and discernment. In his two presentations Professor Sheldrake invited the bishops and guests to view these activities as a process in which we might suspend pre-judgment of others and ourselves for the sake of allowing God’s reconciling action to take place. This means sometimes following our hearts, even when our minds do not agree.
Bishops Knudsen and Alexander helped the group form questions and small group discussion followed.

The evening was free with time for class dinners suggested.

**THIRD DAY**

**Saturday**
**September 24, 2005**

Morning Prayer and Bible study was conducted at 8:15 a.m. Professor Sheldrake again addressed the group and small group and plenary discussion followed.

During the plenary time, speaking from the floor, Phoebe Griswold gave a stirring reminder of status of women in the Anglican Communion, especially within its decision-making structures where only 30 of the 800 leaders are women.

Eucharist followed at noon and the rest of the afternoon and evening were free.

**FOURTH DAY**

**Sunday**
**September 25, 2005**

At 8:00 a.m. buses transported bishops and guests to Ponce where a Eucharist was celebrated at the New Church Hospital, still under construction. This is a premier health ministry institution provided by the Diocese of Puerto Rico.

Bishop Griswold celebrated and preached in Spanish and music was provided by musicians from the Diocese of Puerto Rico. Many from the Diocese were in attendance and following the service, a buffet luncheon was provided by the Diocese.

Tours were then provided of the city and the rest of the day was free.
FIFTH DAY

Monday
September 26, 2005

Morning Prayer and Bible study was conducted at 8:15 a.m. The morning session was spent discussing the issues generated from the Friday session. This was not a formal business session so no minutes were kept, but the list of issues is attached to this executive summary. See Appendix E.

Eucharist was celebrated at noon.

At 2:30 p.m. the meeting reconvened with remarks from Bishop Catherine Roskam regarding the recent meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Nottingham, England. She described the response to the Windsor Reports’s invitation to explain “from within the sources of authority that we as Anglicans have received in scripture, the apostolic tradition and reasons reflection how a person living in a same gender union may be considered eligible to lead the flock of Christ.”

Bishops were commended by Bishop Roskam to obtain and read the report, “To Set Our Hope on Christ.”

Following her presentation, the group was formally addressed by two of our distinguished visitors, namely the Rt. Rev. Michael Nuttall, retired Bishop of Natal of the Province of Southern Africa, and the Rt. Rev. Khotso Makkhulu, Emeritus Archbishop of Central Africa.

Formal Business Session

Call to Order
At 4:00, the formal business session of the House was called to order by Bishop Griswold. Business was as follows:

Roll Call
The registration list served as roll call, noting that 122 of the 125 bishops registered had attended all or part of the meeting.

Acknowledgment was made of the presence of visiting Bishops from other parts of the Anglican Communion, namely Bishops Michael Baroi, Andrew Hutchison, Khotso Makkhulu and Michael Nuttall. Acknowledgment was also made of the presence of new member Bishop Ambrose Gumbs of the Virgin Islands, consecrated
since our last meeting. Acknowledgment was made that Bishop David Reed was the senior bishop present and acknowledgment was made that Bishops Victor and Nedi Rivera are the first Father/Daughter team in the House of Bishops. Both were present.

**Necrology**
A moment of silence observed for those bishops who had died since our last meeting, namely Bishops Steven Plummer of the Navajoland Area Mission, Scott Field Bailey, retired of West Texas, Robert Hargrove Jr, retired of Western Louisiana, William Sterling, retired suffragan of Texas, James Moodey, retired of Ohio and William Sheridan, retired of Northern Indiana.

**Communication from the Presiding Bishop**
Bishop Griswold, commenting on the presentations by Bishops Jenkins and Gray and Duncan and communications received from Bishops McPherson and Wimberly, all from dioceses directly affected by hurricanes, that he had observed the difficulty the House was having on focusing on this meeting and how tragedies such as this affect us all. He urged the House to be gentle with itself.

**Reports from Special Committees**

**Racism**
Bishop Rabb reported that work is ongoing and reported that a new report would be forthcoming at our March meeting.

**College for Bishops**
Bishop Matthews and others gave a presentation on the work of the history, evolution and current work of the Office of Pastoral Development and the College for Bishops and Living our Vows, the peer coaching program developed to replace the old mentoring program. He pointed out that funding for the Office of Pastoral Development is not adequate to cover the work and then distributed a form requesting information and sources of financial support.

**Theology Committee**
Bishop Parsley distributed copies of the report “Forming Christians: Reflection on Baptism, Confirmation and Christian Formation” presented by the committee.

**General Board of Examining Chaplains**
Bishop Barry Howe presented an interim report of the General Board of Examining Chaplains.
Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

Bishop Lee then gave an overview of the work of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop and reminded the House that at the last General Convention a canonical change was passed to Canon I.2.1 (e) that will require the report of the vote total of each ballot for each candidate for Presiding Bishop. He then moved the following resolution.

Resolved, That we members of the House of Bishops meeting in Puerto Rico on September 26, 2005, commit ourselves not to vote for a person nominated from the floor for the Office of Presiding Bishop unless that person shall have undertaken the same psychiatric examination, physical examination, and background check as those required by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop; and be it further

Resolved, That such potential nominees may have access to the process for accomplishing the above through the co-Chairs, of the Joint Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop; and be it further

Resolved, That the above requirement shall be completed and certified to the Secretary of the House of Bishops no later than April 1, 2006.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
Appendix A
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2005
7:30 a.m. Expanded Group Leaders – Breakfast and Training
9:15 Session I: Opening Session
12:00 p.m. Eucharist
1:15 Light Lunch at Table Groups
2:30 Session II
6:00 Reception
7:00 Group Dinner

Friday, September 23, 2005
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 Session III
11:30 Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Lunch on own
3:00 Session IV
6:00 Class Dinners

Saturday, September 24, 2005
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 Session V
11:30 Eucharist

Sunday, September 25, 2005
8:00 a.m. Buses Leave for Ponce
10:30 Eucharist
12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch
2:00 First Bus Leaves Ponce
4:00 Last Bus Leaves Ponce
7:00 Interest Groups

Monday, September 26, 2005
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 Session VI
11:30 Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Lunch
2:30 Session VII
6:00 Opportunity to Schedule Provincial Dinners
Tuesday, September 27, 2005

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Bishops Present at the Interim Meeting of September 2005

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 Gregg, William O.
 Griswold, Frank T.
 Gulick Jr., Edwin F.
 Gumbs, Ambrose
 Hampton, Sanford Z.K.
 Harris, Barbara C.
 Harris, Gayle E.
 Henderson Jr., Dorsey F.
 Hollingsworth Jr., Mark
 Howard, Samuel Howard
 Howe, Barry R.
 Howe, John W.
 Ihloff, Robert W.
 Irish, Carolyn Tanner
 Itty, Johny
 Jacobus, Russell E.
 Jefferts Schori, Katharine
 Jelinek, James L.
 Jenkins, Charles
 Johnson, Don E.
 Jones, David C.
 Keyser, Charles
 Klusmeyer, W. Michie
 Knudsen, Chilton
 Lai, David
 Lee, Peter James
 Leidel Jr., Edwin M.
 Lillibridge, Gary
 Little II, Edward S.
 Louttit, Henry
 MacDonald, Mark
 MacPherson, D. Bruce
 Marshall, Paul V.
 Mathes, James
 Matthews, F. Clayton
 Maze, Larry
 McKelvey, Jack M.
 Michel, Rodney P.
 Miller, Steven A.
 Morante, Alfred
 O’Neill, Robert J.
 Ottley, James
 Packard, George
 Parsley, Henry
 Payne, Claude E.
 Persell, William D.
 Powell, F. Neff
 Price, Kenneth
Rabb, John L.
Ramos-Orench, Wilfrido
Reed, David
Rivera, Bavi
Rivera, Victor M.
Robinson, V. Gene
Romero, Silvestre E.
Roskam, Catherine
Rowley Jr., Robert D.
Salmon Jr., Edward L.
Sauls, Stacy F.
Scantlebury, Victor A.
Scarfe, Alan
Scruton, Gordon
Shand, James J.
Shaw, M. Thomas
Sisk, Mark
Skilton, William J.
Smith, Andrew
Smith, George Wayne
Smith, Kirk
Smith, Michael G.
Steen son, Jeffrey

Swing, William E.
Talton, Chester L.
Taylor, E. Don
Taylor, G. Porter
Thompson, Herbert
Turner, Franklin D.
vonRosenberg, Charles
Waggoner, James Edward
Walker, Orris
Warner, Vincent W.
Waynick, Catherine M.
Whalon, Pierre
Williams, Arthur
Williams Jr., Huntington
Wolf, Geralyn
Wolfe, Dean
Wright, Wayne

GUESTS
Michael Chasin
Andrew Knutsen
Khotso Nuttall
Michael
Appendix C
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Newly Consecrated Bishops
Bishops who have been consecrated since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Camp Allen Conference Center, Navasota, Texas, March 11–16, 2005:

Bishop of The Virgin Islands, June 11, 2005
Edward Ambrose Gumbs (1003)
Chief Consecrator: Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Suffragan Bishop of Ohio, Resigned
Co-Consecrators: Telesforo A. Isaac, Bishop of the Virgin Islands, Interim
Orris G. Walker, Jr., D.D., Bishop of Long Island

Resignations
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Camp Allen Conference Center, Navasota, Texas, March 11–16, 2005, the Secretary received notice of the intent of the following bishops to resign:

December 31, 2005
The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson
Bishop of Southern Ohio

January 31, 2006
The Rt. Rev. James E. Folts
Bishop of West Texas

February 16, 2006
The Rt. Rev. David C. Bane Jr.
Bishop of Southern Virginia

Necrology
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas, March 11–16, 2005, the following bishops have departed this life:

April 2, 2005
The Rt. Rev. Steven Tsosie Plummer, Sr.
Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission

April 9, 2005
The Rt. Rev. Scott Field Bailey
Retired Bishop of West Texas

May 19, 2005
Retired Bishop of Western Louisiana

June 28, 2005
The Rt. Rev. William E. Sterling, D.D.
Retired Bishop Suffragan of Texas

September 5, 2005
The Rt. Rev. James Russell Moodey
Retired Ninth Bishop of Ohio and Assistant Bishop of Maine

September 24, 2005
The Rt. Rev. William C.R. Sheridan
Retired Bishop of Northern Indiana
Appendix D
San Juan, Puerto Rico

RECOMMENDED CORE VALUES AND BEHAVIORS THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A review of the past covenants made by the House conducted by the Pastoral Development Committee reveals eight core values that are supported by observable behavior and are intended to serve us both when we are in session and out, as we strive to follow Christ and be faithful to baptismal covenant and our ordination vows as bishops of God’s church:

First, ATTENDANCE as demonstrated by full participation in meetings and worship;
Second, FULL AND INTENTIONAL INCORPORATION, as demonstrated by the work of the College for Bishops, rotating leadership in core and working groups during meetings of the House;
Third, MUTUAL RESPECT as demonstrated by respectful listening and talking and our increased attention to avoid mean spiritedness, with an emphasis on confidentiality – “what is said here stays here”;
Fourth, EQUALITY IN COMMUNICATION AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS as demonstrated through our core and working groups as well as conversation in plenary sessions;
Fifth, COLLEGIALITY as demonstrated in our mutual respect for each other and our attention to how our individual and corporate actions affect the Church;
Sixth, COLLECTIVE WISDOM as demonstrated in retaining materials that need further attention form one meeting to the next and learning from each other;
Seventh, DIRECTNESS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNICATION as demonstrated by a “check it out, talk it out” covenant;
Eighth, ACCOUNTABILITY as demonstrated in past work to involve conversations and prayer before moving towards controversial actions.

The Committee on Pastoral Development submits these 8 Core Values for consideration at this meeting. We also suggest that these Core Values be reconsidered along with any additions and deletions as determined by the House at the beginning of each meeting.
Appendix E  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  

POSSIBLE GROUPING OF CRITICAL ISSUES ON NEWSPRINT  

2005 House of Bishops  
Fall Meeting September 22–27, 2005  

ACCOUNTABILITY  
Attendance  
Interaction with those who are working to divide the church  
Jurisdictional boundary violations. Process for applying the canon.  

COMMUNICATION  
With minority that is actively working for division rather than reconciliation.  
With absent minority that feels misunderstood.  
In plenaries. Reluctance of some to speak. (because of an “oligarchy”)  
Avoidance of talking about authority of scriptures.  
It would be a good idea for PB to tell us whom he has heard from (and who not) regarding their attendance and on attendance.  
How should be communicate with minority that is actively working for division rather than reconciliation? Some in this House no longer hold reconciliation as a goal. (Who, what/) Rather they are working for division—with the goal of having the majority of ECUSA declared apostate and having themselves recognized as the true, faithful expression of Anglicanism in the USA. How should we relate/respond/interact with those members of the House? What does accountability really look like?  
How should we communicate with absent minority that feels that the majority does not understand them? One idea: all present should send a note to those missing telling the we missed them and hope to see them next time.  
How should we talk about each other outside these meetings. There was an intentional demonization of Bishop Drew Smith about his actions relating to priest/congregations in his diocese. He was called a “false shepherd” on the steps of the State Capitol in Hartford by members of this House. Anyone of us could be next.  
Can we talk about the church being a voice for justice?  

SCRIPTURE  
Deep unwillingness to face each other and the potential of fracture because of how we disagree on the authority of Scripture.
WINDSOR REPORT

We need to continue to respond to its request for moratorium, and give our guidance to the church as the HOB.
How can we find a common narrative? The Episcopal Church with 140 Bishops operates with conflicting narratives after the General Convention of 2003. After the vote on Gene Robinson, some had “lost”, some and “won.” Some see the narrative as the loss of Scriptural Authority, a drift into moral relativism. Some see the narrative as one of justice, of inclusion. How can we as a church, a House, discover a deeper narrative that include all parties? How can we let go of the past narratives and discover the one story of Christ Dying and Rising?

EXTERNAL ISSUES

Environmental sustainability, “the long emergency”
The church as a voice for justice
20X20
How to decide where to put our resources for rebuilding so only necessary churches will be rebuilt?
Many Katrina victims were victims before Katrina. What can we do to recognize them?

MISCELLANEOUS

How can we support college ministry?
How can we lower the cost of health insurance?
With our hearts colonized by the idols of nations how do we turn to God?
What can we give to our next PB? (ie. loyalty, promise to be present)
How can we find a common narrative?
How can we lower the cost of health insurance, ensure health insurance for ALL?
What has happened to the liturgy of the church? Priests act like show hosts: announcement longer than sermons, (and the peace?)
Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, greet you in the name of the compassionate and merciful Christ, remembering that, "it is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake." (2 Cor. 4:5)

Our regular fall meeting of the Community of Bishops and Spouses convened in Puerto Rico at the gracious invitation of Bishop David and Senora Maryleen Alvarez. At the 2003 General Convention, the Diocese of Puerto Rico was received with great enthusiasm as the newest diocese of the Episcopal Church. The spirited and warm hospitality extended to us and the tremendous mission being carried out by this community of 37,000 members encourages us greatly. Their ministry to the poor and the homeless, to the aged and the dying, and to all who are living on the edges of our common life inspires us. The hospitals and medical centers established by this diocese are the premier institutions for healing and wholeness in Puerto Rico. The Diocese of Puerto Rico is the third largest private sector employer on the island. Our spirits have been enlightened and lifted by the grace of the Lord so evident in this portion of God's vineyard.

We arrived in Puerto Rico with the suffering from Hurricane Katrina foremost on our hearts and minds. Hurricane Rita deepened our concern all the more. We altered our agenda in order to focus on this ongoing crisis and our response. On our first day we heard from Duncan Gray, Bishop of Mississippi, Charles Jenkins, Bishop of Louisiana, and Philip Duncan, Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast, who described the devastation in their respective dioceses. Six churches and nine rectories in Mississippi were destroyed. In Louisiana a significant percentage of churches were damaged, some likely beyond repair. Bishop Duncan reminded us of the impact of Hurricane Ivan, one year ago, and the continuing challenges now added by virtue of Katrina and Rita. In the face of such tragedy, we weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn.

We also heard accounts of valiant and generous responses to this life-altering crisis, reminding us of God's grace in action and calling us to heightened action ourselves. We are grateful to God for the outpouring of generosity throughout our Episcopal
Church and through the work of its agencies. Robert Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief and Development, reported ERD has raised nearly $6 million to date. Richard Parkins, Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries, described their work in assisting those displaced by Katrina and offered ways for us to share in that ministry. George Packard, Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies, told us of the heroic work being done by Episcopal Church chaplains who are responding to emergency needs in the Gulf Coast area. We are profoundly grateful to them for their compassion, courage, and service, both here and in other parts of the world. Bishop Packard also announced plans for We Will Stand With You, a response system that will assist dioceses, congregations and institutions wishing to partner with congregations in hard-hit disaster areas. More information about this system and other resources is available at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/help.

Our response to the devastation caused by Katrina and Rita, like our response to the Tsunami, will need to be sustained for years to come. As bishops we pledge our church and ourselves to join with our brothers and sisters in this long process of resurrection. The epistle read this past Sunday reminds us to, "look to each other's interests and not merely to your own. Let your bearing towards one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2: 4-5)

Spouses of bishops meeting together framed a response to the needs of those affected by Katrina, including raising funds for the purchase of merchandise certificates for clergy families. We rejoice in this expression of compassion and commitment.

The harsh wind of Katrina exposed fundamental injustices and environmental neglect and abuse, and blew away any pretense that the inequities of race and class have been overcome in our nation or among ourselves. As a Church we must act on our commitment "to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP 305) Toward this end, we adopted a resolution "expressing our opposition to the suspension of the provisions of the Federal Guidelines of the Davis-Bacon Act, which call for the paying of prevailing wages in federal contracts for relief and rebuilding areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita." A crisis like Katrina strengthens our resolve to challenge racial, economic and other social injustices, and to respond to unmet needs around the world, as well as close to home.

Professor Philip Sheldrake of the University of Durham, England, invited us to consider reconciliation and discernment not as tasks to be accomplished, but as processes in which we suspend pre-judgment of others and ourselves for the sake of learning to embody God's reconciling action in the world. Such processes invite individuals and communities of faith to turn our hearts towards one another in all circumstances, even when our minds may not be in agreement.
We heard encouraging and challenging stories from several bishops concerning their recent visits to churches in Africa. In addition, Catherine Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York, gave an account of the June meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Nottingham, England. She reported on the presentation made by the committee appointed by the Presiding Bishop in response to the Windsor Report's invitation to explain "from within the sources of authority that we as Anglicans have received in scripture, the apostolic tradition and reasoned reflection, how a person living in a same gender union may be considered eligible to lead the flock of Christ." (Windsor Report # 135) We commend this report entitled To Set Our Hope on Christ (available from Episcopal Books and Resources) to the members of the Episcopal Church and indeed to the Anglican Communion as part of our ongoing conversation regarding human sexuality. We continue to encourage the Church to read and discuss the Windsor Report, and will re-engage our own conversation about this report at our meeting in March of 2006.

From Phoebe Griswold we heard a troubling reminder about the overall status of women in the Anglican Communion, especially within its decision-making structures. Among the "Instruments of Communion" (The Archbishop of Canterbury, Anglican Primates, Lambeth Conference of Bishops, and the Anglican Consultative Council) only 30 of the more than 800 persons involved in those ministries are women. Therefore, many concerns of women go unheeded, and their ministries are under-affirmed and not fully supported. In response the Anglican Consultative Council adopted a resolution which affirms, in part, the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of equal representation for women in governance at all levels.

We were greatly blessed by the presence of Michael Nuttall, retired Bishop of Natal of the Province of Southern Africa, Khotso Makhulu, Archbishop Emeritus of Central Africa, Michael Baroi, Moderator of the United Church of Bangladesh, and Andrew Hutchison, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. These eminent guests from around the Communion contributed to our conversation by their witness of courageous faith and insight that challenge our understanding of the bonds of affection which unite us. Our Communion-wide relationships deepen and strengthen our shared life in Christ and our mission in the world. For this we are profoundly grateful.

Throughout this meeting, we have been reminded that in sharing the grief of so many along our nation's Gulf Coast, and in considering our relationships one to another and within the larger Church, we do so always bearing hopeful witness to the power of the Resurrection. The everlasting love of God, in raising Jesus from the dead, embraces the world's grief within the very heart of God. The Resurrection of Christ shows us the power of God the Holy Trinity to bridge every divide and division. The abiding Communion of the Trinity undergirds our common life and sustains us, together with you, for the service of God's mission in the world. "Glory to God whose
power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever." (Eph. 3:20-21)
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SPECIAL MEETING

Held at
Kanuga Conference Center

Hendersonville, North Carolina
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FIRST DAY

Friday  
March 17, 2006

Executive Summary of the Meeting and Minutes of the Business Session

Call to Order

The Presiding Bishop opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed the Bishops. 139 Bishops were registered.

Session I

In Session I, “Setting our course,” reports were heard from groups which met prior to the meeting. These included Bishops Working for a Just Society, Bishops Coaching new Bishops, and A Short Course for Bishops Experiencing Property Disputes, Unlicensed Priests and Bishops and DEPO. Bishop Mark Sisk, chair of the Planning Committee then invited the table groups into a time of reconnection.

Following this, Bishop Griswold celebrated Eucharist in the Chapel of the Transfiguration.

Session II

Session II, was titled “Challenges in our life as Bishops, as we prepare to address difficult concerns: removing blocks to spiritual freedom.” A panel made of Bishops Bill Swing, Cathy Roskam, Ed Little and Michael Curry presented personal reflections on this topic and then the small groups reconvened to continue the discussion.

Bishop Mark Hollingsworth also reported on recent meetings held by an ad hoc group of bishops and distributed a paper titled “A Pastoral Proposal of the House of Bishops” which this group produced.

The first day adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
SECOND DAY

Saturday
March 18, 2006

Session III

The Day began with Morning Prayer followed by Session III, “Our Life in Christ, ECUSA and the Anglican Communion, Part I.” Bishop Griswold introduced Dr. Ian Douglas, and Bishops Mark Sisk, Henry Louttit, Dorsey Henderson and Katharine Jefferts Schori representing the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion to the 75th General Convention. They gave a brief overview of the still in-progress report of the Commission to the Convention including a sketch of nine draft resolutions. This is a committee appointed jointly by Bishop Griswold and House of Deputies President George Werner. The committee then solicited comments on their work thus far to assist them in preparing the final report. Following their one hour and fifteen-minute session, table groups discussed this report for forty-five minutes.

Session IV

Following Eucharist and lunch, the House reconvened for Session IV, “Our Life in Christ: ECUSA and the Anglican Communion, Part II” With Dr. Douglas and Bishop Sisk on stage to take notes, the bishops shared comments on a plenary session. At the end of the presentation, the committee reiterated the information they shared is not a finished product and reminded the bishops it was not to be distributed prior to the committee’s release of its final document.

At the conclusion of this session, Bishop Henry Parsley introduced the procedure for Monday’s program on the Authority of Scripture in a Global Communion, and Bishop Peter Lee explained the procedure for the Sunday session with the nominees for the XXVI Presiding Bishop. After Evening Prayer and dinner, Bishop Griswold delivered a meditation and the Bishops went into a sixteen-hour silent retreat.

THIRD DAY

Sunday
March 19, 2006

Session V
The silent retreat continued with Morning Prayer with a second meditation by Bishop Griswold and ended with Eucharist at which Bishop Griswold celebrated and preached. The afternoon was free.

In the evening, the House gathered in five extended groups for Session V: “Preparation for the election of the XXVI Presiding Bishop” Each group considered the question: “As we look to our future as the Episcopal Church and/or the Anglican Communion, what or where are the priorities before us as bishops of the Episcopal Church?” In addition each group was asked to write one question to be put into a pool. After forty-five minutes of discussion, all the groups gathered in plenary and each group reported on its discussion while the seven nominees for Presiding Bishop listened.

Each nominee was then given an opportunity to speak for six minutes. Following this, questions from the groups were drawn and nominees were invited to respond. There are four nominees presented by the Joint Nominating Committee. They are Bishops Neil Alexander from Atlanta, Edwin Gulick, Jr. from the Diocese of Kentucky, Katharine Jefferts Schori from the Diocese of Nevada, and Henry Parsley Jr. from the Diocese of Alabama. In addition, they were joined by three nominees who, as of this time, have been announced as nominees to be offered from the floor at the joint session on June 17th. They are Bishops Francisco Duque of the Diocese of Colombia, Charles Jenkins, III of the Diocese of Louisiana, and Stacy Sauls of the Diocese of Lexington.

Following the formal plenary, a reception was held in thanksgiving for all the nominees who have allowed their names to go forward.

**FOURTH DAY**

*Monday*

*March 20, 2006*

**Sessions VI and VII**

On this day, Sessions VI and VII “The authority of scripture in a global Communion Parts I and II” were held. Before the program, Bishop Griswold introduced two special guests, The Very Rev. George Werner, President of the House of Deputies, and Sue Parks, manager of the Lambeth Conference. They will address the House on Tuesday.
Dr. A. Katherine Grieb, Associate Professor of New Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary then made a presentation on the History of Exegesis. This was followed by presentations on the Authority of Scripture from three scholars from various parts of the world. Kwok Pue Lan, Professor of Theology and Spirituality at the Episcopal Divinity School is from China. Peter Nyene, Professor of Theology at Carlisle College is from Kenya. Sathianathan Clarke, Professor of Theology and Mission at Wesley Theological Seminary is from India.

Following their talks, there was forty-five minutes of table conversation, after which each member of the panel spoke again, responding to questions.

FIFTH DAY

Tuesday
March 21, 2006

Session VIII

Bishop Griswold presented Mr. Stan Hubbard, President of Kanuga, who welcomed everyone and invited the House of Bishops to a reception to be held in their honor hosted by Mr. Hubbard and his wife. Bishop Griswold then appointed a committee to draft a Word to the Church to be issued following this meeting.

In session VIII, “Restoring all things in Christ, Part I” Bishop John Rabb presented a draft of a new Pastoral on Racism, written to expand the one passed by the House in 1994. Most of the morning was spend discussing this proposal which was then sent back to the Committee on Racism to be reworked for formal adoption during the business meeting on Wednesday. Assisting Bishop Rabb were Bishops Jon Bruno, Richard Chang, Steven Charleston, Leo Frade, Wendell Gibbs, Barry Howe, Katharine Jefferts Schori and Michael Smith.

Bishop Kirk Smith next spoke on the current immigration legislation that greatly restricts pastoral ministry to undocumented immigrants. A resolution on this matter will come before the bishops during the business meeting.

The morning ended with Bishops Robert Anderson and Barbara Harris introducing a proposal for a national conversation on the history of racism being planned for 2007.
Following Eucharist and lunch, The Very Rev. George Werner, President of the House of Deputies, shared some of the innovations planned for the House of Deputies at the upcoming General Convention.

Next Sue Parks, manager of the Lambeth Meeting, spoke about that meeting planned for July 16-August 4, 2008, at Kent University in Canterbury. She shared that the Archbishop of Canterbury plans to invite all Diocesan Bishops, Bishops Suffragan and Assisting Bishops fully employed in a diocese, and their spouses. The theme will be “Resourcing the People of God in Mission. Empowering and Resourcing Bishops as Leaders in Mission.”

Session IX

In session IX, “Restoring all things in Christ –Part II” Bishops Jenkins and Gray gave updates on ways their dioceses are working regarding Gulf Coast relief and recovery. They then introduced a campaign titled “Darkness into Day” inviting the House of Bishops to respond to and assist in their efforts. Both bishops received standing ovations of support following their presentation.

The Rev. Jim Lemler and the Rev. Charles Fulton from the Episcopal Church Center then presented challenges and opportunities for domestic mission. They presented some very startling Episcopal Facts: 2004 regarding downward trends in membership and average attendance, and a slight increase in giving. They pointed out that this is a systemic problem, which began long before the 2003 General Convention.

The session ended with Bishop Catherine Waynick giving an overview of the proposed Title IV revisions which will come before General Convention. The evening featured several self-selected working groups on a variety of topics.

SIXTH DAY

Wednesday
March 22, 2006

Session IX, continued

After Morning Prayer, session IX continued with a presentation by Bishops Jim Kelsey, with assistance from Bishops Keith Whitmore and John Croneberger. Bishop Michael Langrish, guest from Exeter, England, then reflected on the meeting giving
his hopes for how the Episcopal Church should respect our relationship with the larger Anglican Communion.

Bishop Sisk then presented the first draft of the Word to the Church. He was assisted in drafting this by Bishops Dorsey Henderson, Mark Hollingsworth, Jeffrey Steenson, David Alvarez and Catherine Roskam. Discussion of this draft followed.

**Session X**

Following Eucharist, lunch and a break, The Formal Business constituted session X. Minutes of that session are as follows:

**Roll Call**
The registration list substituted for roll call.

**Presentation of New Member**
The Rt. Rev. Orlando J. Guerrero, Diocese of Venezuela

**Communications from the Presiding Bishop**
Bishop Griswold asked Bishop Price to report the official acts affecting the House since its last meeting.

**Resignation of Bishops**
- Herbert Thompson as Bishop of Southern Ohio on December 31, 2005
- James Folts as Bishop of West Texas on January 31, 2006
- David Bane as Bishop of Southern Virginia on February 16, 2006

Bishops whose Resignations have been consented to but are not yet effective:
- Edwin Leidel as Bishop of Eastern Michigan, effective December 30, 2006
- Robert Moody as Bishop of Oklahoma effective September 4, 2007

Bishops whose Resignations have been requested but have not yet been consented to:
- Michael Creighton of Central Pennsylvania requested for October 21, 2006
- Larry Maze of Arkansas requested for December 31, 2006

**Necrolgy**
- George Cadigan, retired Bishop of Missouri on Dec. 14, 2005
- Victor Rivera, retired Bishop of San Joaquin on Dec. 23, 2005
- William Beckham retired Bishop of Upper South Carolina, on December 24, 2005
- Charles Burgreen, retired Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces on Jan. 20, 2006
- Donis Patterson, retired Bishop of Dallas on February 3, 2006
- Willis Henton, retired Bishop of Western Louisiana on Feb. 16, 2006
- Vincent Pettit, retired Bishop Suffragan of New Jersey on March 10, 2006
The Special Business of the Meeting
Report on B008: Bishop Robert Johnson and Bishop Tom Ely reported that 50% of the bishops had responded to this survey and 30% had sent in copies of their policies regarding prevention of child and youth abuse. They requested all other bishops to submit copies of their policies by March 31, 2006.

Report from the Transition Committee: Bishop Jack McKelvey presented an overview of the plans of this committee to serve as companions along the way for nominees.

Mind of the House Resolution
The following Mind of the House Resolution was moved:
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the officers of the House of Bishops be asked to find the funds and make the arrangements so that those nominees from the floor will have media training and a DVD made and distributed as was the case with those nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Resolutions from Special Committees

Sin of Racism
Bishop John Rabb presented an amended letter on the Sin of Racism. See Appendix D.

Motion carried
Letter adopted

Bishops for a Just Society – Immigration
The following amended Resolution was proposed by Bishops of Dioceses on the Mexican Border and moved by Bishop Kirk Smith of Arizona. 
Opposing legislation making humanitarian acts unlawful.
Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at Kanuga, March 17-22, 2006, reaffirming the action of Executive Council, meeting in Philadelphia, March 6-9, 2006, declares its strong opposition to any legislation that would make it unlawful for faith-based or humanitarian organizations to act to relieve the suffering of undocumented immigrants in response to the Gospel mandate to serve the least among us and our Baptismal Covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Bishops calls upon the people of the Episcopal Church to act on their Baptismal Covenant without regard to such unjust legislation.
EXPLANATION: The Episcopal Church has a long tradition of advocating for the just and humane treatment of immigrants and refugees. In the current immigration debate, there is concern that attempts to change the U.S. immigration system could infringe upon the rights and obligations of religious and humanitarian organizations.
to extend support and assistance to those who come to them for help. The Gospel mandate to serve the least among us and the Baptismal covenant of the Church to seek and serve Christ in all persons are imperatives that call us to resist legislation that would make unlawful deeds of compassion done in the name of our faith. The Episcopal Church, therefore, identifies with expressions of other faith-based bodied who have expressed opposition to proposed legislation that would inhibit the ability of churches, their members and agencies to relieve the suffering of those whom they are called to serve.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Presentation and Adoption of Norms for the Election of the Presiding Bishop at General Convention
Bishop Richard Chang proposed the following document:
Our Norms as the House of Bishops in Executive Session For the Election of the Presiding Bishop
The House of Bishops, meeting at the Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC, adopts these norms for the Executive Session of the House of Bishops meeting on Sunday, June 18, 2006, for the purpose of electing the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.
1. Bishops pledge to maintain the highest level of confidentiality throughout the Executive Session and election of the Presiding Bishop.
2. Bishops will not be permitted to carry any cell phones, PDA’s, laptop computers, or any other electronic communication devices into the Executive Session.
3. Bishops will remain sequestered in Executive Session within the nave of the church until the Executive Session is adjourned by the Presiding Bishop, or the presiding officer. The Executive Session will only adjourn when the House of Deputies has confirmed the choice by the House of Bishops of the 26th Presiding Bishop.
4. Bishops shall have no external communications until the Executive Session has been adjourned. A process for emergency communications shall be provided by the Secretary of the House of Bishops.
5. Bishops will honor the privacy of each nominee during the Executive Session.

Motion carried
Document adopted

Ad Hoc Committee on Property Disputes
On behalf of the committee, Bishop Stacy Sauls moved that the ad hoc committee on property disputes become a standing task force appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried
Reports from Committees

Resignation of Bishop
Bishop Michael Creighton presented the following resolution.

On behalf of the Committee on the Resignation of Bishop, and according to Article 1, Sec. 2 of the Constitution and the Rules of this House, I move that the Rt. Rev. Wilfredo Ramos-Orench in his new position as Provincial Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Central be granted seat, voice and vote in this House.  

Motion carried

Following this Bishop Ramos-Orench spoke to the House.

Reading of the Minutes
The minutes of the last meeting were mailed out. A motion to dispense with the reading was made.

Motion carried

Adjourn
The formal meeting was adjourned

Following the meeting, the Presiding Bishop delivered his closing remarks, reflecting on his nine years as Presiding Bishop. He also presented gifts to Laura Chasin and Bob Stains, thanking them for their service as consultants to the House, and to Mark Johnson for his service as musician to the House. He also recognized Carl Gerdau and Barbara Braver for their untiring service to this House. He concluded with observations looking toward General Convention.

The evening was spent in a special celebration of the ministry of Presiding Bishop Griswold with gift giving and singing. The House then departed Thursday morning.

Respectfully submitted The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., Secretary, House of Bishops
Appendix A
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 17, 2006
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 Orientation for Group Facilitators
2:00 Registration and Meet & Greet
3:00 Session I: Setting our course. Purpose: Orientation, context setting and reconsideration of general norms
5:00 Eucharist
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Session II: Challenges in our life as bishops, as we prepare to address difficult concerns: removing blocks to spiritual freedom. Purpose: Preparation for our work together
9:00 Hospitality

Saturday, March 18, 2006
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 Morning Prayer
9:30 Session III: Our Life in Christ: ECUSA and the Anglican Communion – Part I. Purposes: 1. Voice hopes and concerns re: General Convention; the Windsor Report and other reports. 2. Increase awareness of the potential impact of decisions that may be made in June.
11:45 Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Lunch
2:00 Session IV: Our Life in Christ: ECUSA and the Anglican Communion – Part II
5:30 Evening Prayer
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Meditation beginning silent retreat

Sunday, March 19, 2006
8:00 a.m. Breakfast in Silence
9:00 Morning Prayer and second meditation
11:45 Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Lunch
6:00 Supper
7:30  Session V: Preparation for the election of the XXVI Presiding Bishop. Purposes: 1. To orient members of the House to the electoral process. 2. Discussion of the norms for the time of election. 3. To consider norms about engaging with nominees during the process.

9:00  Reception for nominees – A time of celebration and thanksgiving for those who have allowed themselves to be nominated

Monday, March 20, 2006

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00  Morning Prayer
9:30  Session VI: The authority of scripture in a global Communion – Part I. Purpose: Engage the ways scripture is understood across the Communion.

11:45  Eucharist
12:30 p.m.  Lunch
2:00  Session VII: The authority of scripture in a global Communion – Part II

5:30  Evening Prayer
6:00  Dinner – Free Evening (Opportunity for Class Dinners)
9:00  Hospitality

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00  Morning Prayer
9:30  Session VIII: Restoring all things in Christ – Part I. Purpose: Our continuing response to racism

11:45  Eucharist
12:30 p.m.  Lunch
2:00  Session IX: Restoring all things in Christ – Part II. Purpose: Presentations and engagement concerning: Gulf Coast relief and recovery, Title III: Ministry canons focusing on Bishops; Title IV: Revision of disciplinary canons; & Domestic Mission: Challenges &opportunities

5:30  Evening Prayer
6:00  Dinner
7:30  Self–Selected working groups. Purpose: Follow up to previous presentations & other areas of interest

9:00  Hospitality

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00  Morning Prayer
9:30  Session X: Business Matters: Report from working groups as appropriate, B008, Cycle of Meetings, Norms for General Convention, & Post General Convention preparation
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HOUSE OF BISHOPS
Appendix C
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Newly Received Bishops
Bishops who have been received since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at the Ritz Carlton, San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 22–27, 2005:

October 10, 2005
Bishop of Venezuela
The Rt. Rev. Orlando Jesus Guerrero

Change in Status
The following are changes in status received by the Secretary of the House of Bishops from the Presiding Bishop since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at the Ritz Carlton, San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 22–27, 2005:

June 1, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Wilfredo Ramos-Orench
Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut
To Provincial Bishop of Ecuador Central

Resignations
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at the Ritz Carlton, San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 22–27, 2005, the Secretary received notice of the intent of the following bishops to resign:

October 21, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Michael W. Creighton
Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

December 30, 2006
Bishop of Eastern Michigan

December 31, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Larry E. Maze
Bishop of Arkansas

September 4, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Robert M. Moody
Bishop of Oklahoma

Necrology
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at the Ritz Carlton, San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 22–27, 2005, the following bishops have departed this life:

December 14, 2005
The Rt. Rev. George Leslie Cadigan
Retired Bishop of Missouri

December 23, 2005
The Rt. Rev. Victor Manuel Rivera
Retired Bishop of San Joaquin
December 24, 2005  The Rt. Rev. William Arthur Beckham
Retired Bishop of Upper South Carolina

January 20, 2006  The Rt. Rev. Charles Lee Burgreen
Retired Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces

February 3, 2006  The Rt. Rev. Donis Dean Patterson
Retired Bishop of Dallas

February 16, 2006  The Rt. Rev. Willis Ryan Henton
Retired Bishop of Western Louisiana

March 10, 2006  The Rt. Rev. Vincent King Pettit
Retired Bishop Suffragan of New Jersey
We, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, acknowledged the painful reality of the consequences of racism in the 1994 pastoral letter "the Sin of Racism." In that letter, we stated "the essence of racism is prejudice coupled with power. It is rooted in the sin of pride and exclusivity which assumes 'that I and my kind are superior to others and therefore deserve special privileges.'" We issue this new pastoral on the pervasive sin that continues to plague our common life in the church and in our culture. We acknowledge our participation in this sin and we lament its corrosive effects on our lives. We repent of this sin, and ask God's grace and forgiveness.

When Jesus entered the synagogue in his first public act of ministry (Luke 4), he read from the prophet Isaiah. The vision proclaimed is known as the desire of God, the peaceable kingdom, a society of justice and shalom, or the city set on a hill. It is an icon of what God intends for all creation – that human beings live in justice and peace with one another, that the poor are fed and housed and clothed, the ill are healed, prisoners set free, and that the whole created order is restored to right relationship. That vision is our goal and vocation as Christians.

The fundamental truth undergirding this vision is that all are made in the image of God. It is in our diversity that we discover the fullness of that image. If we judge one class or race or gender better than another, we violate that desire and intent of God. And when our social and cultural systems exacerbate or codify such judgments, we do violence to that which God has made. Racism is a radical affront to the good gift of God, both in the creation described in Genesis, and in the reality of the Incarnation. Jesus came among us to bring an end to that which divides us, as Paul so clearly identifies in Galatians 3:28, "in Christ there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female."

Whenever individual or community behaviors work against God's vision, we have promised to respond in ways that will serve to heal: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will with God's help (BCP p 305)." God has created us with skins of many colors, God has created us in thousands of tribes and languages, and none is adjudged more godly.
than another. It is our behavior that gives evidence of godliness, not the color of our skin.

The world has witnessed the evil of institutionalized racism and classism in the United States in the aftermath of the hurricanes of 2005. The poor and persons of color were often served last -- or not at all -- while wealthy and privileged residents had greater resources to escape the immediate danger of the hurricanes and begin the process of rebuilding. We are all shamed by the sin of racism in the reality of inequity in housing, employment, educational and healthcare opportunities, and the disaster response.

This House of Bishops, meeting in Hendersonville, North Carolina on 21 March 2006, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, commit ourselves as bishops to discern and confess our own prejudice and complicity in the pervasive sin of racism, to confront it, and make amends for it in intentional ways every time we gather as a House. We ask the Holy Spirit to empower the House to fully live into this covenant, and we invite the members of this Church to covenant with us, in the following actions personally, corporately, and globally. With God's help, we will:

- renew our commitment to the 1994 pastoral letter, "The Sin of Racism"; take responsibility to expose, dismantle and heal those situations of injustice based on racism;
- seek forgiveness for our lack of charity and consciousness in recognizing those situations which degrade the image of God in our neighbors;
- make amends for our undeserved position and benefit as a result of unjust situations both now and in the past;
- empower all members of God's human family, that they may live into the fullness of what God intends;
- encourage the larger church to continue and expand its work of education, spiritual formation, and anti-racism training, that all might discover the riches of God's diverse creation, especially in those who differ from us;
- advocate for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, our respective dioceses, the parishes which comprise them, and our governments, as well as our own households, that God's desire may become increasingly evident for all of humanity;
- recruit and empower people of all races and ethnic origins as leaders in our church, and as members of all boards, agencies, commissions, and committees;
- dedicate equitable resources for all races and national origins in the funding of theological education for all ministries, lay and ordained;
- advocate for continued response to the sinful legacy of slavery; expose situations of environmental racism and classism which poison and threaten the poorest among us, and seek justice for those communities; and
- advocate for compassionate care of the stranger in our midst, and demand just immigration policies.

Having entered into covenant with each other to root out the sin of racism in very specific personal and corporate ways, we, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, invite all members of our Church to join us in this mission of justice, reconciliation, and
unity. This is an expression of our commitment to the fundamental covenant each of us entered into at the moment of our baptism.
May God give us the will to do this reconciling work, and the power and grace to accomplish it.

We ask that this pastoral letter be read in all churches as soon as possible.
In this Lenten season we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We write to you from the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina, where we are gathered for our spring meeting. In Lent God calls us to examine our hearts and renew our companionship with the One who offered himself for the salvation of the world. We are very conscious of the larger context in which we gather and deliberate: in a country where the disparity between rich and poor persists, where we struggle to rebuild lives and communities along the Gulf Coast, a country whose daughters and sons are serving at war overseas. Increasingly we are aware that we represent not a single national church, but one richly comprising congregations in fifteen countries. We wish to share with you something of our journey with Christ during these days of our meeting together.

The unity, mission, and faithfulness of the Church are matters very much in our prayers. We strongly affirm our desire for the Episcopal Church to remain a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, and we recognize that the gift of communion requires generosity and restraint on the part of all. We were blessed by the presence and presentation of our guest from the Church of England, the Right Reverend Michael Langrish, Bishop of Exeter, who encouraged and challenged us in respect to our relationship with the larger Anglican Communion. On behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Ms. Sue Parks, the Manager of the Lambeth Conference, briefed us on the plans for the Lambeth Conference 2008.

We believe that the most effective way to foster communion is to be present for each other, as often as possible, so that we may learn from each other, be corrected by each other, and discern the mind of Christ together. In this regard we were encouraged by the report of the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. We welcomed the Commission’s overview of the report that it is preparing in order to assist the General Convention in addressing the critical issues and concerns raised in the Windsor Report, in the Primates’ Communiqué, and by the Anglican Consultative Council. The report, which will be completed and issued early in April, affirms our commitment to the Anglican Communion, and will include a number of resolutions to be proposed for consideration by the General Convention. We commend to the prayerful reflection and legislative process of the General
Convention this report of the Special Commission as a way forward in faithfulness to our Lord, to the Episcopal Church, and to the Anglican Communion.

A significant experience of our meeting was the opportunity to have a conversation with the seven current nominees for Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. All the nominees listened carefully and responded with their own insights and perspectives. Our evening together gave testimony to God’s blessing upon the life of the Church, and proved helpful as we begin to prepare for the election of the next Presiding Bishop. We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of these our colleagues in offering themselves for this discernment process.

We also benefited enormously from a day spent considering the nature and purposes of biblical interpretation in hearing God’s living Word. Our guests for this day, eminent Anglican biblical theologians originally from Kenya, India, and Hong Kong, and the United States, provided us with a profound glimpse of the contexts in which the Word of God comes to life throughout the world.

As part of our continuing commitment to work against the sin of racism, and much informed by what we have learned about ourselves in the wake of last year’s hurricanes, we developed a new Pastoral Letter to be read in all congregations. We also wrestled with the grave difficulties regarding immigration and the injustices facing those who come to the United States. Additionally we considered important studies relating to the opportunities and challenges of evangelism and church growth today. As we prepare for General Convention, we commit ourselves to continued prayer and labor for justice for all of God’s people, for the unity of the Church, for the faithfulness of the Church, for the mission of God.

At the heart of our meeting was a retreat led by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold, III. Our time together in prayer was deeply enriched by his profound gifts as a spiritual guide and teacher. This occasion manifested his depth of conviction and generosity of heart, which have so characterized his years as Presiding Bishop and meant so much to so many of us.

As a result of our time together we are better prepared to join at General Convention our sisters and brothers of the House of Deputies, whose presiding officer, the Very Reverend George L. Werner, also addressed us. Together we will journey with hearts confident in God, eager to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance in serving Christ’s mission of drawing all things to God.

“For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace” (Isaiah 55:12).
PART IV

APPENDICES
THE BUDGET FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2007–2009

ADOPTED AUGUST 21, 2006
# The Budget for The Episcopal Church

## 2007–2009

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August, 2006

Dear Bishops and Deputies,

We are pleased to present The Budget for the Episcopal Church for the 2007–2009 Triennium, adopted by the 75th General Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Included are a commentary of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F); the budget priorities adopted by the General Convention; and the enabling resolution.

The General Convention endorsed mission budget priorities set by the 74th General Convention, slightly rearranging their relative priorities and adding an emphasis on increasing clergy and lay leadership for further church growth. Children and the Millennium Development Goals were acknowledged as important aspects of existing priorities. The adopted budget reflects these priorities.

By canon, the Budget is crafted and voted on by the General Convention, following hearings and the legislative process. The budget process itself begins well before Convention, however, as staff from the Church Center and members of various Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards (CCAB’s) and the Executive Council work together to formulate a proposed budget, which is then offered to the General Convention.

The Budget approved by the General Convention is prepared and approved well before the period to which it applies. With the passage of time, changes may occur which affect income available from investments and from individual dioceses. With that reality, each year during the Triennium, a revised annual budget, based on The Budget approved by the General Convention, is proposed, reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

The Finance Office provides accurate and timely reports to the Church. Annual Budgets, monthly financial statements and annual audited statements are available on the Church’s website at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/finance. Printed copies of all materials are available on request. Your comments are always invited and welcomed.

The General Convention endorsed the mission and ministry of God’s people at work in the world. We pray that each diocese will continue to meet, exceed or make significant efforts to strive toward meeting their full asking in order that mission can continue.

In peace,

Pan Adams, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

N. Kurt Barnes,
Treasurer of the General Convention

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Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
Presentation Letter June 19, 2006

The members of the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance (PB&F) rejoice in the enthusiasm of The Episcopal Church to fulfill the opportunities for mission and ministry that clearly are before us. We are privileged to learn first-hand the results of mission activity that is based on the budget priorities from past Conventions. We appreciate and are moved by the zeal of this Convention for expanding new and creative mission.

Testimony from Episcopalians of all ages called our attention to mission, development, Christian formation and reconciliation both at home and abroad. The impetus is to turn outward. It’s as if we as a Church are rediscovering our church’s name – “The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.” Along with all at the 75th Convention, we have caught the challenge for the Church of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

In our capacity as a joint committee of General Convention, we present to you, our fellow deputies and bishops, this Budget for the 2007–2009 triennium.

Your testimony at the open hearing on the mission priorities for the budget led us to emphasize support for justice, peace, development and equality among all people, and to add children to our continuing commitment to youth and young adults.

The budget addresses the Millennium Development Goals in two ways:

First, we have provided a new line item that represents more than 0.7% of the budget and is dedicated to supporting MDGs. It is our intention that decisions concerning distribution of those funds in the name of the General Convention be made through a collaboration among Episcopal Relief and Development, Jubilee Ministries, and Executive Council.

Second, we challenge every department and funded mission and ministry of this budget to allocate 0.7% of its funding towards one or more of the MDGs.

To allocate money for the support of mission domestically and “overseas,” we decided to trim money that was requested to support our internal life as well as our meetings. Our intention is that all groups (most particularly, the Executive Council and the Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards) will continue to develop the ability to hold dispersed meetings with the help of technology, and meet more efficiently and effectively when we gather in person.

Hearing the urging of Convention for a plan to develop significant new financial resources to further mission, we provide an office for development of major gifts within the budget, funding it for the triennium for the first time.

With the enthusiasm for expanding mission, we did not want to make commitments based on a formula that would bring less income to the Episcopal Church (which would happen if, for
instance, we increased the exemption for diocesan giving), or one whose projections might not be accurate (which would be the case if we altered or lowered the asking percentage).

We propose a funding formula identical to that of the current triennium.

We note that the Budgetary Funding Task Force, reauthorized at this Convention, will continue to address the patterns, realities and options for funding the budget of The Episcopal Church, and will report to the 76th General Convention in 2009.

We decided not to increase the “draw” on investments and reserves as compared with a 5.0%. The draw of 5.5% in the last Triennium resulted in a decrease of $3,000,000 in capital. Continuing such a pattern would decrease income available for the future. Further, we believe that a Church which is alive in mission and alive in Christ will fund its vision from its members rather than draw more deeply from its endowments.

Some dioceses intentionally contribute no money whatsoever to the mission and life of The Episcopal Church. Several others create their own formulas, always offering less than the 21% Asking. Some dioceses are genuinely unable to meet the Asking. If all our dioceses did contribute at the Asking level, our mission would be funded by an additional $8,000,000 each year, or $24,000,000 for the triennium.

Our committee has worked long and hard. We have thought creatively, we have debated, prayed, voted, struggled and cheered. We are privileged to serve Convention, and the Lord, in our work. We believe this budget is responsive to the Gospel and the voice of Convention, and will enable this Church to be an even greater blessing for the world.

Pan Adams, Chair
Deputy from Arkansas

Andrew D. Smith, Vice-Chair
Bishop of Connecticut

PRIORITIES

The 75th General Convention adopted the following priorities to guide the work of PB&F and to inform the entire Church of where we will engage mission in the next triennium. The resolution reads:

“We offer these mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ. We are committed to the importance of our ministry of reconciliation and communion at every level of our communion.

We embrace diversity and seek to promote inclusion and power sharing which underlie and inform all priorities, decisions, and all that we do. In faithfulness to these commitments, we continue to honor our covenants and partnerships with domestic and overseas dioceses. We recognize that the work of mission depends in large part on increasing the leadership capacity of clergy and lay leaders of the church. We affirm the spirit of the budget adopted by the 74th General Convention and identify for the mission of the Church during 2007–2009 the following priorities, listed in rank order of importance:

1. JUSTICE AND PEACE: Promoting justice and peace for all of God’s creation and continuing and accelerating the leadership role and programs of the Episcopal Church,
which support the eight (8) Millennium Development Goals* in the dioceses of the Episcopal Church and in the world.

2. YOUNG ADULTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN: Reaching out to young adults, youth and children through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church.

3. RECONCILIATION AND EVANGELISM: Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God’s mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the church.

4. CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION: Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, lifelong learning, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.

5. PARTNERSHIPS: Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with provinces of the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.

* The Millennium Development Goals

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development
**Overview of the Approved Budget**

Revenue budgeted for 2007–2009 is $152,002,988. Figure 1 illustrates anticipated total revenue and sources:

![Diagram of revenue sources](image)

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Figure 1
Figure 2 captures the expenses for the Episcopal Church for the next three years by category.

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<td>$(275,000)</td>
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<td>Total Expenses</td>
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<td>$52,763,222</td>
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Details of Revenue For 2007–2009

Diocesan Commitments

Diocesan Commitments constitute 61% of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society’s (DFMS) projected income for the 2007–2009 triennium cycle and represent 71% of the non-governmental portion of that income stream. These commitments are the primary source of DFMS program support. They are also among the most volatile and difficult to predict due to economic conditions nationally, localized issues at the Diocesan level, and reactions to General Convention and DFMS policies.

DFMS commitments are based on 21% of each Diocese’s operating income, after a flat $100,000 deduction, and calculated on a two-year trailing basis (e.g., 2007 DFMS Askings will be based on 2005 actually reported individual Diocesan income).

Actual Diocesan Commitment receipts for the 100 domestic U.S. dioceses for the first year of the last two triennia (2000 and 2003) and the most recent full year (2005) were as follows:

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<th>History of Diocesan Giving (number of Dioceses)</th>
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<td>Over 21%</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>At 21%</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>1% to 20%</td>
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As of June 14, for 2006, 46 Dioceses have pledged at the 21% or higher level (down slightly from 2005); 30 are giving between 10 and 20% of income; 17 are giving between 1 and 9%; 2 others are giving but have provided no Diocesan income information to the DFMS. (See Appendix B)

If all 100 U.S. dioceses contributed at the 21% level of Asking, it is estimated that in excess of $8 million of additional income would be available to the DFMS program of mission each year.

Investment Income

The second most significant source of DFMS income, at 20% of total projected revenues, investment income consists principally of an annual dividend “draw” or “payout” from trust funds that are collectively invested. At year end 2005, the DFMS benefited from dividends on trust funds valued at $250 million of the total $298 million of assets invested.

The draw or payout is based on a five year rolling average of the market value of the portfolio, thus smoothing out investment returns for the purposes of a stable source of revenue. For the 2004-2006 triennium a 5.5% annual draw was in place; for the next triennium Executive Council recommended that the rate be reduced to 5% annually. The logic behind that reduction was apparent in 2005 when the portfolio had an actual market value appreciation of 8.1%, well above the custom investment return benchmark for the fund of 6.2%. However, after deducting
actual inflation of 3.4%, investment fees of .8%, and the pay out of 5.5%, the portfolio suffered a real loss of purchasing power of a negative 1.6%.

Most of the increase in market value over 2004 came from superior investment performance from the professionally managed portfolio.

**DFMS Portfolio 2001–2005 (Year-end Market Value)**

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<th>Market Value</th>
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<td>2001</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>$233 million</td>
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<td>2003</td>
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<td>$298 million</td>
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<td>Five Year Average</td>
<td>$279 million</td>
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The investment performance of the portfolio is closely monitored and compared to similarly oriented endowment funds and to a custom benchmark unique to DFMS. For the 2007–2009 triennium the objective of the fund is to achieve an annual return of 8.5% before inflation, fees and expenses which are estimated at 3.5% collectively, leaving 5% available for the annual payout.

**DFMS Gross Investment Returns**

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<th>Year(s)</th>
<th>Investment Goal</th>
<th>Custom Return Benchmark</th>
<th>DFMS Return</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
<td>6.2%</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Last 3 Years</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
<td>15.7%</td>
<td>15.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Last 5 Years</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
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In addition to the Trust Fund portfolio, the DFMS enjoys some $750,000 dollars annually in interest income from aggressive cash management activities, Economic Justice Loan funds, a minority bank deposit program, and other non-endowment activities that are typically invested in conservative fixed income securities with a two-to five-year maturity.

**Other Income**

The DFMS enjoys several smaller sources of revenue including Government Grants in support of Episcopal Migration Ministries, the Episcopal Life publication and the Episcopal Books and Resources.

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<td>Government Grants (EMM)</td>
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<td>$5,779,000</td>
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<td>Episcopal Life</td>
<td>2,019,242</td>
<td>2,078,988</td>
<td>2,163,615</td>
<td>6,261,845</td>
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<td>Episcopal Book &amp; Resource Center</td>
<td>656,000</td>
<td>689,000</td>
<td>724,000</td>
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<td>Net Rental (After Taxes)</td>
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<td>$9,264,043</td>
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**Episcopal Life**

Episcopal Life costs are subsidized by revenues earned from advertising and subscription sales.


**Government Grants**

Episcopal Migration Ministries (the refugee program) is primarily supported by federal government contracts, principally from the Reception and Placement Program funded by the State Department and the Department of Health and Human Services Matching Grant Program. DFMS and affiliated organizations resettles an estimated 2,500 refugees per year through the Reception and Placement Program, and 950 refugees per year will qualify for participation in the Matching Grant Program. After withholding amounts necessary to cover administrative costs, these funds are passed to dioceses to fund local programs.

**Episcopal Books & Resources**

Episcopal Books and Resources costs are largely subsidized through online and telephone sales of affordable, high-quality publications and other merchandise that has a primarily Anglican/Episcopal focus and context.

**Rental Income**

A byproduct of the extensive renovations/asbestos abatement/redesign of the National Church headquarters building at 815 Second Avenue in New York City is the availability for rental of 2 ½ floors of prime space in the reconfigured building. Nearly $750,000 annually has been projected in net rental income from this new stream of revenue.
Expense Details for the 2007–2009 Triennium

Expenses
For purposes of this presentation of the Budget for the 2007–2009 triennium and for the enabling resolution (2003–D079), expenses are divided into the three portions identified in Canons I.4.6 (b) and (c): Canonical, Corporate and Program.

The Canonical portion provides for the expenses of the General Convention, the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, the Executive Council, and Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards. The Program portion provides support for the mission and ministry of the Church and Communication. The Corporate portion provides administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices.

While it is through the Program and Canonical portions of the Budget that we carry out the mission and ministry adopted by General Conventions, it is through the Corporate portion that such efforts obtain the administrative support so necessary for their day-to-day success.

Contributed Services
Eight agencies are currently housed at the Episcopal Church Center. Most of the organizations have been housed there for 30 years or more; but only ERD is directly included in the budget of the DFMS.

- Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)
- Anglican UN Observer
- CUAC / Int. Partnerships for Learning
- Episcopal Church Foundation
- National Association of Episcopal Schools
- Church Periodical Society and Prayer Book Society
- Episcopal Church Building Fund

The total amount of these contributed services budgeted for the 2007–2009 triennium is $4,846,743.

1 For Agencies that are not part of the DFMS budget: Postage and billable telephone costs plus IT services are charged and recovered from the non-DFMS agencies. Other costs such as utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. Executive Council decided to forgive expenses incurred by Anglican UN Observer.

2 For ERD, which receives direct support from the DFMS budget: The cost of utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. The cost of staff services is allocated based on the number of employees.
Summary of Actions

The following is a summary of actions taken by PB&F in the Corporate, Canonical and Mission sections of the Budget as it thoroughly considered the proposed budget presented by the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council. The PB&F review resulted in some significant reallocations of resources but, importantly, continues to address the funding priorities.

New or Increased Funded MDGs

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<td>ERD/Jubilee Ministries/The Episcopal Church Partnership</td>
<td>New Initiative &amp; Increases</td>
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<td>Native Americans – Block Grants</td>
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<td>Post-Katrina special missionary initiatives</td>
<td>New</td>
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<td>Episcopal Church in the Philippines</td>
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Revenues

- Increased General Ordination Exam fees
- Reduced short term investment income due to $3 million transfer to Episcopal Building Fund approved by Executive Council

Corporate/Canonical

Additions

- Funded the upgrading of hardware and software in support of the General Convention and the Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards (CCABs)
- Responded to music and liturgy initiatives with a block grant
- Increased funding for development of new and future leaders

Reductions

- Required more effective use of time and resources for CCABs
- Eliminated funding for undesignated contingencies, reserves and miscellaneous categories

Mission

Additions

- Funded new initiatives while maintaining the commitment to numerous existing Millennium Development Goal (MDG) related programs
- Increased allocations for children, youth and lifelong learning
- Increased commitments to domestic and foreign covenants relating to the Philippines, Historic Black Colleges, Native American Indigenous Peoples, Appalachian Ministries and other partnerships
- Funded a post-Katrina special missionary initiative
• Created Major Gifts Development Office
• Created Executive Council model of MDG partnership between The Episcopal Church, Episcopal Relief and Development and Jubilee Ministries

**REDUCTIONS**
• Realized reductions in financial commitments to Central America and Mexico in accordance with original terms of covenant agreements
• Agreed to a response toward the Anglican Consultative Council Asking
• Reallocated funding for national ad campaign and communication initiatives

Along with the Budget for 2007–2009, we include:
• the enabling resolution for funding (p. 836-838)
• a table of the diocesan commitments to the budget for 2006 (p.839-842)
• a table showing the status of every resolution with funding implications (p. 843-847)
• a brief narrative description of each section of the budget (p.848-858)
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Resolved, That the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the next triennium be adopted as set forth:

1.0 The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate, and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $152,002,295.00.

1.1 Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $29,149,874.00 as follows:
   For the year 2007 $8,820,134.00
   For the year 2008 $9,059,966.00
   For the year 2009 $11,269,773.00

1.2 Program (mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $93,569,078.00 as follows:
   For the year 2007 $31,020,138.00
   For the year 2008 $30,991,486.00
   For the year 2009 $31,557,453.00

1.3 Corporate portion, providing for the requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $30,108,344.00 as follows:
   For the year 2007 $9,893,439.00
   For the year 2008 $10,003,909.00
   For the year 2009 $10,210,995.00

1.4 In order to achieve a balanced budget for the triennium, management will identify and effect staff cost reductions of $825,000.00 through attrition and retirement. This reduction will be achieved throughout the Canonical, Program and Corporate portions of the Budget.
The funding policy for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 is adopted, based on a single Asking (apportioned share) of the dioceses. After a $100,000 exemption from total income, a single asking shall be applied at a flat rate of 21% of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g.: 2007 Askings (apportioned share) are to be based on 2005 actual income figures]. “Income” includes 1) all congregational giving to the diocese, 2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, 3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and 4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

2.1 We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that give at and above, the 21% Asking. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of The Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the 21% Asking; then we could allocate an additional 8 million dollars each year toward fulfilling the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 75th General Convention.

2.2 For the budgetary period income from diocesan commitments, totaling $92,978,494.00 is anticipated as follows:
   - For the year 2007 $ 30,087,248.00
   - For the year 2008 $ 30,983,865.00
   - For the year 2009 $ 31,907,381.00

2.3 For the budgetary period 2007–2009, payment by the dioceses of the Askings shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

2.4 All additional income, other than from the Askings of the dioceses, totaling, is projected as follows $59,024,493.00:
   - For the year 2007 $ 18,551,046.00
   - For the year 2008 $ 19,376,194.00
   - For the year 2009 $ 21,097,253.00

2.5 A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of examination as appropriated in the budget. A candidate for Holy Orders eligible for examination and so certified by the diocesan bishop shall not be disqualified for examination because the fee has not been paid.

2.6 General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2009 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1 Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the assured income of the Executive Council so as to carry out the Budget for The Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.
3.2 Resolutions of the General Convention calling for the expenditures of any moneys (or containing implied funding) which are not included in the adopted Budget for The Episcopal Church will not have special claim, advanced standing or priority for funding by the Executive Council.

3.3 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.4 If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas.

3.5 Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.

3.6 Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.

3.7 Each Committee, Commission, Agency and Board (CCAB) proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance a detailed budget in support of its plan(s), including cost estimates from contractors and suppliers for all goods and services, by no later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

3.8 Subsequent editions of the Mission Statement and Budget Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church contain the following information for each year of the preceding triennium:

A description of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities with accompanying narrative.

Endowment balance and total investment return, with accompanying narrative.

Posting of this report on the DFMS website when it is released to the Bishops and Deputies.
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# Diocesan Commitments and Estimates

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| Total All Dioceses | $188,908,538 | $37,381,793 | $28,362,082 | $9,019,710.60 |

The pledges of five dioceses exceed the 21% asking for 2006. We are grateful to the dioceses of New Jersey, Southern Ohio, Newark, Connecticut and Southwestern Virginia for their leadership.

If every diocese in the domestic U.S. contributed at the 21% asking rate, the potential additional revenue that would be available for the Church's mission would exceed $8 million annually.

Several dioceses have not provided their Diocesan Reports. Their income is recorded as "n/a" and their pledge rates are not calculable.
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Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative–Revenues

Diocesan Commitments
The funding policy for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 is based on a single Asking of the Dioceses (apportioned share). After a $100,000 exemption from total income, a single asking shall be applied at a flat rate of 21% of the balance of income to the Diocese, as reported in the Diocesan Financial Statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied. For example, the 2007 Asking would be based on actual 2005 income. "Income" includes 1) all congregational giving to the Diocese, 2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the Diocese, 3) restricted investment and endowment income to the Diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and 4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal and programming expense of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that is simply administered by the Dioceses or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

Investment and Interest Income
Investment income consists principally of income on the DFMS endowment, which represents both restricted and unrestricted income. This estimate assumes trust fund income at $0.99, $1.06 and $1.12 per share in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively, an estimate which in turn assumes a net 5% annual growth rate (net of distributions and management fees) in trust fund assets over that period and annual distributions set at 5.0% of a five-year rolling average asset value. DFMS non-endowment assets are invested in short-term (usually 2-5 years to maturity) fixed income instruments.

Episcopal Life (EL)
Episcopal Life costs are subsidized by revenues earned from advertising and subscription sales.

Government Grants (EMM)
Episcopal Migration Ministries (the refugee program) is primarily supported by federal government contracts, principally from the Reception and Placement Program funded by the State Department and the Department of Health and Human Services Matching Grant Program. DFMS and affiliated organizations will resettle an estimated 2,500 refugees per year through the Reception and Placement Program, and 950 refugees per year will qualify for participation in the Matching Grant Program. After withholding amounts necessary to cover administrative costs, these funds are passed to dioceses to fund local programs.

Episcopal Books and Resources (EB&R)
Episcopal Books and Resources costs are largely subsidized through online and telephone sales of affordable, high-quality publications and other merchandise that has a primarily Anglican/Episcopal focus and context.
Budget Narrative–Expenditures

Canonical

Office of the Presiding Bishop
This Office supports the Presiding Bishop’s administrative and communication responsibilities as well as pastoral ministries. This includes working with and supporting the staff in carrying forth General Convention initiatives and policies, supporting the ecumenical initiatives and relationships of the Episcopal Church, and supporting pastoral relationships with the bishops of this Church. This Office plans and coordinates the visits of the Presiding Bishop, as well as planning for meetings of the House of Bishops at General Convention and interim and special meetings. The Office is responsible for the processes of election and consecration of bishops.

House of Bishops
The expenses in this area support the design and implementation of the annual Interim and Special Committee meetings of the House. Additional support is given to the planning group for the spouses meetings, which coincide with the House of Bishops meetings.

House of Deputies
The President of the House of Deputies, along with the Presiding Bishop, appoints members and serves ex officio as a member of all committees, commissions, agencies and boards. The incumbent shares leadership of the Executive Council, appoints legislative committees, represents the Episcopal Church in various Anglican and ecumenical capacities, coordinates planning for the business of the House and presides over it during the General Convention.

Office of the General Convention (GCO)
The General Convention Office, under the direction of the Executive Officer of the General Convention, undertakes the planning, logistical arrangements and staff support for the triennial Convention gatherings, the thrice-yearly Executive Council meetings, and the meetings and work of the Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards. It handles production of the Reports to the General Convention—known as the "Blue Book"—as well as the Journal and the updated Constitution and Canons issued after each Convention. Through the Director of Research, the GCO undertakes the collection, publication, and analysis of annual Parochial Report and Diocesan Report data.

General Convention
The General Convention is the legislating body of the Episcopal Church, consisting of the House of Deputies with about 800 members (up to four clergy and four lay persons from every diocese), and the House of Bishops, with nearly 300 active and retired bishops.

The Convention meets every three years in legislative session. Its powers are established by the first article of the Church's Constitution. The Houses meet and act separately, and both must concur in order to adopt legislation.
Although bishops and deputations pay their own travel and lodging expenses, the planning, administrative, security and facilities costs are borne by this budget.

**General Convention: Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards (CCABs)**

Between the triennial meetings of the General Convention, Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Boards carry out the ongoing work of the Church.

Chief among these is the Executive Council, which includes a total of thirty-eight elected representatives who serve for staggered six-year terms: two persons elected from each of the Church's nine provinces, twenty people elected at large by the General Convention, and five *ex officio* members, including the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. The Council meets three times a year and has charge of the coordination, development, and implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church.

The other Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards study issues and make recommendations to Convention, reporting in the *Blue Book* to all bishops and deputies for study before General Convention.

**Office of the Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies (OBSC)**

The Office of the Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies works to support clergy in armed service, healthcare, and prison settings, and assists emergency responders and maritime chaplains. It provides both direct support for chaplains in federal service and the indirect support through advocacy and training for chaplains affiliated with diocesan bishops. The Office assists in domestic disaster response by providing chaplains when needed and has oversight of the missionary work in Micronesia.

**Office of Pastoral Development (OPD)**

The Office of Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops supports the Presiding Bishop and the House of Bishops in episcopal formation and development; pastoral care of bishops; their families and diocesan systems; and mediation in Title IV (disciplinary) matters. Episcopal formation includes direct support for all episcopal elections, training and mentoring for all bishops, vocational assessment, retirement transitions, and deployment. Pastoral care includes making residential care facility referrals for bishops and priests, planned interventions, and mediation within diocesan systems. Mediation in the Title IV disciplinary canons provides a response from the Presiding Bishop's Office to complaints and formal charges against or concerning bishops, with the goal of satisfactorily addressing the cause of the complaint or charge so as to avoid an ecclesiastical trial.

The Bishop for the Office also serves as the Director of the College for Bishops, and serves on several General Convention and House of Bishops bodies, covering work of Episcopal Visitors to Religious Orders and Communities, Title IV, Institutional Wellness and the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice.
Office for Ministry Development (OMD)
The Office for Ministry Development supports initiatives for recruitment and formation of effective, healthy leaders, especially those who will serve congregations; it serves as a resource to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development. Its work includes:
- Production of video and written resources to prepare dioceses to recruit leaders from diverse cultural backgrounds;
- Formation of leaders committed to urban ministry;
- Exploring how the church can become more inclusive of children and adults with special needs;
- Helping congregations identify and cultivate gifted young people for potential vocations in ordained ministry through the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PLSE);
- Providing support for the Convention-mandated study of the Church’s education delivery systems (“PEALL”);
- Partnering in the Fresh Start program implemented by many dioceses to promote successful relationship-building in the first two years of a new clergy placement.

Church Deployment Office (CDO)
The work of the Church Deployment Office is the ministry of transition, which includes the management of a personnel database for clergy and lay professionals and for dioceses, parishes and other institutions engaged in search processes. The CDO is undergoing its own transition as it addresses new opportunities for the 21st century church. During this triennium it intends to develop a portfolio approach for clergy and lay professionals and a high-quality survey instrument for congregations.

General Board of Examining Chaplains (GBEC)
The General Board of Examining Chaplains, elected by the General Convention and responsible to the House of Bishops, consists of four bishops, six clergy with pastoral cures, six members of seminary faculties, and six lay persons. Its work, defined by Canon III.31, is primarily the annual administration of the General Ordination Examination, administered to seminary seniors and others pursuing Holy Orders, who are nominated by the bishops of the dioceses. The GBEC collaborates as needed with other General Convention groups devoted to the development and support of ordained ministry.

Office for Liturgy and Music (LM)
The Office for Liturgy and Music supports the Presiding Bishop as Chief Liturgical Officer of the Church, especially in organizing worship at General Convention, by assisting in planning occasional liturgical events for other national entities within the church, and by responding to questions about worship. The Office supports the work of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Archives of the Episcopal Church
The Archives of the Episcopal Church is the national repository for documentation on the church, related Anglican organizations and individual Episcopalians. Through its main research office in Austin, Texas, a records management office at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, and a digital archives repository for online access to principal documents of the General
Convention, the Executive Council and other key archival resources, the Archives seeks to preserve and make available evidence of the historic and contemporary ministry of the church.

**Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (EIR)**

The Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations coordinates, on behalf of the Presiding Bishop and the Episcopal Church, various bilateral and multilateral dialogues and conversations with other Christian communions working with the greater unity and common mission of the church. In an increasing multi-religious context, the Office also works in interfaith dialogue, seeking greater understanding of and cooperation between the major religions of the world.

**Mission Program**

The Mission Program budget is an expression of the Episcopal Church’s mission priorities and initiatives as informed by the Baptismal Covenant, the priorities adopted by the General Convention and Executive Council, mission covenant and partnership commitments, and the actions of the General Convention itself.

**Director of Mission and Program Support**

The Director of Mission serves as a mission leader and staff officer to the Presiding Bishop and is a member of the Management Team. The Director of Mission supervises and supports all Mission Program units, builds collaborations for mission, chairs the Mission Leadership Roundtable, and provides communication and education for mission throughout the Church. Mission Program Support enables all Mission Program units to accomplish their goals by providing funding for travel, office coordination, and expenses related to planning, consultation, fund raising and collaborative efforts. The Mission Program Support Office coordinates the work of the following areas:

- Anglican and Global Relations
- Congregational Development
- Ethnic Congregation Development
- Peace and Justice Ministries
- Women's Ministries
- Ministries with Young People
- Episcopal Migration Ministries
- Mission Funding
- Overseas Appropriations
- Domestic Appropriations

The Director of Mission will also lead in a [Major Gifts Development for Mission](#) and coordinate a new [Millennium Development Goals Partnership](#) where Episcopal Relief and Development, Jubilee Ministries, and other programs will work collaboratively to expand their existing work to reduce poverty worldwide.

**Anglican and Global Relations (AGR)**

The work of Anglican and Global Relations supports each of the Mission Priorities, especially focusing on Partnerships in the Anglican Communion. AGR strengthens the church’s work of reconciliation and mission by:

- Encouraging the growth and development of overseas dioceses and partner churches throughout the Anglican Communion;
Providing leadership support and assistance to many international relationships enjoyed by dioceses, congregations and networks in the Episcopal Church;
Recruiting, training, and supporting Appointed Missionaries, Volunteers for Mission and Young Adult Service Corps participants who serve in more than 30 countries;
Researching and analyzing relationships and providing financial assistance to enhance the effectiveness of the work and witness of partner provinces and Anglican networks;
Supporting theological education through scholarships for church leaders pursuing study domestically and overseas;
Developing educational materials for world mission interpretation;
Supporting and facilitating global mission networks in our church.

Congregational Development
Congregational Development includes the work of development, redevelopment, stewardship and research. Working with the offices for Ethnic Congregational Development and Women’s Ministries, this office helps to implement a comprehensive strategy to develop, grow and transform congregations in the Episcopal Church by planning and producing resources as well as conducting national and regional training events. Work is focused on racial, ethnic, socio-economic and generational diversity in congregations. Congregational Development also includes the work of the Office of Research which directs and coordinates an ongoing program of research and analysis for the church.

Ethnic Congregational Development
The Ethnic Congregational Development Office:
• Develops and supports congregational life among the communities of Episcopalians who are Asian American, Black, Latino and Native American; and
• Provides a voice of advocacy for these communities so that their concerns for social equality and economic justice are raised up in the life of the Church.

This work is accomplished by four Missioners and their support staffs who interact with other units at the Episcopal Church Center. Each Missioner provides onsite consultation and resources for clergy and lay education and development, for ministries among Young Adults and Youth; for worship, liturgy and stewardship; for renewal and Congregational Transformation and establishing new congregations; and for Reconciliation and Evangelism through the inclusion of immigrant groups in the life of the Episcopal Church.

Peace and Justice Ministries (PJM)
The work of Peace and Justice Ministries arises from the many social and programmatic policies established by General Convention and Executive Council. PJM works to equip Episcopalians to carry out their Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being" and to be faithful stewards of all God’s creation. PJM work includes the Office of Government Relations; international Peace Ministries; domestic Social Justice, Jubilee Ministries, and environmental advocacy. Some specific initiatives of PJM include:
• Providing anti-racism training and resources for dioceses, congregations and overall Church leadership;
• Providing grant support to Jubilee Centers and networks and loans to organizations that serve and empower the poor and marginalized;
Advocating Church policies to government and working with bishops and others to strengthen the Church’s public witness with government officials worldwide;

Working with other religious denominations and partners to address issues of poverty reduction, health care, civil rights, the environment, the Millennium Development Goals, the AIDS pandemic, debt relief and peacemaking in areas of conflict;

Monitoring the Church's efforts to be socially responsible in the investment of its financial assets.

Women’s Ministries (WM)

Women's Ministries serves the mission and ministry of women at all levels of the church. With justice and advocacy a priority, Women's Ministries seeks to ensure that women's engagement in church and society continues to make a difference in the ministry of reconciliation to which Christ calls us. Through its current partnership with the Anglican Observer to the UN and its work with offices of Congregational Development, Ethnic Congregational Development and Ministry Development, this Office address each of the budget priorities.

Ministries with Young People (MYP)

Ministries with Young People provides support to congregations, dioceses, and provinces in the areas of children's ministries, Christian education, youth ministries, and ministries with young adults and higher education. Through programs and special projects mandated by General Convention, MYP fulfills its mission through training events, conferences, consultations, network programs, and by producing basic and specialized resources for congregational use. MYP also works extensively with ecumenical partners and Episcopal curriculum developers in providing resources for the Church. The 2003 General Convention approved $1 million in additional funding in support of programs for young adults and youth, with specific funding to be determined by Executive Council in consultation with young people and DFMS staff. The proposed budget for 2007–2009 continues that funding priority.

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)

Episcopal Migration Ministries assists in refugee resettlement and advocacy for refugee and immigration policy. Through a network of diocesan affiliates, EMM annually assists between 2,500 and 3,000 refugees to restart their lives in the US. EMM advocates for the protection and welfare of overseas refugees, particularly those for whom resettlement may be their only hope; advocates for the welfare of asylum seekers who hope to escape persecution; and migrants who seek relief from poverty and economic oppression. EMM undertakes various educational programs to increase awareness within the Church about the plight of those forcibly displaced because of persecution or other forms of violence or oppression.

Mission Block Grant Partnerships

Church-wide Partnerships

The Executive Council is committed to providing ongoing support for the overseas dioceses of the Episcopal Church; the partner churches with which we have covenant agreements; dioceses called Domestic Missionary Partners (formerly Coalition 14); and the three historically black Episcopal colleges. Also reflected here is the Episcopal Church’s fair share of the Inter-Anglican Budget (Anglican Consultative Council).
Overseas Covenants and Partnerships
Support for Covenant Agreements provides a means for all Episcopalians to participate in the development and mission work of the Anglican/Episcopal church in Central America, Liberia, Mexico, and the Philippines; the financial commitments are part of the autonomy processes approved by General Convention.

Specific funding for overseas dioceses will be done on a year-to-year basis upon evaluation of parochial/diocesan reports and other indicators. Funds will be distributed among the following dioceses and jurisdictions by the Executive Council: Cuba, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador Central, Ecuador Litoral, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia (Guam), Taiwan, Venezuela and Virgin Islands.

Domestic Mission Support
These are block grants paid regularly to domestic organizations that are historically important to the Episcopal Church. New work includes a Post-Katrina special initiative to support renewal in the Diocese of Louisiana.

Ecumenical Appropriations
The mission of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Office is to promote the growth of visible unity in one Eucharistic fellowship, sustain, and strengthen dialogue for Christian unity with other churches. These appropriations represent the Episcopal Church's financial support and participation in national and international councils, bodies, and communions seeking the unity of the church.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)
Funding for Episcopal Relief and Development reflects the cost of accounting and administrative services provided by the DFMS. In addition, the DFMS provides indirect support in the form of space and utilities.

Planned Giving
The Planned Giving funds are used to support the Episcopal Church Foundation's (ECF) work to build the church's financial strength at parish and diocesan grass-roots levels.

Communications

Office of Communication
The Office of Communication supports the mission and ministries of the Episcopal Church through:

- Timely news and information that emphasizes national, international and local interrelationships;
- Affordable, quality books and resources that deepen understanding and practice of the Christian faith in the Anglican context;
- Creative broadcast and multimedia tools that invite viewers into mission;
- Practical, forward-looking Internet and technology applications to enhance web sites and other electronic communication churchwide;
• Enabling a collaborative comprehensive communication plan and a churchwide advertising initiative;
• Calling church members and the general public to "Come and Grow" in spiritual depth and maturity and to "Cultivate Community".

Episcopal Life (EL)
Episcopal Life is a monthly communication vehicle to more than 250,000 Episcopal households. Its mission is to inform, inspire and involve the people of God in the Episcopal Church by: reporting accurately and fairly events and issues in the church and the Anglican Communion; welcoming a healthy exchange of ideas and opinions; and nurturing the ministry to which baptism calls us.

Episcopal Books and Resources (EB&R)
Episcopal Books and Resources is a retail provider of affordable, high-quality publications and other merchandise that has a primarily Anglican/Episcopal focus and context. In 2005, EB&R combined the operations of the former Episcopal Parish Services and the Church Center bookstore. Through online and telephone capabilities, EB&R distributes resources for many church organizations and mission departments, including: the Episcopal Church Foundation, Episcopal Relief and Development and the United Thank Offering. Its products also include the "Groundwork" evangelism and hospitality series and a collection of church signs for exterior use.

CORPORATE
The Corporate section includes all of the administrative and financial activities associated with operating DFMS. The Corporate departments provide service to all DFMS activities, but the costs are not allocated (or charged) to those individual departments.

Office of the Chief Operating Officer
Assisting the Presiding Bishop's role as Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer coordinates the work of the Management Team and the entire organization. This involves managing internal organizational support functions, including human resources, building services, management information systems, telecommunications, and mail and purchasing. The Chief Operating Officer also has a central role in the triennial budget process and has managed the renovation of the Church Center.

Treasurer's Office (TREAS)
The Treasurer’s Office is responsible for oversight of the financial functions and the investment assets of DFMS. This includes investment management of both long-term assets such as endowment portfolio and charitable trusts, and short-term assets, such as DFMS operating cash and custodial accounts held for others; oversight of banking functions, such as electronic funds transfers; financial management training; and oversight of entities and activities funded through the budget.
Office of the Controller (CONT)
As a unit of the Treasurer's Office, the Controller's Office is responsible for processing all of the financial transactions for DFMS and reporting, summarizing, and interpreting financial data for the use of management, creditors, boards and committees of the organization. It helps to develop budgets and forecasts, measures actual performance against operating plans and interprets the results of operations to all levels of management. The Office performs all of the accounting functions for DFMS which includes cash receipts, accounts payable, payroll, cash disbursements, account and diocesan receivables and grants payable. It works closely with the Society’s independent auditors to design and implement appropriate controls to safeguard the assets and resources of DFMS.

Human Resource Management (HRM)
The Human Resource Management Office strives to have the best person in the right job at the appropriate time, adequately prepared, effectively motivated, in compliance with moral and civil law, and reflective of the cultural diversity of the Church and society. The Human Resource Management team ensures that all staff—both current and retired—are treated fairly in keeping with stated human resources policies and practices. This office seeks to partner with others in developing and realizing opportunities for enhancing the quality of effort and productivity in our mutual ministry.

Management Information Systems (MIS)
Management Information Systems is responsible for all aspects of computer infrastructure and usage at The Episcopal Church Center and onsite at General Conventions. The network it maintains enables document creation, E-mail, and Internet access to all employees, including remote access for traveling staff. Its servers host numerous commercial software packages in finance, human resources, fundraising and other areas. Upon request, MIS develops and hosts data base applications (mostly web-accessible) for other departments, including systems for Parochial Reports; Church Deployment; and General Convention legislation, registration, and housing. MIS also takes a leading role in data modeling and shared initiatives with other Episcopal organizations such as the Church Pension Group.

Purchasing
The Purchasing function for the procurement of supplies and equipment is carried out primarily through the Office of the Chief Operating Officer and Building Services. This includes the direct costs of stationery, office supplies, office equipment leases and maintenance costs.

Mailing Center (MC)
The Mailing Center handles all processing and mailing functions at the Episcopal Church Center for DFMS.

Telecommunications (TELECOM)
Telecommunications operators are the first voices heard when calling the Episcopal Church Center. The office answers church-related inquiries and directs calls to the appropriate offices. It also manages the physical and financial operations of the phone system.
Building Services
The Episcopal Church Center is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The Building Services staff manages all building functions, from utilities to cleaning, repairs, maintenance and security. The staff coordinates the purchasing of furniture and fixtures, as well as all capital building improvements, including the renovation of the Church Center.

The removal of asbestos, improvements to all mechanical and electrical systems and fireproofing of the offices at 815 Second Avenue were financed through a bank line of credit which will be repaid over time.

DFMS Contribution for Administration
Eight agencies are currently housed at the Episcopal Church Center. Most of the organizations have been housed there for 30 years or more; but only ERD is directly included in the budget of the DFMS. Many of the agencies were established either by prior Presiding Bishops or by General Convention. The agencies work closely with numerous departments and staff members on a daily basis; many agency representatives participate in staff meetings and other DFMS meetings. All are very much a part of the community and workings of the Episcopal Church Center; they complement and extend the mission and ministry of DFMS.

1 For Agencies that are not part of the DFMS budget: Postage and billable telephone costs plus IT services are charged and recovered from the non-DFMS agencies. Other costs such as utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. Executive Council decided to forgive expenses incurred by Anglican UN Observer.

2 For ERD, which receives direct support from the DFMS budget: The cost of utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. The cost of staff services is allocated based on the number of employees.
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance
2004–2006

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The Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub, Secretary of the General Convention
Mr. N. Kurt Barnes, Treasurer of the General Convention
From September 13, 2003 to June 11, 2005, 19 Bishops have been ordained and consecrated in and for this Church.

The Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau, was in attendance as the Registrar at the following consecrations:

The Reverend Doctor Joe Goodwin Burnett as Bishop of Nebraska
The Reverend Canon Johny Itty as Bishop of Oregon
The Reverend Doctor Charles Franklin Brookhart, Jr. as Bishop of Montana
The Reverend Robert John O’Neill as Bishop Coadjutor of Colorado
The Reverend Steven Andrew Miller as Bishop of Milwaukee
The Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard as Bishop Coadjutor of Florida
The Reverend Canon V. Gene Robinson as Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire
The Reverend Dean Elliott Wolfe as Bishop Coadjutor of Kansas
The Reverend Gary Richard Lillibridge as Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas
The Reverend Michael Gene Smith as Bishop of North Dakota
The Reverend Jeffrey Neil Steenson as Bishop Coadjutor of Rio Grande
The Reverend Bavi Edna Rivera as Bishop Suffragan of Olympia
The Reverend James Robert Mathes as Bishop of San Diego

Brother Richard Thomas Biernacki, BSG, Canon, served as Deputy Registrar at the following consecrations:

The Reverend Rayford Baines High, Jr. as Bishop Suffragan of Texas
The Reverend George Edward Councell as Bishop of New Jersey, with David Booth Beers, Esq., Assistant Registrar.

The Registrar, the Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau, was assisted at the following ordinations by the following Assistant Registrars:

The Rev. Tim Vann at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Dr. Joe Goodwin Burnett as Bishop of Nebraska; The Rev. Dr. Clayton Morris at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Canon Johny Itty as Bishop of Oregon; The Rev. Michael Fay at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Dr. Charles Franklin Brookhart as Bishop of Montana; The Rev. Paul Lautenschlager at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Robert John O’Neill as Bishop Coadjutor of Colorado; The Rev. William H. Myrick, at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Steven Andrew Miller as Bishop of Milwaukee; The Rev. Barnum McCarty at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard as Bishop Coadjutor of Florida; Brother Richard Thomas Biernacki, BSG, Deputy registrar, with The Rev. Donald A. Nickerson, Jr., David Booth Beers, Esq., and The Rev. Edward Knox.

Other Deputy Registrars were appointed and served as follows:


At each ordination and consecration, Letters of Consecration were signed and sealed in duplicate by the consecrating Bishops, and by other Bishops present and participating. One of the Letters was given in each instance to the newly consecrated Bishop, and the other, duly attested, has been filed with the Archives of the General Convention.

All Journals received from the Secretaries of the Dioceses have been deposited in the Archives of the General Convention, together with the original Minutes of the General Convention, and the papers, documents and reports relating to such Minutes.

THE REGISTRAR SUBMITS HEREWITH THE PARTICULARS OF THE 19 CONSECRATIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

984a: The Right Reverend David Andres Alvarez, received into the House of Bishops at the 74th General Convention, was consecrated as Bishop of Puerto Rico, on Saturday, being the twenty-eighth day of November A.D. 1987 by:

James H. Ottley, President of Province IX, ECUSA
James Michael Mark Dyer, Bishop of Bethlehem
Francisco Reus-Froylan, Bishop of Puerto Rico
Albert Ervine Swift, Bishop of Puerto Rico, Retired
assisted by:
Martianiano Garcia, Bishop of Central and South Mexico
Onell Soto, Bishop of Venezuela
Samuel Espinoza, Bishop of Western Mexico

985: The Reverend Doctor Joe Goodwin Burnett, consecrated as Bishop of Nebraska, on Saturday, being the thirteenth day of September A.D. 2003, in the Civic Auditorium Music Hall of the Omaha Civic Auditorium, Omaha, Nebraska, by:

James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota (Seal)
James Daniel Warner, Bishop of Nebraska, Resigned (Seal)
James Edward Krotz, Bishop of Nebraska, Resigned (Seal)
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta (Seal)
Alfred Clark Marble, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi, Resigned (Seal)
Duncan Montgomery Gray, III, Bishop of Mississippi (Seal)
Duncan Montgomery Gray, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi, Resigned (Seal)
assisted by:
Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa (Seal)

986: The Reverend Canon Johncy Itty, consecrated as Bishop of Oregon, on Saturday, being the twentieth day of September A.D. 2003, in National Guard Armory Auditorium, Salem, Oregon by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Edmond Lee Browning, D.D., XXIV Presiding Bishop, Resigned (Seal)
Robert Louis Ladehoff, Bishop of Oregon (Seal)
Rodney Rae Michel, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Long Island (Seal)
James Hamilton Ottley, Assistant Bishop of Southeast Florida
Orris George Walker, D.C.L., Bishop of Long Island (Seal)
Paul R. Swanson, Bishop, Oregon Synod, ELCA
assisted by:
Richard L. Shimpfky, Bishop of El Camino Real (Seal)
William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon (Seal)
William B. Spofford, Bishop of Oregon, Resigned (Seal)
Rustin R. Kimsey, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, Resigned (Seal)
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada (Seal)
Robert Reed Shahan, Bishop of Arizona (Seal)
Harry B. Bainbridge, III, Bishop of Idaho (Seal)
Bob Gordon Jones, Bishop of Wyoming, Resigned (Seal)
Mark MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska
John L. Thompson, Bishop of Northern California, Resigned (Seal)
James E. Waggoner, Jr., Bishop of Spokane (Seal)

987: The Reverend Doctor Charles Franklin Brookhart, Jr., consecrated as Bishop of Montana, on Saturday, being the twenty-seventh day of September A.D. 2003, in The Cathedral of St. Helena, St. Helena, Montana by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
William Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
Charles Lovett Keyser, Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Services, Healthcare and Prison Ministries, Resigned (Seal)
James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota (Seal)
assisted by:
James E. Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane (Seal)
William Wolfrum, Bishop Suffragan of Colorado, Resigned (Seal)
Leigh A. Wallace, Bishop of Spokane, Resigned (Seal)
William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon (Seal)
Harry B. Bainbridge, III, Bishop of Idaho (Seal)
Kenneth L. Price, Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio (Seal)
Richard M. Omland, Bishop Montana Synod, ELCA
Bob Gordon Jones, Bishop of Wyoming, Resigned (Seal)
Joe Goodwin Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska, (Seal)

988: The Reverend Rayford Baines High, Jr., consecrated as Bishop Suffragan of Texas, on Saturday, being the fourth day of October A.D. 2003, in All Saints’ Chapel, Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas by:

David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana, Vice-President, Province VII (Seal)
Don Adger Wimberly, D.D., Bishop of Texas (Seal)
Claude Edward Payne, D.D., Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
William Elwood Sterling, Bishop Suffragan of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Theodore Athelbert Daniels, Assistant Bishop of Texas (Seal)
Scott Field Bailey, D.D., Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
assisted by:
James B. Brown, Bishop of Louisiana, Resigned (Seal)
Gordon Charlton, Bishop Suffragan of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
James M. Stanton, Bishop of Dallas (Seal)
John H. MacNaughton, Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
James Folts, Bishop of West Texas (Seal)
Gerald W. McAllister, Bishop of Oklahoma, Resigned (Seal)
Robert B. Hibbs, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas
989: The Reverend Robert John O’Neill, consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of Colorado, on Saturday, being the fourth day of October A.D. 2003, in Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch, Colorado by:

James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota (Seal)
William Jerry Winterrowd, Bishop of Colorado (Seal)
Marvil Thomas Shaw, S.S.J.E., Bishop of Massachusetts (Seal)
William Harvey Wolfrum, Bishop Suffragan of Colorado, Resigned (Seal)
Barbara Clementine Harris, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned (Seal)
assisted by:
Julio C. Holguin, Bishop of the Dominican Republic (Seal)
C. Franklin Brookhart, Bishop of Montana (Seal)
Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa (Seal)
Jean-Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti (Seal)
Elliott Sorge, Bishop of Easton, Resigned (Seal)
Allan C. Bjornberg, Bishop, Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA (Seal)
Wallis Ohl, Jr., Bishop of Northwest Texas (Seal)
Joe Goodwin Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska

990: The Reverend George Edward Councell, consecrated Bishop of New Jersey, on Saturday, being the eighteenth day of October A.D. 2003, in Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Andrew Frederick Wissemann, Bishop of Western Massachusetts, Resigned (Seal)
William Dailey Persell, Bishop of Chicago (Seal)
Gordon Paul Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts (Seal)
George Phelps Mellick Belshaw, Bishop of New Jersey, Resigned (Seal)
assisted by:
David B. Joslin, Assisting Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
Allen L. Bartlett, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania, Resigned (Seal)
Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York (Seal)
Jack M. McKelvey, Bishop of Rochester (Seal)
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (Seal)
John L. Rabb, Bishop Suffragan of Maryland (Seal)
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
Frederick H. Borsch, Bishop of Los Angeles, Resigned (Seal)
J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta (Seal)
Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware (Seal)
Kenneth L. Price, Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio (Seal)
Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania (Seal)
James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton (Seal)
Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., Bishop of Arkansas, Resigned (Seal)
E. Roy Riley, Jr., Bishop, New Jersey Synod, ELCA
Orris G. Walker, Jr., D.D., Bishop of Long Island (Seal)
Rodney R. Michel, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Long Island (Seal)
Vincent K. Pettit, Bishop Suffragan of New Jersey, Resigned (Seal)
Martin DeJesus Barahona, Bishop of El Salvador (Seal)
John P. Croneberger, Bishop of Newark (Seal)
George E. Packard, Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies (Seal)

991: The Reverend Steven Andrew Miller, consecrated Bishop of Milwaukee, on Saturday, being the eighteenth day of October A.D. 2003, in Archbishop Cousins Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin by:

Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr. Bishop of Michigan (Seal)
Roger John White, DCL, Bishop of Milwaukee, Resigned (Seal)
Arthur Anton Vogel, D.D., Bishop of West Missouri, Resigned (Seal)
Russell Edward Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac (Seal)
Keith Bernard Whitemore, Bishop of Eau Claire (Seal)
assisted by:
Peter J. Lee, Bishop of Virginia (Seal)
Henry I. Louttit, Jr., Bishop of Georgia (Seal)
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine (Seal)
F. Clayton Matthews, Suffragan for Pastoral Care (Seal)
David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia (Seal)
Francis C. Gray, Assistant Bishop of Virginia (Seal)
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri (Seal)
Robert R. Gepert, Bishop of Western Michigan (Seal)
J. Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti (Seal)
Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida (Seal)
Paul Stumme-Diers, Bishop, Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA

992: The Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Florida, on Saturday, being the first day of November A.D. 2003, in St. John’s Cathedral, Jacksonville, Florida by:

Charles Edward Jenkins, III, D.D., Bishop of Louisiana (Seal)
Stephen Hays Jecko, D.D., Bishop of Florida
Frank Stanley Cerveny, D.D., Bishop of Florida, Resigned (Seal)
John Wadsworth Howe, D.D., Bishop of Central Florida (Seal)
John Bailey Lipscomb, D.D., Bishop of Southwest Florida (Seal)
Edward Lloyd Salmon, Jr., Bishop of South Carolina (Seal)
assisted by:
Robert H. Johnson, Bishop of Western North Carolina (Seal)
Charles L. Keyser, Armed Forces, Resigned (Seal)
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
Bertram Nelson Herlong, Bishop of Tennessee (Seal)
Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York (Seal)
Edward R. Benoway, Bishop, Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA
Onell Soto, Bishop of Venezuela, Resigned (Seal)
Herbert A. Donovan, Bishop of Arkansas, Resigned (Seal)
Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of East Tennessee (Seal)
Henry I. Louttit, Jr., Bishop of Georgia (Seal)
Philip M. Duncan, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast (Seal)
James Monte Stanton, Bishop of Dallas (Seal)
David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, Resigned (Seal)
Alden M. Hathaway, Bishop of Pittsburgh, Resigned (Seal)
Robert C. Johnson, Jr., Bishop of North Carolina, Resigned (Seal)

993: The Reverend Canon V. Gene Robinson, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire, on Sunday, being the second day of November A.D. 2003, in Whittemore Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Edmond Lee Browning, D.D., XXIV Presiding Bishop, Resigned (Seal)
Albert Theodore Eastman, D.D., Bishop of Maryland, Resigned (Seal)
Barbara Clementine Harris, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned (Seal)
Chilton Abbie Richardson Knudsen, D.D., Bishop of Maine (Seal)
Krister Stendahl, Bishop Emeritus of Stockholm (Seal)
Herbert Alcorn Donovan, Jr., D.D., Bishop of Arkansas, Resigned (Seal)
assisted by:
O’Kelley Whitaker, Bishop of Central New York, Resigned (Seal)
James E. Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut (Seal)
Wilfrido Ramos Orench, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut (Seal)
E. Otis Charles, Bishop of Utah, Resigned (Seal)
Douglas E. Theuner, Bishop of New Hampshire (Seal)
Orris George Walker, Jr., Bishop of Long Island (Seal)
Jack M. McKelvey, Bishop of Rochester (Seal)
Philip A. Smith, Bishop of New Hampshire, Resigned (Seal)
George Phelps Mellick Belshaw, Bishop of New Jersey, Resigned (Seal)
Joe Goodwin Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska (Seal)
George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
James A. Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan (Seal)
Andrew D. Smith, Bishop of Connecticut (Seal)
Donald P. Hart, Bishop of Hawaii, Resigned (Seal)
R. Stewart Wood, Bishop of Michigan, Resigned (Seal)
Bruce Stavert, Bishop of Quebec (Seal)
Martin DeJesus Barahona, Bishop of El Salvador (Seal)
Roy F. Cedarholm, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)
Bennett J. Sims, Bishop of Atlanta, Resigned (Seal)
Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont (Seal)
Edward W. Jones, Bishop of Indianapolis, Resigned (Seal)
Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop Suffragan of Washington, Resigned (Seal)
Craig B. Anderson, Bishop of South Dakota, Resigned (Seal)
Harold B. Hopkins, Bishop of North Dakota, Resigned (Seal)
M. Thomas Shaw, S.S.J.E., Bishop of Massachusetts (Seal)
Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa (Seal)
James M. Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota (Seal)
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)
Catherine S. Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York (Seal)
Steven Charleston, Bishop of Alaska, Resigned (Seal)
Arthur E. Walmsley, Bishop of Connecticut, Retired
Daniel L. Swenson, Bishop of Vermont, Retired
George N. Hunt, Bishop of Rhode Island, Retired
Hays H. Rockwell, Bishop of Missouri, Retired
Michael C. Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada

994: The Reverend Dean Elliott Wolfe, consecrated Bishop of Kansas, on Saturday, being the eighth day of November A.D. 2003, in Grace Episcopal Cathedral, in the City of Topeka, Kansas by:

David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana and President, Province VII (Seal)
William Edward Smalley, D.Min., Bishop of Kansas (Seal)
Richard Frank Grein, D.D., Bishop of New York, Resigned (Seal)
Sam Byron Hulse, D.D., Bishop of Northwest Texas, Resigned (Seal)
William Edwin Swing, D.D., Bishop of California (Seal)
Gerald Mansholt, Ph.D., Bishop, Central States Synod, ELCA
Riah El-Assal, Bishop of Jerusalem (Seal)
assisted by:
James M. Adams, Bishop of Western Kansas (Seal)
Orlando Guererro, Bishop of Venezuela (Seal)
Barry R. Howe, Bishop of West Missouri (Seal)
Larry E. Maze, Bishop of Arkansas (Seal)
995: The Reverend Gary Richard Lillibridge, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas, on Saturday, being the twenty-first day of February A.D. 2004, in the Municipal Auditorium, City of San Antonio, Texas by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
James Edward Folts, D.D., Bishop of West Texas (Seal)
Robert Boyd Hibbs, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, Retired
Scott Field Bailey, D.D., Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
John Herbert MacNaughton, D.D., Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Earl Nicholas McArthur, Suffragan Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Gerald Nicholas McAllister, Bishop of Oklahoma, Resigned (Seal)
assisted by:
William C. Frey, Bishop of Colorado, Resigned (Seal)
Ray Tiemann, Bishop, Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA
Don Adger Wimberly, Bishop of Texas (Seal)
James M. Adams, Bishop of Western Kansas (Seal)
D. Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana (Seal)
Rayford B. High, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)
C. Wallis Ohl, Bishop of Northwest Texas (Seal)
Theodore A. Daniels, Assistant Bishop of Texas (Seal)
Barry R. Howe, Bishop of West Missouri (Seal)
Maurice M. Benitez, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Dean Elliott Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas (Seal)
Lloyd E. Allen, Bishop of Honduras (Seal)

996: The Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., consecrated Bishop of Ohio, on Saturday, being the seventeenth day of April A.D. 2004, in The Convocation Center at Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio by:

Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (Seal)
Joseph Clark Grew, D.D., Bishop of Ohio (Seal)
Marvil Thomas Shaw, III, S.S.J.E., Bishop of Massachusetts (Seal)
Barbara Clementine Harris, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned (Seal)
George Leslie Cadigan, D.D., Bishop of Missouri, Resigned (Seal)
William Edwin Swing, Bishop of California (Seal)
assisted by:
Martin DeJesus Barahona, Bishop of El Salvador (Seal)
George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
Kenneth L. Price, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio (Seal)
V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire (Seal)
Robert R. Gepert, Bishop of Western Michigan (Seal)
William D. Persell, Bishop of Chicago (Seal)
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (Seal)
Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky (Seal)
Edward S. Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana (Seal)
Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Resigned (Seal)
Frederick H. Borsch, Bishop of Los Angeles, Resigned (Seal)
James R. Moody, Bishop of Ohio, Resigned (Seal)
John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington (Seal)
James A. Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan (Seal)
Vincent W. Warner, Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
Jack M. McKelvey, Bishop of Rochester (Seal)
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont (Seal)
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)
Hays H. Rockwell, Bishop of Missouri, Resigned (Seal)
Craig B. Anderson, Bishop of South Dakota, Resigned (Seal)
Roy F. Cederholm, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)
Walter C. Righter, Bishop of Iowa, Resigned (Seal)
David C. Bowman, Bishop of Western New York, Retired

997: The Reverend Kirk Stevan Smith, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Arizona, on Saturday, being the twenty-fourth day of April A.D. 2004, in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Phoenix, Arizona by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Robert Reed Shahan, D.D., Bishop of Arizona (Seal)
Joseph Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles (Seal)
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada (Seal)
Michael J. Neils, Bishop, Grand Canyon Synod, ELCA
assisted by:
James E. Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane (Seal)
Robert J. O’Neill, Jr., Bishop of Colorado (Seal)
Frederick H. Borsch, Bishop of Los Angeles, Resigned (Seal)
William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon (Seal)
Harry B. Bainbridge, Bishop of Idaho (Seal)
Sergo Caranza-Gomez, Bishop Assistant of Los Angeles (Seal)
Chester L. Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles (Seal)
Gethin B. Hughes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)
Steven T. Plummer, Bishop, Navajoland Area Mission (Seal)
Carolyn Tanner Irish, Bishop of Utah (Seal)
Mark L. MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska (Seal)
Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas
998: The Reverend Michael Gene Smith, consecrated Bishop of North Dakota, on Saturday, being the eighth day of May A.D. 2004, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, North Dakota by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Andrew Hedtler Fairfield, Bishop of North Dakota, Resigned (Seal)
Harold Anthony Hopkins, Jr., D.D., Bishop of North Dakota, Resigned (Seal)
James Louis Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota (Seal)
assisted by:
Robert M. Moody, Bishop of Oklahoma (Seal)
Daniel L. Swenson, Bishop of Vermont, Resigned (Seal)
Steven T. Plummer, Bishop, Navajoland Area Mission (Seal)
C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr., Bishop of Montana (Seal)
Bruce E. Caldwell, Bishop of Wyoming (Seal)
Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Retired
Mark L. McDonald, Bishop of Alaska

999: The Reverend Granville Porter Taylor, consecrated Bishop of Western North Carolina, on Saturday, being the eighteenth day of September A.D. 2004, in the Asheville Civic Center, Asheville, North Carolina by:

Robert H. Johnson, D.D., Bishop of Western North Carolina (Seal)
John Neil Alexander, D.D., Bishop of Atlanta (Seal)
Frank Kellogg Allen, D.D., Bishop of Atlanta, Resigned (Seal)
Michael Bruce Curry, D.D., Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
assisted by:
Clifton Daniel, III, Bishop of East Carolina (Seal)
Edwin F. Gulick, Bishop of Kentucky (Seal)
J. Gary Gloster, Suffragan Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington (Seal)
Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of East Tennessee (Seal)
Henry I. Loutitt, Bishop of Georgia (Seal)
Frank K. Allen, Bishop of Atlanta, Resigned (Seal)
William Weinhaur, Bishop of Western North Carolina, Resigned (Seal)
Charles Marble, Assisting Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)

1000: The Reverend Jeffrey Neil Steenson, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Rio Grande, on Saturday, being the fifteenth day of January A.D. 2005, in the Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque, New Mexico by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate
Terence Kelshaw, Bishop of Rio Grande
Clarence C. Pope, Jr., Bishop of Fort Worth, Resigned
Mark L. MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska
Anthony J. Burton, Bishop of Saskatchewan
assisted by:
James E. Folts, Bishop of West Texas
D. Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana
John-David M. Schofield, Bishop of San Joaquin
Larry E. Maze, Bishop of Arkansas
Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop of Arizona
Don A. Wimberly, Bishop of Texas
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Robert M. Moody, Bishop of Oklahoma
C. Wallis Ohl, Bishop of Northwest Texas
Richard Llewellyn, Bishop of Lambeth
Bertram N. Herlong, Bishop of Tennessee
Richard M. Trelease, Bishop of Rio Grande, Resigned
Keith L. Ackerman, Bishop of Quincy
Gary R. Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas

1001: The Reverend Bavi Edna Rivera, consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Olympia,
on Saturday, being the twenty-second day of January A.D. 2005, at Meydenbauer
Center, Seattle, Washington by:

Harry B. Bainbridge, III, Bishop of Idaho
Vincent W. Warner, Jr., Bishop of Olympia
William E. Swing, Bishop of California
Shannon C. Mallory, Bishop of El Camino Real, Resigned
Catherine S. Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York
assisted by:
Edward Lee Browning, D.D., XXIV Presiding Bishop, Resigned
Sanford Z. K. Hampton, Bishop Suffragan of Minnesota, Resigned
Frederick H. Borsch, Bishop of Los Angeles, Resigned
Jerry A. Lamb, Bishop of Northern California
William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon
Chester L. Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
Robert H. Cochrane, Bishop of Olympia, Retired
Mark H. Andrus, Bishop Suffragan of Alabama
Rustin R. Kimsey, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, Resigned
Robert L. Ladehoff, Bishop of Oregon, Resigned
James E. Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane
Carolyn Tanner Irish, Bishop of Utah
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada  
C. Cabell Tennis, Bishop of Delaware, Resigned  
Victor M. Rivera, Bishop of San Joaquin, Retired  
James A. J. Cowan, Diocese of British Columbia

1002: The Reverend James Robert Mathes, consecrated Bishop of San Diego, on Saturday, being the fifth day of March A.D. 2005, at the Town and Country Resort, San Diego, California, by:

Richard S. O. Chang, Bishop of Hawaii  
Gethin B. Hughes, Bishop of San Diego  
William D. Persell, Bishop of Chicago  
Robert M. Wolterstoff, Bishop of San Diego, Resigned  
Victor A. Scantlebury, Assistant Bishop of Chicago  
Robert M. Anderson, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles  
assisted by:  
Jerry A. Lamb, Bishop of Northern California  
J. Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles  
Chester L. Talton, Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles  
Sergio Carranza, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles  
Robert M. Anderson, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles  
Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona  
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada  
Bavi E. Rivera, Suffragan Bishop of Olympia  
John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington  
William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon  
Samir Kafity, Jerusalem, Retired  
Murray D. Finck, Pacifica Synod of ELCA

1003: The Rev. Edward Ambrose Gumbs, consecrated Bishop of The Virgin Islands, on Saturday, being the eleventh day of June A.D. 2005, at the University of the Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands by:

Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Suffragan Bishop of Ohio, Resigned  
Telesforo A. Isaac, Bishop of the Virgin Islands, Interim  
Orris G. Walker, Jr., D.D., Bishop of Long Island  
assisted by:  
F. Clayton Matthews, Bishop Suffragan for Pastoral Care  
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia  
Rodney R. Michel, Bishop Suffragan of Long Island  
Marguerite Martinez, ELCA Caribbean Synod
1004a: The Right Reverend Orlando Jesus Guerrero, received into the House of Bishops on October 10, 2005, was consecrated as Bishop of Venezuela, on Saturday, being the twelfth day of August A.D. 1995, in Iglesia de Santa María (Pro-Catedral) Caracas-Venezuela, South America by:

Cornelius Wilson, Bishop of Costa Rica  
Bernardo Merino Botero, Bishop of Colombia  
Julio Cesar Holguín, Bishop of República Dominicana  
Onell Asiselo Soto, Bishop of Venezuela  
Rawle E. Douglin, Bishop of Trinidad y Tobago  
Clarence Wallace Hayes Dewar, Bishop of Panamá  
Haydn H. Jones, Bishop of Venezuela, Retired
REPORT OF THE RECORDER OF ORDINATIONS

This report covers the years of 2003, 2004 and 2005. 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 made by the Recorder of Ordinations in 2003.

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Report submitted by Jacqueline F. Gest, for The Church Pension Fund in its capacity as Recorder of Ordinations.

T. Dennis Sullivan
President, The Church Pension Fund
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