



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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$75,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

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

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

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### Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

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

# A024 - Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

# A029 - Divest from Fossil Fuels

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

# A030 - No Investment in Certain Weapons

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$50,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

- **Guidelines for accountability describing consequences when responding to concerns of:**
  - a. **Discriminatory behavior toward people of color**
  - b. **Lack of adherence to existing racial reconciliation resolutions**

And be it further

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

Canon III.6.5.g.4

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

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

Canon III.6.5.g.4

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

And be it further

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

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

III.7.11.a.2

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

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



III.7.11.a.2

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

And be it further

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

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

Canon III.8.5.h.4

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

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

Canon III.8.5.h.4

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

And be it further

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

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

Canon III.9.13.a.2

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

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

Canon III.9.13.a.2

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

And be it further

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

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

Canon III.10.1.c.4

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

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

Canon III.10.1.c.4

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

And be it further

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

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

Canon III.12.8.a.2

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

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

Canon III.12.8.a.2

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

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

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

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

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

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:

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

# A038 - Practical Guidance for Interreligious Relations

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**  [Holding Difference Together](#)

 [Mantener unidas las diferencias](#)

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## Resolution Text

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

# A039 - Practical Guidance for Episcopal-Jewish Relations

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

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

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

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## Resolution Text

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

# A040 - Practical Guidance for Christian-Muslim Relations

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

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

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

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

*Of Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships*

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

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

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

*Of Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships*

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No


**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

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

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

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## Resolution Text

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



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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

Canon IV.2 (following definition of Respondent):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And be it further

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

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

Canon IV.4.1.d:

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

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

Canon IV.4.1.d:

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

And be it further

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

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

IV.8

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

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

IV.8

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

### Canon IV.2

**Intake Officer** means one or more persons designated by the Bishop Diocesan after consultation with the Disciplinary Board, unless otherwise selected pursuant to diocesan canons, to whom information regarding Offenses is reported. The following individuals may not serve as an Intake Officer: (a) any Bishop; (b) any member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese where the matter is pending. Every Diocese must have at least one Intake Officer who has no direct employment or compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending.

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

### Canon IV.2

**Intake Officer** shall mean *means* one or more persons designated by the Bishop Diocesan after consultation with the Disciplinary Board, unless otherwise selected pursuant to diocesan canons, to whom information regarding Offenses is reported. ;*The following individuals may not serve as an Intake Officer: (a) any Bishop; (b) any member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese where the matter is pending. Every Diocese must have at least one Intake Officer who has no direct employment or compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending.*

And be it further.

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

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

Canon 8: Of Pastoral Response

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

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

Canon 8: Of Pastoral Response

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

And be it further.

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

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

Canon IV.8.5

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

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

Canon IV.8.5

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

**Church Attorney** shall mean one or more attorneys selected pursuant to Diocesan Canons to represent the Church in proceedings as provided in this Title. The Diocesan Canons may provide a process for the removal of a Church Attorney for cause. A Church Attorney shall perform all functions on behalf of the Church necessary to advance proceedings under this Title. In representing the Church, a Church Attorney may consult with the president of the Disciplinary Board at any time after the matter has been referred out of the Reference Panel, and, when the prosecution of the case may impact the mission, life, or ministry of the Church, with the Bishop Diocesan.

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

**Church Attorney** shall mean one or more attorneys selected pursuant to Diocesan Canons to represent the Church in proceedings as provided in this Title. The Diocesan Canons may provide a process for the removal of a Church Attorney for cause. A Church Attorney shall perform all functions on behalf of the Church necessary to advance proceedings under this Title ~~and shall have the following powers, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise provided in this Title: (a) to receive and review the Intake Officer's report; (b) to conduct investigations and oversee the Investigator and, in connection with such investigations, to have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts; and to receive and review the reports of the Investigator; (c) to determine, in the exercise of the Church Attorney's discretion, whether the reported information, if true, would be grounds for discipline; and (d) to exercise discretion consistent with this Title and the interests of the Church by declining to advance proceedings or by referring any matter back to the Intake Officer or the Bishop Diocesan for pastoral response in lieu of disciplinary action.~~ In representing the Church, a Church Attorney may consult with the president of the Disciplinary Board at any time after the matter has been referred out of the Reference Panel, and, when the prosecution of the case may impact the mission, life, or ministry of the Church, with the Bishop Diocesan.

And be it further.

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

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

## Canon 11: Of Investigations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Canon 11: Of Investigations

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

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

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

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

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

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

proceedings.

And be it further.

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

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

#### **Canon 12: Of Conference Panels**

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

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

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

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

#### **Canon 12: Of Conference Panels**

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

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

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

And be it further.

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

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

#### **Canon 13: Of Hearing Panels**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Canon 13: Of Hearing Panels**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

Canon IV.2

**Investigator** shall mean a person having (a) sufficient knowledge, skill, experience and training to conduct investigations under this Title and (b) familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title.

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

**Investigator** shall mean a person having (a) sufficient knowledge, skill, experience and training to conduct investigations under this Title and (b) familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. ~~Investigators shall be appointed by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board. The Investigator acts under the direction of the Reference Panel until a referral is made pursuant to Canon IV.11.3; after such referral, the Investigator shall be overseen by and report to the Church Attorney.~~

And be it further.

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

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

Canon IV.11.1

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

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

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

And be it further.

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

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

Canon IV.17.2.e

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

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

IV.5.4

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

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

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

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

And renumbering all that follows.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

### IV.17.6

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

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

IV.6.8

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

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

**Sec. 8.** The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) ~~no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8;~~ *to conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8;* (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

And be it further.

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

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



#### IV.6.10

**Sec. 10.** If the determination of the Reference Panel is to conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply. If the referral is to the Bishop Diocesan for possible Agreement and an Agreement is not reached within 90 days of the referral, the Reference Panel will re-refer the matter, in accordance with Canon IV.6.9.

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

**Sec. 10.** If the determination of the Reference Panel is to ~~take no action other than~~ *conclude the matter with* an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination ~~to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response~~. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply. If the referral is to the Bishop Diocesan for possible Agreement and an Agreement is not reached within 90 days of the referral, the Reference Panel will re-refer the matter, in accordance with Canon IV.6.9.

And be it further.

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

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

#### IV.11.3

**Sec. 3.** The Investigator shall present the findings of the investigation in writing to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12, or to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Title III Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

Title III.14.1

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

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

Title III.14.1

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

And be it further.

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

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

Title III.14.2

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

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

Title III.14.2

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Governance & Structure

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

I.1.2.n.1.vi

vi. Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions, and Boards and other governing bodies for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and, where appropriate, to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new, or changing of the affiliation of a, Committee, Commission, Board, or body for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible, it will, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

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

I.1.2.n.1.vi

vi. Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions, and Boards *and other governing bodies for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible* to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and, *where appropriate*, to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new, *or changing of the affiliation of a*, Committee, Commission, Board, *or Agency* body for which *The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible*, it will ~~shall~~, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Title III Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

I.12.3

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

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

I.12.3

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

And be it further.

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

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

III.6.6.c

c. On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, if a majority of all members consent, shall certify that the Canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon have been met, that there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination. The Standing Committee shall

evidence such certification, by a testimonial, addressed to the Bishop in the form specified below and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee in conformity with Canon I.12.3.

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

III.6.6.c

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

And be it further.

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

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

III.8.6.d

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

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

III.8.6.d

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

And be it further.

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

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

III.8.7.c

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

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

III.8.7.c

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

And be it further.

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

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

III.10.5.d

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

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

III.10.5.d

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

And be it further.

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

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

III.11.3.b

b. Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee, in conformity with Canon I.12.3:

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

III.11.3.b

b. Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee, *in conformity with Canon I.12.3:*

And be it further.

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

~~c. Testimonials required of the Standing Committee by this Title must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee, at a meeting duly convened, except that testimonials may be executed in counterparts, any of which may be delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, each of which shall be deemed an original.~~



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

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

### Sec. 2.

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

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

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

### Sec. 2.

a. The term of office of the Presiding Bishop, when elected ~~according to the provisions of~~ *under the first paragraph of* Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution, ~~will begin on the 91st day after the adjournment~~ *shall be nine years, beginning the first day of the month of November following the close of the Convention at which the Presiding Bishop is elected and will end on the 91st day after the adjournment of the third successive regular meeting of the General Convention. But if the Presiding Bishop attains* ~~unless attaining~~ the age of seventy-two years before ~~completing that term,~~ *the term shall have been completed; in that case* the Presiding Bishop ~~shall~~ *must* resign the office to ~~the regular meeting of the General Convention~~ *the regular meeting of the General Convention* which occurs nearest ~~to~~ *before* the date of attaining such age, ~~with the resignation taking effect when a successor assumes~~

*office. At that Convention a successor shall will be elected, and shall will assume office on the first day of the month of November following the close of that 91st day after the adjournment of that General Convention or immediately upon the death, retirement, or disability of the Presiding Bishop; except that when. If the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the Presiding Bishop's successor is expected to be elected is postponed beyond the date originally set in accordance with Canon I. 1. 13.c and if as a result of that postponement the Presiding Bishop attains the age of 72 years before a successor can be elected and assume office, then the Presiding Bishop may serve until the successor assumes office, regardless of having attained the age of 72 years, but no later than 90 days after the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention.*

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

And be it further.

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

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

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

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

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

## A065 - Amend Canon III.1.3

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Title III Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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### Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

### Canon V.1

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

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

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

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

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

~~Sec. 5: 6. The Committee on Constitution and Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint two of its members~~ *At the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, the Custodian of the Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, the chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution, and Canons, will (a) to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary of the General Convention; and (b) to certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution, and to report the same to the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal, and (c) certify in like manner the changes, if any, made to the Joint Rules of Order. The committee Custodian shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the General Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons and the Joint Rules of Order.*

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

And be it further

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

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

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

Art.V

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

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

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

Art.V

**Sec. 4.** Whenever a new Diocese is formed and erected out of an existing Diocese *or out of two or more existing Dioceses or parts of them*, ~~it shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese out of which it was formed, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same be altered in accordance with such Constitution and Canons by the Convention of the new Diocese~~ *the formation process of the newly formed Diocese, including the adoption of its Constitution and Canons, shall be as set forth in the Canons.*

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

And be it further

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



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

Can.I.10

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

**Sec. 2.** Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the first Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese.

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

**Sec. 4.** Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in first Convention in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons in such case made and provided, and in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and shall have chosen a name and acceded to the Constitution of the General Convention in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and shall have laid before the Executive Council certified copies of the Constitution adopted at its first Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

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

**Sec. 6.** When a Diocese and one or more other Dioceses that were formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the involved Dioceses of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. If the agreement of the Dioceses is made and the consents of their Conventions are given more than three months before the next meeting of the General Convention, the fact of the agreement and consents shall be certified by the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Secretary of the Convention of each involved Diocese to all the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction and to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses; and when the consents of a majority of such Bishops and of a majority of the Standing Committees to the proposed reunion shall have been received, the facts shall be similarly certified to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, and thereupon the reunion shall be considered complete. But if the agreement is made and the consents given within three months of the next meeting of the General Convention, the facts shall be certified instead to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, who shall lay them before the two Houses; and the reunion shall be deemed to be complete when it shall have been approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies.

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

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

Can.I.10

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

**Sec. 2.** Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the ~~Primary~~ *first* Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese.

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

**Sec. 4.** Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in *first* ~~Primary~~ Convention in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons in such case made and provided, and in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and shall have chosen a name and acceded to the Constitution of the General Convention in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and shall have laid before the Executive Council certified copies of the Constitution adopted at its *first* ~~Primary~~ Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

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

**Sec. 6.** When a Diocese and one or more other Dioceses that were formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the involved Dioceses of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. If the agreement of the Dioceses is made and the consents of their Conventions are given more than three months before the next meeting of the General Convention, the fact of the agreement and consents shall be certified by the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Secretary of the Convention of each involved Diocese to all the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction and to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses; and when the consents of a majority of such Bishops and of a majority of the Standing Committees to the proposed reunion shall have been received, the facts shall be similarly certified to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, and thereupon the reunion shall be considered complete. But if the agreement is made and the consents given within three months of the next meeting of the General Convention, the facts shall be certified instead to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, who shall lay them before the two Houses; and the reunion shall be deemed to be complete when it shall have been approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies.

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Secretary of General Convention

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$30,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer

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

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

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

*Sec. 2. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.*

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

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

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

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

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

**Sec. 5.** *Nothing in this Article shall be construed as restricting the authority of the Bishops of this Church to take such order as may be permitted by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer or by the Canons of the General Convention for the use of special forms of worship.*

And be it further

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

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

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

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# A079 - Mental Health Sunday

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

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

# A082 - Support the Episcopal Veterans Network

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on World Mission

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$90,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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

# A083 - Affirm Anglican Connections

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on World Mission

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 04 - World Mission

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

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

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



# A084 - Join The Communion Forest Initiative

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on World Mission

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

The Anglican Consultative Council:

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

And be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention urge its Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations and other institutions of The Episcopal Church (TEC), as well as members of TEC, to undertake appropriate projects in support of the Communion Forest initiative, efforts that may include:

Placement of conservation easements on land, forests, wetlands, and waters to protect biodiversity and to prevent additional emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane;

Planting and protection of trees to conserve soil, improve biodiversity, and sequester carbon;

Protect marginal and indigenous communities from exploitation and displacement arising from resource extraction projects;

Join with other TEC institutions and with other faith communities in these efforts;

And such other efforts to reduce emissions, protect biodiversity, and protect people whose homes, health, and livelihoods may be threatened by unwise resource extraction projects, as may best fit the circumstances.

# A085 - Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on World Mission

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$75,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 04 - World Mission

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the General Convention commend the dioceses who have appointed a Global Mission Advocate pursuant to Resolution A016 from the 80th General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That General Convention strongly encourage each diocese, jurisdiction, Episcopal seminary, and diocesan school of ministry to appoint one person to serve as a Global Mission Advocate; and be it further

*Resolved,* That General Convention direct dioceses to support the mission and work of their appointed Global Mission Advocates, working with the Office of Global Partnerships and the Standing Commission on World Mission, by providing opportunities for sharing within the diocese about the importance of global mission and the range of resources available, and by providing financial support for attendance at the triennial in-person meeting of the Global Mission Advocates Network; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention request the Executive Council to allocate \$10,000 to financially support the in-person gathering in the next triennium of the Global Mission Advocates Network.

## A088 - Consult with the Office of Global Partnerships

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on World Mission

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 04 - World Mission

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention commend the work and mission of the Office of Global Partnerships, specifically the faithful ministry of its partnership officers for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East; and be it further

*Resolved,* That General Convention strongly encourage all dioceses, parishes, individuals and organizations engaging in or considering global mission in these geographic areas to connect and consult with the Office of Global Partnerships (and the regional partnership officers) as partners in mission in order to more fully and deeply fulfill the mission of the Church to seek and serve Christ in all people and uphold and advocate for the values of God's liberating love throughout the world.

# A089 - Address Violence Against Women and Girls

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [🔗 16 Days of Activism Toolkit \(webpage\)](#)

[🔗 La Justicia de Dios: Teología y Violencia de Género \(pdf\)](#)

[🔗 God's Justice: Theology and Gender Based Violence \(pdf\)](#)

[🔗 God's Justice: Theology and Gender Based Violence \(webpage\)](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention affirm and uplift ongoing efforts to educate and empower advocacy among all the baptized in accordance with our scriptural, theological and moral understanding for gender equity, mutual respect and human dignity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all the baptized use resources available to them, including *God's Justice: Theology and Gender Based Violence*, a resource produced by the Office of Gender Justice in the Anglican Communion, as a means of ongoing formation that fuels transformation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopal institutions and individuals participate in opportunities for activism and advocacy, including but not limited to, engaging with the Office of Government Relations (OGR) on issues of gender justice and gender-based violence and taking action on action alerts through OGR's Episcopal Public Policy Network, as well as through the Episcopal Church's work at the UN and UNCSW and by participating in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence sponsored by United Nations Women and encouraging use of Episcopal Relief and Development's 16 Days of Activism Toolkit; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resources be deployed and used in congregations during this triennium as trial use, with the hope of including them in Praesidium Academy's Safe Church training modules in the next triennium.

# A092 - Access to ordination and deployment

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Communion Across Difference

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.1 adding new sections 3 and 4 and renumbering all subsequent sections, as follows:

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

III.1

**Sec. 1.** Each Diocese shall make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons, including:

- a. Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to minister in Christ's name, to identify their gifts with the help of the Church and to serve Christ's mission at all times and in all places.
- b. Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to sustain their ministries through commitment to life-long Christian formation.

**Sec. 2.** No person shall be denied access to the discernment process or to any process for the employment, licensing, calling, or deployment for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, immigration status, national origin, sex, marital or family status (including pregnancy and child care plans), sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to employment, licensing, ordination, call, deployment, or election is hereby established.

**Sec 3.** No person shall be denied access to the discernment process or to any process for the employment, licensing, calling, or deployment for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of their conscientiously-held theological belief that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman, or that marriage is a covenant between two people. No right to employment, licensing, ordination, call, deployment, or election is hereby established. In dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) is unable, for reasons of conscientiously-held theological belief, to ordain a person who holds one of the above-named theological beliefs, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite another bishop of this Church to provide access to the discernment process for ordination.

**Sec. 4.** No priest or deacon shall be denied licensure or canonical residence in any diocese of this Church because of their conscientiously-held theological belief that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman, or that marriage is a covenant between two persons. No right to canonical residence or licensing is hereby established.

**Sec 5.** The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the Ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to men and women.

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

III.1

**Sec. 1.** Each Diocese shall make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons, including:

- a. Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to minister in Christ's name, to identify their gifts with the help of the Church and to serve Christ's mission at all times and in all places.
- b. Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to sustain their ministries through commitment to life-long Christian formation.

**Sec. 2.** No person shall be denied access to the discernment process or to any process for the employment, licensing, calling, or deployment for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, immigration status, national origin, sex, marital or family status (including pregnancy and child care plans), sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to employment, licensing, ordination, call, deployment, or election is hereby established.

*Sec 3. No person shall be denied access to the discernment process or to any process for the employment, licensing, calling, or deployment for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of their conscientiously-held theological belief that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman, or that marriage is a covenant between two people. No right to employment, licensing, ordination, call, deployment, or election is hereby established. In dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) is unable, for reasons of conscientiously-held theological belief, to ordain a person who holds one of the above-named theological beliefs, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite another bishop of this Church to provide access to the discernment process for ordination.*

*Sec. 4. No priest or deacon shall be denied licensure or canonical residence in any diocese of this Church because of their conscientiously-held theological belief that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman, or that marriage is a covenant between two persons. No right to canonical residence or licensing is hereby established.*

~~Sec. 3:~~ **Sec 5.** The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the Ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to men and women.

# A093 - Add provisions of 2018-B012 to canons

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Communion Across Difference

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.19.3 to add a new subsection e thereto, to read as follows:*

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

I.19.3

e. Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same sex couples, will in the case of remarriage after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Marriages, as provided in subsection c.

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

I.19.3

*e. Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same sex couples, will in the case of remarriage after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Marriages, as provided in subsection c.*

And be it further

*Resolved, That Canon III.12.3.a be amended to add a new subsection 3 thereto, to read as follows:*

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

III.12.3

a. In dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or other community of faith, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical

supervision) will invite another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or other community of faith.

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

III.12.3

*a. In dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or other community of faith, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) will invite another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or other community of faith.*



# A098 - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$40,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention recognize and salute the efforts of the COP 28 [Conference of the Parties (COP)] to bring about the phase-out of fossil fuels in order to combat harmful climate change and its many damaging effects on vulnerable countries, communities, and people; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this General Convention direct representatives of The Episcopal Church to seek further steps towards the phase-out of fossil fuels in future international negotiations, including the upcoming COP 29 meetings scheduled for Baku, November 2024, as well as in implementing legislation and regulations in the United States; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to support public policy steps to reduce the adverse impacts of a fossil fuel phase-out on people and communities reliant on such industries for jobs, investment, and tax revenue; steps consistent with General Convention Resolution 2018-D081; and be it further

*Resolved,* That Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church be strongly encouraged: to review in detail their use of fossil fuels, including fossil-fuel fired electricity, for transportation, heating and cooling, and other purposes as well as their financial reliance, if any, on investments in fossil fuel extraction, production, and refining; to create, by September 30, 2026, a plan for the reduction in use and eventual phase-out of their use of out fossil fuels and fossil fuel generated electricity in their operations and divestment of fossil-fuel based investments, with the target date for completion of December 31, 2034; to post their plan and periodic updates on their websites and to report this information to the Office of Creation Care in a form and at a frequency provided by that office; and be it further

*Resolved,* That by December 31, 2025, the Office of Creation Care create standard materials and guidance for dioceses and congregations to use in preparing such plans and update reports; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention request the Executive Council to consider a budget allocation (excluding meeting expense already in GCO budget) of \$40,000 to primarily address the development of website updates, forms development, and identify staff support the implementation of this resolution.

# A099 - Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$30,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention authorize a task force for Indigenous Justice to be formed for the following triennium. Membership in the Task Force will represent the indigenous demographic with 2 Bishops, and at least two presbyters, two deacons, and two laity not to exceed 16 members; and be it further

*Resolved,* That an initial focus of the Indigenous Justice task force be on eco-justice; and be it further

*Resolved,* That in the next triennium the Indigenous Justice task force will work to promote the recognition of sovereignty for Indigenous People in the negotiations of the United Nations climate summits (the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the COPs); and be it further

*Resolved,* That four of its members be also appointed to the Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing and Christian Ministry by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; *and be it further*

*Resolved,* That the Executive Council Budget Committee allocate \$10,000 (excluding meeting expense already in GCO budget) to support this work.

# A103 - Amend Canon III.11.8

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Court of Review

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That Canon III.11.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

III.11.8

a. Within ten days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan by a Diocesan Convention, delegates constituting no less than ten percent of the number of delegates casting votes on the final ballot may file with the Secretary of the Convention written objections to the election process, setting forth in detail all alleged irregularities. Within ten days after receipt thereof, the Secretary of the Convention shall forward copies of the same to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor and Standing Committee of the Diocese, and to the Presiding Bishop, who shall request the Court of Review to investigate the complaint. At its sole discretion, the Court may use an investigator of its choosing. The Court of Review may invite response by the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and any other persons within the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected. The Court may provide for a pastoral response to any affected parties, as it deems appropriate. Within 60 days after receipt of the request, the Court of Review shall send a written report of its findings to the Presiding Bishop, a copy of which report the Presiding Bishop, within fifteen days, shall cause to be sent to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Convention of the electing Diocese. The Secretary shall send a copy of the report to each of the delegates who filed objection to the election process.

b. The report of the Court of Review shall be sent to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, with the Certificate of the Secretary of the electing Convention relating to consent to ordain. Likewise, the Presiding Bishop shall include the report in the communication to the Bishops exercising jurisdiction. The 120 day period for Standing Committees and Bishops to consent to the election begins with these communications.

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

III.11.8

a. Within ten days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan by a Diocesan Convention, delegates constituting no less than ten percent of the number of delegates casting votes on the final ballot may file with the Secretary of the Convention written objections to the election process, setting forth in detail all alleged

irregularities. Within ten days after receipt thereof, the Secretary of the Convention shall forward copies of the same to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor and Standing Committee of the Diocese, and to the Presiding Bishop, who shall request the Court of Review to investigate the complaint. *At its sole discretion, the Court may use an investigator of its choosing.* The Court of Review may invite response by the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and any other persons within the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected. *The Court may provide for a pastoral response to any affected parties, as it deems appropriate.* Within ~~45~~ 60 days after receipt of the request, the Court of Review shall send a written report of its findings to the Presiding Bishop, a copy of which report the Presiding Bishop, within fifteen days, shall cause to be sent to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Convention of the electing Diocese. The Secretary shall send a copy of the report to each of the delegates who filed objection to the election process.

b. The report of the Court of Review shall be sent to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, with the Certificate of the Secretary of the electing Convention relating to consent to ordain. Likewise, the Presiding Bishop shall include the report in the communication to the Bishops exercising jurisdiction. The 120 day period for Standing Committees and Bishops to consent to the election begins with these communications.

# A105 - Amend Canon IV.5.4.g

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Court of Review

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That Canon IV.5.4.g is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

IV.5.4.g

g. No Bishop or Clergy member of the Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such Bishop or Clergy member is canonically resident or is then currently licensed to serve, and no lay member may serve in a matter originating from the Diocese of the lay member's primary residence or a Diocese in which the lay member is then currently active.

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

IV.5.4.g

~~g. Whenever a matter is referred to the Court of Review, the President must appoint a Panel for that case consisting of one Bishop, two Members of the Clergy, and two lay persons.~~ No Bishop or Clergy member of the Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such Bishop or Clergy member is canonically resident or is then currently licensed to serve, and no lay member may serve in a matter originating from the Diocese of the lay member's primary residence or a Diocese in which the lay member is then currently active. ~~In such event, the President shall appoint another member of the Court from the same Order to serve; if no other member is available to serve, the President must appoint an alternate of the same Order to serve.~~

# A106 - Amend Canon IV.15.5.a

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Court of Review

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That Canon IV.15.5.a is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

**Sec. 5.** The standards for and conditions of appeal to the Court of Review shall be as follows:

- a. Where an Order is issued against a Respondent who fails to appear before the Hearing Panel or who otherwise fails to participate in proceedings before the Hearing Panel, such Order shall be upheld unless a review of the record on appeal shows the Hearing Panel made a clear error that substantially prejudiced the Respondent. The Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

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

**Sec. 5.** The standards for and conditions of appeal to the Court of Review shall be as follows:

- a. Where an Order is issued against a Respondent who fails to appear before the Hearing Panel or who otherwise fails to participate in proceedings before the Hearing Panel, such Order shall be upheld unless a review of the record on appeal shows the Hearing Panel made a clear error ~~in issuing such Order,~~ *that substantially prejudiced the Respondent.* The Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

# A107 - Amend Canon IV.19.12

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**Final Status:** Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

**Proposed by:** Court of Review

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That Canon IV.19.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

**Sec. 12.** In all proceedings under this Title whenever a Respondent or a Complainant is required or permitted to appear or to participate or to be heard or to be present, they each shall have the right to be accompanied by and to be represented by counsel of their choice. Counsel representing respondents may not withdraw from their representation without both providing notice to the Respondent and the Church Attorney, and receiving permission to withdraw from the Panel to whom the matter is currently referred. Respondent shall be permitted the opportunity to be heard concerning the withdrawal of counsel. Notwithstanding Respondent's right to be accompanied by and represented by counsel of their choice, any counsel determined to have previously withdrawn from representation without permission of the relevant Panel shall not be eligible to represent respondents in Title IV matters within The Episcopal Church. Whenever any notice or other document is provided to or served upon a Respondent or a Complainant under this Title, such shall also simultaneously be provided to or served upon their respective counsel, if Respondent or Complainant, as the case may be, has notified the Bishop of the identity and contact information for such counsel. Nothing in this Title shall be construed as requiring any Respondent to be represented by counsel. Anything in this Title required or permitted to be done by the Respondent's counsel may be done by the Respondent personally.

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

**Sec. 12.** In all proceedings under this Title whenever a Respondent or a Complainant is required or permitted to appear or to participate or to be heard or to be present, they each shall have the right to be accompanied by and to be represented by counsel of their choice. *Counsel representing respondents may not withdraw from their representation without both providing notice to the Respondent and the Church Attorney, and receiving permission to withdraw from the Panel to whom the matter is currently referred. Respondent shall be permitted the opportunity to be heard concerning the withdrawal of counsel. Notwithstanding Respondent's right to be accompanied by and represented by counsel of their choice, any counsel determined to have previously withdrawn from representation without permission of the relevant Panel shall not be eligible to represent respondents in Title IV matters within The Episcopal Church.* Whenever any notice or other document is provided to or served upon a Respondent or a Complainant under this Title, such shall also simultaneously be provided to or served upon their respective counsel, if Respondent or Complainant, as the case may be, has notified the Bishop of the identity and

contact information for such counsel. Nothing in this Title shall be construed as requiring any Respondent to be represented by counsel. Anything in this Title required or permitted to be done by the Respondent's counsel may be done by the Respondent personally.



# A108 - Proposal of Changes to Title I, Canon 17

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on the State of Membership in The Episcopal Church

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved, That Title I, Canon 17 be amended as follows:*

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

Canon 17: Of Regulations Respecting the Laity

### Sec. 1.

- a. All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church, are Members thereof.
- b. Members sixteen years of age and over are to be considered Adult Members.
- c. It is expected that all Adult Members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and will have been confirmed or received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in full communion with this Church. Those who have previously made a mature public commitment in another Church may be received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church, rather than confirmed. This may be a requirement for specific leadership roles as defined by the Constitution and Canons of this Church and its constituent bodies.
- d. Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,  
Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and at some time after the Baptism receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop in Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,  
Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands at Confirmation (by any Bishop in historic succession) and is received into The Episcopal Church by a Bishop of this Church is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; and also,  
Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed.

### Sec. 2.

a. All Members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the previous year are considered to be Communicants of this Church.

b. For the purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, Communicants sixteen year of age and over are considered to be Adult Communicants.

c. In cases of pastoral sensitivity, with the approval of the Bishop, these requirements may be waived for good cause.

**Sec. 3.** All Members of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered Communicants in Good Standing.

**Sec. 4.**

a. A Member of this Church shall procure a Letter of Transfer to transfer their membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. This Letter of Transfer shall indicate that the person is recorded as a Member of this Church and whether or not such a Member:

1. is a Communicant,

2. is recorded as being a Communicant in Good Standing;

3. has been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or a Bishop in full communion with this Church.

Upon acknowledgment that a Member who has received such a Letter of Transfer has been enrolled in another congregation of this or another Church, the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden issuing the Letter of Transfer shall remove the name of the person from the parish register.

b. The Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation to which such membership is surrendered shall record in the parish register the information contained on the presented Letter of Transfer, and then notify the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation which issued the Letter of Transfer that the person has been duly recorded as a Member of the new congregation.

c. If a Member of this Church, not having such Letter of Transfer, desires to become a Member of a new congregation, that person shall be directed by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the said congregation to procure a Letter of Transfer from the former congregation, although on failure to produce such Letter of Transfer through no fault of the person applying, appropriate entry may be made in the parish register upon the evidence of membership status sufficient in the judgment of the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden.

d. Any Communicant of any Church in full communion with this Church shall be entitled to the benefit of this section so far as the same can be made applicable.

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

Canon 17: Of Regulations Respecting the Laity

**Sec. 1.**

a. All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church, are ~~members~~ *Members* thereof.

b. Members sixteen years of age and over are to be considered Adult Members.

c. It is expected that all ~~adult members~~ *Adult Members* of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and will have been confirmed or received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in full communion

with this Church. Those who have previously made a mature public commitment in another Church may be received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church, rather than confirmed. *This may be a requirement for specific leadership roles as defined by the Constitution and Canons of this Church and its constituent bodies.*

d. Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,

Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and at some time after the Baptism receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop in Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,

Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands at Confirmation (by any Bishop in historic succession) and is received into The Episcopal Church by a Bishop of this Church is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; and also,

Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed.

## Sec. 2.

a. All ~~members~~ Members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered Communicants of this Church.

b. For the purposes of statistical consistency through this Church, Communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered ~~adult communicants~~ *Adult Communicants*.

c. *In cases of pastoral sensitivity, with the approval of the Bishop, these requirements may be waived for good cause.*

**Sec. 3.** All ~~communicants~~ *Members* of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered ~~communicants in good standing~~ *Communicants in Good Standing*.

## Sec. 4.

a. A ~~member~~ *Member* of this Church ~~removing from the congregation in which that person's membership is recorded~~ shall procure a ~~certificate of membership~~ *Letter of Transfer to transfer their membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. This Letter of Transfer shall indicate* ~~indicating that that the~~ person is recorded as a ~~member (or adult member)~~ *Member* of this Church and whether or not such a ~~member~~ *Member*:

1. is a ~~communicant~~ *Communicant*;
2. is recorded as being ~~in good standing~~ *a Communicant in Good Standing*;
3. has been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or a Bishop in full communion with this Church.

Upon acknowledgment that a ~~member~~ *Member* who has received such a ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer* has been enrolled in another congregation of this or another Church, the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden issuing the ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer* shall remove the name of the person from the parish register.

b. The Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation to which such ~~certificate~~ *membership* is surrendered shall record in the parish register the information contained on the presented ~~certificate of membership~~ *Letter of Transfer*, and then notify the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation which issued the ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer* that the person has been duly recorded as a ~~member~~ *Member* of the new congregation. ~~Whereupon the person's removal shall be noted in the parish register of the congregation which issued the certificate.~~

c. If a ~~member~~ *Member* of this Church, not having such a ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer*, desires to become a ~~member~~ *Member* of a *new* congregation ~~in the place to which he or she has removed~~, that person shall be directed by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the said congregation to procure a *Letter of Transfer* ~~certificate~~ from the former congregation, although on failure to produce such *Letter of Transfer* ~~a certificate~~ through no fault of the person applying, appropriate entry may be made in the parish register upon the evidence of membership status sufficient in the judgment of the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden.

d. Any ~~communicant~~ *Communicant* of any Church in full communion with this Church shall be entitled to the benefit of this section so far as the same can be made applicable.

# A112 - Authorize use of the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings"

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Publications page of the Consultation on Common Texts](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention authorize for additional use in the Daily Offices under Article X.c of the Constitution the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings," prepared by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), for use until the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the SCLM solicit, receive, and consider feedback during this triennium, to be reported to the 82nd General Convention.

# A114 - Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes


**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**  [Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C](#)

 [Versiones en Lenguaje Expansivo de la Oración Eucarística C](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* ;That the 81st General Convention authorize for trial use throughout this church under Article X.b, subject to consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical Authority, expansive-language versions of Eucharistic Prayer C (dialogic and fixed response), as found in the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music Blue Book Report pages 11-17, with the following revisions

SCLM Blue Book Report page 11: After the line “the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns,” add the phrase “the planets in their courses”

SCLM Blue Book Report page 12: Delete the line “On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing,” and insert in its place “Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing,”

And be it further

*Resolved,* That the period of authorized use of these texts shall extend to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That these texts be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of these texts into the Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the ongoing use of these texts among the dioceses and congregations of this church, and report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$9000 for translation.

# A115 - Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:  [Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy](#)

 [Textos alternativos para la liturgia del Viernes Santo](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize for use throughout the Church under Article X.c until the 82nd General Convention, with the consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical Authority, the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy, Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) Blue Book report pp. 18-27, with the following revisions:

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 19: Revise Epistle to read "Ephesians 1:3-14 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 19: In the rubric that begins "The Passion Gospel may be read," add the following sentence: "The Notes at the end of this liturgy include suggested translations of the Passion Gospel."

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 23: In the first collect, change "O God of Abraham and Sarah" to "O God of Abraham [and Sarah and Hagar]"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 23: Revise "For the contemptuous and the scornful" to read "For those who are contemptuous or scornful"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: In the concluding collect, replace "sinner" with "sinners" and "Gather" with "Father"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: Revise the first note, adding italicized text and deleting text that is struck through, as follows: "The options for the reading from the epistles are designed to provide alternative perspectives on the meaning of the death of Jesus Christ. The traditional first reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:1-25), not included in this alternative liturgy, frames the death of Jesus as the final sacrifice offered to God. Jesus Christ becomes both the sacrifice and the high priest offering the sacrifice. The first alternative reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (1:3-14) situates the death of Jesus Christ within a larger arc of salvation history. God the Father chose his Son before creation to be for humans the means by which they attain redemption as children of God. This happens through the death of Jesus Christ, which secures the forgiveness of sins. In the reading from Hebrews (4:14-16, 5:5-7), currently an option in the Book of Common Prayer, the image of Jesus Christ as an interceding high priest does not call into question the validity of the Temple sacrifices given by God to the Jewish people to offer as worship. The source of salvation rests in Christ's obedience to God the Father, which those who follow Christ call upon for their own salvation."

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: In the third note, add the following sentence: "Congregations are encouraged to consider the introductory material and emended Passion according to John available from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as 'Seasonal Rites for the Three Days,' which is available for free download with copyright

permission for congregational use.”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: In the fourth note, revise the third sentence, adding italicized text and deleting text that is struck through, to read as follows: “While such a prayer has never been in the Episcopal Church’s Book of Common Prayer, it A prayer to this effect was in the 1789 and 1892 Prayer Books of the Episcopal Church and changed in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. It is a legacy to which we are accountable, given that it at times inspired violence against Jews.”

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy into Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the use of the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy among the dioceses and congregations of this Church and report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$2500 for translation.



# A116 - Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First Reading)

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:  [Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer](#)

 [Ritos matrimoniales para su inclusión en el Libro de Oración Común](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize for trial use under Article X.b the following revisions to the Book of Common Prayer 1979:

BCP pp. 349 and 381: Following the Preface of Marriage, add the rubric "or this", followed by Preface of Marriage, Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) Blue Book report p. 39

BCP p. 423: Revise the title to read "The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage I"

BCP p. 433: Revise the title to read "The Blessing of a Civil Marriage I"

BCP p. 435: Revise the title to read "An Order for Marriage I"

Following BCP p. 438, add The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, SCLM Blue Book report pp. 28-36; The Blessing of Civil Marriage, SCLM Blue Book report pp. 36-37; An Order of Marriage, SCLM Blue Book report pp. 37-38; and Additional Directions, SCLM Blue Book Report, pp. 38-39; with the following revisions:

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 28: Revise the first paragraph Concerning the Service as follows: "At least one of the parties must be a baptized Christian; the ceremony must be attested by at least two witnesses; and the marriage must conform to the laws of the State and the canons of this Church."

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 29: Revise the title to read "The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage II"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 35: Replace "Preface of the Season" with "Preface of Marriage, or of the Season"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 36: Revise the title to read "The Blessing of a Civil Marriage II"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 37: Revise the title to read "An Order for Marriage II"

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 37: Replace the first paragraph of An Order of Marriage with the following text: "If it is desired to celebrate a marriage otherwise than as provided in the Book of Common Prayer or any authorized alternative thereto, this Order is used."

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 37: Revise paragraph 3 of An Order of Marriage as follows: "The laws of the State and the canons of this Church having been complied with, the couple, together with their witnesses, families, and friends assemble in the church or in some other convenient place."

**Blue Book Report p. 37: Revise #1 of An Order of Marriage as follows: "The teaching of the Church concerning Holy Matrimony, as it is declared in the formularies and canons of this Church, is briefly stated."**

And be it further

*Resolved,* That these liturgies authorized for trial use be made available electronically at no cost; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of these texts into the Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the liturgies The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, The Blessing of a Civil Marriage, and An Order for Marriage as authorized in The Book of Common Prayer 1979 continue to be authorized for use in all dioceses of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$12,000 for translation.

# A117 - Withdraw Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar -- Second Reading

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize the deletion of William Porcher DuBose from the Calendar of the Church and liturgical propers from Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

# A121 - Authorize the Commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris -- Second Reading

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-C023) be now finally authorized for February 11 and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the commemoration of Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-A008) be now finally authorized for August 26 and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the commemoration of Frederick Howden, Jr. on December 11, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-A008) be now finally authorized and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to edit the biographies for these commemorations, attending to clarity, historical accuracy and timelessness.

# A125 - Add Optional Fast Days to Lesser Feasts and Fasts

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**Final Status:** Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to research possible optional fasts days for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and to bring draft propers to the 82nd General Convention.

# A126 - Transfer dates of commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention authorize for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 the following transfers of dates in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Cornelius the Centurion: Transfer from February 4 to October 20.

Martyrs of Japan: Transfer from February 5 to February 6

Theodora: Transfer from February 11 to February 12

Mary of Egypt: Transfer from April 3 to March 30

Remigius of Rheims: Transfer from October 1 to October 2

Nicholas Ferrar: Transfer from December 1 to December 8

First Book of Common Prayer: Fix date on June 13

# A127 - Establish a Working Group to Update Biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize the creation of a diverse working group of not more than nine members including at least three church historians to review the biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, taking note of changes in scholarship that have occurred since many of the biographies were first approved, and make any appropriate revisions, to be appointed by the chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further

Resolved, That the working group also examine any role that figures commemorated on the calendar might have had in oppressive systems contrary to our Baptismal Covenant including (but not limited to) the slave trade, indigenous boarding schools, and segregation, and recommend ways to appropriately address any concerns that are identified; and be it further

Resolved, That the working group report through the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and be given up to two triennia to fully complete its work; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$30,000 for this work during this triennium./strong>

# A129 - Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**  [Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts](#)

 [Leccionario para Fiestas y Ayunos Menores](#)

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## Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts which can be found as a support document on this resolution and also in the report to the 81st General Convention of Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.



# A130 - Developing alternative hymn texts

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$200,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work during the forthcoming triennium to develop a digital collection of alternative versions of hymns that address issues of colonialist, racist, white supremacist, imperialistic, and nationalistic language, as identified in Resolution 2022-A126; and be it further

*Resolved,* That for hymn texts for which the copyright is held by Church Publishing Incorporated, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music develop a digital collection of alternative hymn texts, to be made available to congregations for their use, and to be published by Church Publishing Incorporated; and be it further

*Resolved,* That for hymn texts in the public domain, the 81st General Convention invite the people to submit alternative versions of hymn texts via the Submissions page on [episcopalcommonprayer.org](http://episcopalcommonprayer.org), and that such alternate hymn texts be shared via that website's protocols, for use and evaluation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$50,000 for this work.

# A135 - Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 12 - Agencies & Boards

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention encourage each diocese to consider paying all active currently non-stipendiary clergy of any order under the age of 72, canonically resident in and serving in the Episcopal Church, and with a current letter of agreement with the congregation or entity they serve, a minimum of \$25 per month, and pay assessments on their behalf to the Church Pension Fund (CPF) to enable access to applicable benefits from the Fund, beginning January 1, 2025; and be it further

*Resolved,* That compensation paid under this resolution should not replace payment on behalf of the clergy by the congregation or the diocese for the expenses of Diocesan Convention, Clergy Conference, continuing education, discretionary fund, or mileage, and other expenses as may be established in the letter of agreement.

# A139 - Amend Canon IV.6.4 -Intake Timeline

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 to read as follows:*

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

**Sec. 4.** Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. Within 45 days after receiving information concerning an Offense, the Intake Officer must provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney. The 45 days may be extended with consent of the Reference Panel.

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

**Sec. 4.** Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. *Within 45 days after receiving information concerning an Offense, the* The Intake Officer ~~shall~~ *must* provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney. *The 45 days may be extended with consent of the Reference Panel.*

# A140 - Amend Canon IV.6.8 - Reference Panel

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

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

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

**Sec. 8.** The Reference Panel must meet within 45 days after receiving the intake report and must determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

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

**Sec. 8.** The Reference Panel ~~shall meet as soon as possible~~ *must meet within 45 days* after receiving the intake report ~~to and~~ *must* determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

# A141 - Amend Canon IV.6.9 - Monthly Reports

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.9, add a new Canon IV.6.10, renumber current Canon IV.6.10, add Canon IV.6.11, and renumber current Canon IV.6.11, all to read as follows:

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

**Sec. 9.** Absent extraordinary circumstances, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, all matters reported to an Intake Officer shall reach final, non-appellate, resolution within 15 months of the initial Intake Report date. The President of the Disciplinary Board, following consultation with the relevant panels, may, in their sole discretion, reasonably adjust any time periods specified in this Title related to matters before panels, for the purpose of ensuring timely progress.

**Sec. 10.** The Reference Panel must monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. The Intake Officer will report at least monthly to the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Respondent's Counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor and the Complainant's Counsel, if any, on the progress in the matter. Should the Intake Officer not report at least monthly, the Respondent or the Complainant may petition in writing the President of the Disciplinary Board who must provide a report in writing not later than 15 days from the date of the petition to provide the reports.

**Sec. 11.** Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter.

**Sec. 12.** If the determination of the Reference Panel is to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply. If the referral is to the Bishop Diocesan for possible Agreement and an Agreement is not reached within 90 days of the referral, the Reference Panel will re-refer the matter, in accordance with Canon IV.6.11.

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

*Sec. 9.* Absent extraordinary circumstances, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, all matters reported to an Intake Officer shall reach final, non-appellate, resolution within 15 months of the initial Intake Report date. The President of the Disciplinary Board, following consultation with the relevant panels, may, in their sole discretion, reasonably adjust any time periods specified in this Title related to matters before panels, for the purpose of ensuring timely progress.

**Sec. 9-10.** The Reference Panel ~~shall~~ *must* monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. ~~Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter.~~ The Intake Officer ~~shall~~ *will* report at least monthly to the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Respondent's Counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor and the Complainant's Counsel, if any, on the progress in the matter. *Should the Intake Officer not report at least monthly, the Respondent or the Complainant may petition in writing the President of the Disciplinary Board who must provide a report in writing not later than 15 days from the date of the petition to provide the reports.*

**Sec. 11.** *Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter.*

**Sec. 10-12.** If the determination of the Reference Panel is to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply. If the referral is to the Bishop Diocesan for possible Agreement and an Agreement is not reached within 90 days of the referral, the Reference Panel will re-refer the matter, in accordance with Canon IV.6.9-11.

# A142 - Amend Canon IV.6.7 – copy of notice

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.7 to read as follows:*

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

**Sec. 7.** If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. At the same time as forwarding the intake report to the Reference Panel, the Intake Officer shall send a notice to the subject Member of the Clergy informing him or her of the nature of the alleged Offense(s), the identity of any persons who have been designated as Complainants, and describing the next procedural steps that the Member of the Clergy can anticipate. The notice shall also remind the Member of the Clergy of his or her duty under Canon IV.3.1.b to cooperate in the subsequent proceedings. The Intake Officer shall at the same time provide a copy of the notice to the Complainant and to any other person from whom the Intake Officer has received information concerning the alleged Offense.

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

**Sec. 7.** If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. At the same time as forwarding the intake report to the Reference Panel, the Intake Officer shall send a notice to the subject Member of the Clergy informing him or her of the nature of the alleged Offense(s), the identity of any persons who have been designated as Complainants, and describing the next procedural steps that the Member of the Clergy can anticipate. The notice shall also remind the Member of the Clergy of his or her duty under Canon IV.3.1.b to cooperate in the subsequent proceedings. *The Intake Officer shall at the same time provide a copy of the notice to the Complainant and to any other person from whom the Intake Officer has received information concerning the alleged Offense.*

# A143 - Amend IV.17.3.b and IV.17.5 - Disciplinary Board for Bishops

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.17.3.b to read as follows:*

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

b. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops consists of ten Bishops elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention, and six other Clergy (including at least one Deacon) and six Lay Persons elected by the House of Deputies at a regular meeting of the General Convention. All Lay Persons elected or appointed to serve must be confirmed adult communicants in good standing.

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

b. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops consists of ten Bishops elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention, and ~~four Priests or Deacons~~ *six other Clergy (including at least one Deacon)* and ~~four~~ *six* Lay Persons elected by the House of Deputies at a regular meeting of the General Convention. All Lay Persons elected or appointed to serve must be confirmed adult communicants in good standing.

And be it further

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.17.5 to read as follows:*

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

The Conference Panel shall consist of two Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person. The Hearing Panel shall consist of two Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon IV.4.1.h.2 pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.

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

The Conference Panel shall consist of ~~three~~ *two* Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person. The Hearing Panel shall consist of ~~three~~ *two* Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon ~~IV.4.1.h.2~~ *IV.4.1.h.2* pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.



And be it further

*Resolved*, That these amendments take effect immediately.

# A148 - Amend Canons to Underscore Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President Julia Ayala Harris

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Canon 1.1.8 is hereby amended by adding new subsection b and renumbering the remaining subsection as follows:

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

Canon I.1.8

### Sec. 8.

a. The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget for The Episcopal Church, including for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of The Episcopal Church budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to pay its assessment to the Treasurer of the General Convention according to the schedule established by the Executive Council.

b. The Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice (the "Coalition"), created by the 80th General Convention, shall be funded in part with an annual draw on one-tenth of the Church's unrestricted trusts and endowment funds as determined in the most recent audited financial statements at a percentage rate equal to the draw percentage applied to fund the Church's budget as described in subsection 8.a of this Canon. The estimated funding amount for the Coalition shall be described in The Episcopal Church budget for informational purposes only. The funding for the Coalition shall be provided by the Treasurer after the Executive Council declares the annual draw rate. The Coalition shall report to every regular meeting of the General Convention, providing audited financial statements and reports on its ministry and participation in God's mission.

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

Canon I.1.8

**Sec. 8.**

**a.** The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget for The Episcopal Church, including for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of The Episcopal Church budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to pay its assessment to the Treasurer of the General Convention according to the schedule established by the Executive Council.

**b.** *The Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice (the "Coalition"), created by the 80th General Convention, shall be funded in part with an annual draw on one-tenth of the Church's unrestricted trusts and endowment funds as determined in the most recent audited financial statements at a percentage rate equal to the draw percentage applied to fund the Church's budget as described in subsection 8.a of this Canon. The estimated funding amount for the Coalition shall be described in The Episcopal Church budget for informational purposes only. The funding for the Coalition shall be provided by the Treasurer after the Executive Council declares the annual draw rate. The Coalition shall report to every regular meeting of the General Convention, providing audited financial statements and reports on its ministry and participation in God's mission.*

And be it further

*Resolved, That Canon I.4.6 be amended to add a new subsection k. to read as follows:*

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

Canon I.4.6.k

**k.** Nothing in this Canon shall alter in any way the Church's obligation to fund the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice as described in Canon I.1.8.b. other than the Executive Council's determination of the annual draw from unrestricted trusts and endowment funds.

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

*Canon I.4.6.k*

*k. Nothing in this Canon shall alter in any way the Church's obligation to fund the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice as described in Canon I.1.8.b. other than the Executive Council's determination of the annual draw from unrestricted trusts and endowment funds.*

# A160 - Revise Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That 81st General Convention authorize for trial use under Article X.b the amendment of the section "Other Sacramental Rites" in "An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism" in The Book of Common Prayer (page 861), changing the wording in response to the question "What is Holy Matrimony" and adding a Q and A as follows:

**Q. What is Holy Matrimony?**

**A. Holy Matrimony is Christian marriage, in which two people ~~the woman and the man~~ enter into a life-long union, make their vows before God and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows.**

**Q. What is required of those to be married?**

**A. It is required of those to be married that at least one member of the couple be baptized and that they have been instructed that Christian marriage is an unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful and lifelong commitment intended for the couple's mutual joy, for the help and comfort given to each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God's will, for the gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God.**

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of this texts into the Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$500 for translation.

# A161 - The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 04 - World Mission

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church give thanks for the work of the Task Force on developing conversation with The Episcopal Church and the South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States; and be it further,

*Resolved,* that we welcome South Sudanese-American Episcopalians as our siblings in Christ, baptized members of the one Body of Christ that is the Church, and as such are also a unique cultural expression of The Episcopal Church within the United States; in turn, we appreciate that the South Sudanese-American Episcopalians and their worshiping congregations acknowledge The Episcopal Church as the historic expression of Anglicanism in the United States; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we acknowledge the creation of the South Sudanese Leadership Steering Group as an established Convocation in relation with the Presiding Bishop's Missioner for African Descent Ministries; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we encourage the ministry of the Missioner for African Descent Ministries in coordinating and working with leaders self-selected by the South Sudanese Americans to establish and achieve mutually beneficial goals and actions; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we encourage bishops and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to welcome and assist South Sudanese-American Episcopal worshiping communities to develop and become established by admission into union with diocesan conventions; and be it further

*Resolved,* That, when appropriate, The Episcopal Church receives clergy among the South Sudanese-American Episcopal communities into good standing and canonical residence in its dioceses, accepting that the South Sudanese-American clergy will ascribe to and follow the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the dioceses in which they are located, and will give assent to the disciplines laid upon all clergy of The Episcopal Church (DFMS); and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention authorize and fund a Task Force on the South Sudanese-American Anglican Diaspora, that will consist of 7 South Sudanese-American Episcopalians and 4 other members, all appointed by the Presiding Officers; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Task Force on the South Sudanese-American Anglican Diaspora further develop the relationship between the Episcopal Church and South Sudanese-American Anglican diaspora around the Church, specifically in the areas of vocational ministries, local diocesan relationships, and youth/Christian formation issues; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention request Executive Council to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution, to respect the cultural norm of in-person meetings.

# A166 - Registration of Firearms; Licensing of Firearm Sellers, Buyers, and Users; Use of Taggants

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the gun violence resolutions of previous General Conventions and the Executive Council as summarized in Policy for Action; An Index of Episcopal Church Public Policy Resolutions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge that the right to life is one of the unalienable rights on which the Republic is based; that the right to bear arms is guaranteed by the Constitution; that our unalienable and Constitutional rights are not absolute; and that governments must balance gun ownership and control of violence with the duty to ensure security and public safety; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention strongly urge federal, state, and local, governments to pass objective, shall-issue licensing laws for sellers, buyers, and users of firearms that require a waiting period, finger printing, background check, mental health evaluation, minimum age of purchaser, training tailored to the firearm being purchased and include the proper use, maintenance, and safe storage of the firearm and that said license must be renewed periodically; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention strongly urge the federal government to develop a system of gun registration that links domestically manufactured and imported firearms by serial number to the manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer, original owner, and all subsequent owners and that all of the individuals in this chain of ownership must be licensed as outlined in the previous resolve above; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention strongly urge the federal government to work with manufacturers to develop nuclear barcode or other taggants and to require the use of these taggants in gunpowder so that the manufacturer and chain of distribution of batches of gunpowder may be traced; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be referred to the Executive Council, the Office of Government Relations, the President of the United States, members of the Federal Congress, and all dioceses for appropriate action.

# A167 - Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the work of previous General Convention regarding the protection of water in 2018-B025 that urges the Church to learn about the watersheds and aquifers in the regions in which our faith communities and institutions are located and to recognize the public trust that protects the waters and community uses in the watersheds and aquifers of the communities and regions that make up the Church; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church recognizes the 1868 treaty between the Federal Government and the Navajo nation; the Winters Doctrine established in 1908 that ruled that tribes were entitled to water to create permanent homeland on their reservations from the date they were established; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church recognize the injustice to Tribal groups of the Natives and Indigenous People's lands with regard to their need for clean potable water; and be further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention directs the Office of Government Relationships to advocate for indigenous and native people's rights involving just use and protection of water resources.

# A168 - Celebrate the Juncture of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan

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**Final Status:** Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention celebrates the juncture of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan, and gives gratitude to all the members of the Building Bridges Steering Committee who worked diligently and tirelessly to bring about the consent for juncture between the two dioceses; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the House expresses gratitude to those who organized the Listening Sessions throughout both dioceses to foster the sharing of information across congregations; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we express gratitude to the organizers of the Season of Practice whose purpose was to begin the process of working together; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we express gratitude to all the people of the dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan for their willingness to enter into this new entity to be known as the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes.



# A169 - Celebrate the reunification of the Dioceses of Wisconsin

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**Final Status:** Adopted by HoD

**Proposed by:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Adopt

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That The House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention celebrates the reunification of the three dioceses of Wisconsin, and expresses gratitude to all the members of the Steering Committee whose purpose was to take collaborative action to build connections and relationships exploring reunification, and who worked diligently and tirelessly to bring about this process; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the House expresses gratitude to the Communications Task Force who developed and implemented systems to foster the sharing of information; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we express gratitude to the Constitution and Canons Task Force for their work; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we express gratitude to the Finances Task Force for their work surrounding fiscal responsibility; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we express gratitude to the Parish and Regional Engagement Task Force whose work was to organize and convene conversations between congregations; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we express gratitude to the Prayer and Discernment Task Force whose focus was to lead prayerful leadership in the discernment process of reunification.

# A174 - Commemorate Diocesan Anniversaries

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**Final Status:** Adopted by HoD

**Proposed by:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Adopt

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention join the dioceses of Newark (formerly Diocese of Northern New Jersey) and Western Michigan in celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of their admission to union with the General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we rejoice in the longevity, vitality, and durability of the faithful witness and ministry of these dioceses in the world.

# A224 - Amend Article X with clarifying amendments (post 2024-A072) [First Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church repeal Article X, Sections 1 and 2, and replace with the following:

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

Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer

**Sec. 1.** The Book of Common Prayer is those liturgical forms, communal and devotional prayers, and other content authorized by the General Convention in accordance with this article and shall be enriched by our church's cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts.

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

Any Book of Common Prayer, or portions thereof, memorialized by the General Convention, is authorized for use at any service in all the Dioceses and other jurisdictions of this Church.

**Sec. 2.** No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese and other jurisdictions, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses and other jurisdictions entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.

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

*Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer*

**Sec. 1.** *The Book of Common Prayer is those liturgical forms, communal and devotional prayers, and other content authorized by the General Convention in accordance with this article and shall be enriched by our church's cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts.*

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

*Any Book of Common Prayer, or portions thereof, memorialized by the General Convention, is authorized for use at any service in all the Dioceses and other jurisdictions of this Church.*

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#### **Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer**

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

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

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

**Sec. 2.** ~~No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.~~

## A227 - Commend the life of Willie Howard Mays, Jr.

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**Final Status:** Adopted by HoD

**Proposed by:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Adopt

**Supporting Documents:**

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention commend the life of Willie Howard Mays Jr., who recently passed away at the age of 93, who started his baseball career when professional baseball was still racially segregated playing for the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American League in 1948, until he joined the New York/San Francisco Giants in 1951 and later the New York Mets; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the House recognizes that Willie Mays distinguished himself as a generational player with his five-tool skill set and his many MLB titles, awards, and achievements; and yet arguably his real impact on our society came as an ambassador to the world with his cheerful and humble attitude in working with youth; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the House, particularly fitting here in Louisville, Kentucky home of the Louisville Slugger bats, celebrate the life and witness of Willie Mays, nicknamed the "Say Hey Kid" for his positive attitude, and rejoice in his life with the deputations of the dioceses in Alabama, New York, and California for his long-lasting impact on American life for his contributions both inside and outside of the game of baseball.

# A230 - Thanksgiving for all who ran for elected offices at General Convention

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**Final Status:** Adopted by HoD

**Proposed by:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Adopt

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention express its appreciation to those who discerned a call to be considered for positions at this Convention, and expresses its gratitude for those who showed integrity, courage, generous spirit and a willingness to serve the Church in its call to care for God's beloved creation.

# B002 - Build Eco-Region Creation Networks for Crucial Impact

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted and Amended

**Proposed by:** Bascom, The Rt. Rev. Cathleen C.

**Endorsed by:** Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc, Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Douglas, Stebbins, The Rt. Rev. Martha E., Cowell, The Rt. Rev. Mark

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$150,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention enable concrete implementation of the bold charge laid out in GC80 Resolution A087 "Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030," which encouraged Episcopal congregations, dioceses, schools, camps, and other Episcopal institutions to pursue ambitious goals for reducing the church's carbon footprint, mitigating climate change, and living more sustainably and gently on God's good earth; and it do so through the formation and advancement of networks across the church dedicated to promoting action and accountability around 1) nature-based solutions, 2) renewable energy solutions, 3) agrarian, food justice and outdoor ministries – three areas where there is a) demonstrated passion and leadership and b) potential for dramatic, collective action and impact; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention urge and equip bishops and dioceses to work together in this triennium to form three new regional networks, to be called "Eco-Region Creation Networks", based on shared ecosystems and watersheds. The Eco-Region Creation Networks link people, projects and properties dedicated to nature-based solutions to slow climate change through preserving and restoring plant communities appropriate to their bioregion; modeling transformative agriculture and food systems; and tackling issues of water quality and supply, and are to include the pilot Episcopal Grasslands Network (which includes the dioceses of Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, Northwest Texas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana and Rio Grande); and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention form a Renewable Energy Network that connects and resources dioceses, faith communities, projects and leaders dedicated to reducing carbon by accelerating renewable energy use, including but not limited to solar energy. This renewable energy network would build on the church's existing partnership with the Episcopal Renewable Energy Non-profit, established by the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention advance the strategic development of a network devoted to agrarian, food justice and outdoor ministries (welcoming existing Provincial, Good News Gardens, and Episcopal Agrarian Ministry networks); and be it further

*Resolved,* That the new Eco-Region networks and Renewable Energy networks can be established through a letter to the Presiding Bishop's office, copied to provincial Presidents, from bishops of three dioceses describing their particular eco-region, current sites, and creation actions planned, and that each network identify a diocese within the network to serve as the administrative center to disburse funds and manage the network; and be it further

*Resolved,* That these networks share the following marks: host online and in-person gatherings to exchange best practices, share encouragement, maintain accountability and learn from experts; consciously incorporate the presence, concerns and experience of non-U.S. Episcopal communities; coordinate access to critical resources, including the

Episcopal Asset Map, Restor, or other mapping tools to track progress on emission-reduction, carbon sequestration, increased biodiversity, water quality and scarcity, agricultural transformation, etc.; share, when appropriate, financial and tangible resources; pray regularly for one another and the specific areas of creation care and justice to which they are called; and support one another if extreme climate events occur; and be it further

*Resolved,* That each network engage a Creation Justice Fellow and/or Consultant who partners with Episcopal Church Creation Care staff to support the network in the following ways: produce communications that inform and celebrate efforts across the network; collect data about the participating members, projects and properties; plan and implement gatherings; write grant proposals and provide other administrative support as needed; and be it further

*Resolved,* That every diocese in The Episcopal Church be encouraged to establish a Creation Care Commission, if no such diocesan commission already exists, to work in consultation with the aforementioned networks to pursue locally discerned goals for advancing toward net carbon neutrality by 2030; and be it further,

*Resolved,* That the Executive Council Budget Committee allocate \$90,000 for this work, such that \$30,000 each year be assigned to support the three EcoRegion Creation Networks.



# B004 - Commending Safe Gun Storage

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Douglas, The Rt. Rev. Ian

**Endorsed by:** Gutiérrez, The Rt. Rev. Daniel, Perry, The Rt. Rev. Bonnie, Beckwith, The Rt. Rev. Mark

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention commend safe gun storage practices and support lethal means safety counseling that can prevent suicides, homicides, and unintentional gun deaths and firearm injuries; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention urge dioceses and congregations to distribute to members of their congregations and communities information and materials that promote the safe storage of all firearms; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention urge federal, state, and local officials to support Ethan's Law and other legislation and policies that would create federal, state, and local incentives and requirements for safe gun storage; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention urge federal, state, and local officials to support legislation and policies that prevent children's access to guns and impose penalties on adults who allow unsecured guns to be accessed by children; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention commend legislation and policies that offer gun owners a secure place to store firearms in times of crisis; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Office of Government Relations, Episcopal Public Policy Network, dioceses, congregations, and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for increased education and funding for safe storage practices, legislation, and policies.

# B008 - Amend Canon II.3.6.a and II.4 to clarify authorization of liturgies

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew

**Endorsed by:** Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew, Logue, The Rt. Rev. Frank, Ryan, The Rt. Rev. Kathryn

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That Canon II.3.6. shall be amended to add sections b, c, and d as follows:

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

- a. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out including translation.
- b. A trial use period in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the Constitution must precede the first reading for any alteration or addition to the Book of Common Prayer under Article X, Section 2, except for changes to the Lectionary and Tables and Rubrics and the Psalter as provided for by Article X, Section 4.a.
- c. During the trial use period, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will review the proposed alteration or revision using principles adopted by the General Convention of this Church and include its assessments and recommendations in a report to the General Convention.
- d. The Calendar of the Church, with principal and lesser observances, is part of the Book of Common Prayer and may be revised by following the process for trial use provided for revision of the Book of Common Prayer by the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

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

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*c. During the trial use period, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will review the proposed alteration or revision using principles adopted by the General Convention of this Church and include its assessments and recommendations in a report to the General Convention.*

*d. The Calendar of the Church, with principal and lesser observances, is part of the Book of Common Prayer and may be revised by following the process for trial use provided for revision of the Book of Common Prayer by the Constitution and Canons of this Church.*

And be it further.

**Resolved, That Canon II.4 shall be amended to add a new Canon 4 as follows, renumbering subsequent Canons under Title II:**

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

Canon 4: Of Additional Types of Liturgical Texts

**Sec. 1.** Article X of the Constitution defines the Book of Common Prayer and a process of trial use as a step towards inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer. In addition to the Book of Common Prayer and texts authorized for trial use as defined by this church's Constitution and Canons, Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources may be set forth by the authority of this Church.

**Sec. 2.** Authorization and Use of Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources

a. The General Convention at any one meeting, by a majority of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies, voting by orders, may approve for use by this Church liturgical resources beyond the Book of Common Prayer or trial use.

b. Each Liturgical Text beyond those provided in the Book of Common Prayer or trial use as approved by the General Convention will be designated as either a Supplemental Liturgical Resource (available for use without permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority) or an Alternative Liturgical Resource (requiring permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority).

c. Those Supplemental and Alternative Liturgies reviewed and authorized may be used for public worship by the ministers of this church and may include, but are not limited to:

1. A Book of Occasional Services authorized for use as a Supplemental Liturgical Resource.

2. Propers for the celebration of lesser feasts and fasts, as well as a lectionary for the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist authorized for optional use throughout this Church.

d. When proposing or reviewing liturgical resources pursuant to this canon, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall use principles adopted by the General Convention of this Church.

e. Before their approval by the General Convention, all liturgies authorized pursuant to this canon shall be translated by the proper authorities into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Kreyol, following the principles of dynamic equivalence.

f. All Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources and their official translations will be made available in the public domain using digital means to provide access to the wider church.

g. Once approved by the General Convention, Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources may be removed by an act of the General Convention.

h. If at such time as a previously approved Supplemental or Alternative Liturgical Resource authorized by act of General Convention under this canon is to be considered for trial use, said liturgy must be brought to the General Convention to begin the process for trial use approval as defined by the Constitution and Canons of this church.

**Sec. 3.** Other Books of Common Prayer

a. Any Book of Common Prayer memorialized by the General Convention is authorized for regular use at any service in all dioceses of this Church. The content of any memorialized Book is understood to be the version in use at the time of memorialization.

b. The liturgies from any other Book of Common Prayer that has been authorized previously by the authority in this Church shall be available for use for Sunday worship and for other occasions with the permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

#### **Sec. 4. Use of Other Eucharistic Prayers and Liturgies not authorized by The Episcopal Church**

A Eucharistic Prayer prepared according to An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer, 1979 pp.400-405) may be authorized for seasonal use on Sunday provided that it has been submitted to and received advance approval in writing from the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

#### **Sec. 5. Alternate Psalter**

An Alternate Psalter may be authorized by resolution at the General Convention for study and occasional use in The Episcopal Church with the approval of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

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

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1. *A Book of Occasional Services authorized for use as a Supplemental Liturgical Resource.*

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d. *When proposing or reviewing liturgical resources pursuant to this canon, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall use principles adopted by the General Convention of this Church.*

e. *Before their approval by the General Convention, all liturgies authorized pursuant to this canon shall be translated by the proper authorities into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Kreyol, following the principles of dynamic equivalence.*

f. *All Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources and their official translations will be made available in the public domain using digital means to provide access to the wider church.*

g. *Once approved by the General Convention, Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources may be removed by an act of the General Convention.*

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**Sec. 5. Alternate Psalter**

*An Alternate Psalter may be authorized by resolution at the General Convention for study and occasional use in The Episcopal Church with the approval of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.*

And be it further

**Resolved,** That the General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop to task the working group charged with the implementation and reviews related to the newly adopted Article X of this church's constitution to review the liturgical texts previously authorized by the General Convention and categorize them prior to the 82nd General Convention as:

- a. Book of Common Prayer**
- b. Trial Use**
- c. Supplemental Liturgies (for use without permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority)**
- d. Alternative Liturgies (for use with permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority)**
- e. Once authorized, but subsequently removed from usage by General Convention.**

# B009 - Observing the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea 325 CE

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Edington, The Rt. Rev. Mark

**Endorsed by:** Eaton, The Rt. Rev. Peter, Franklin, The Rt. Rev. R. William, Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. E. Mark

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church, together with all Churches that uphold the historic faith, affirm as part of our worship the doctrine agreed on by the First Council of Nicaea in 325, holding that the Son, as articulated in the Creed published by that council, is

*one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God,  
begotten from the Father, only-begotten,  
that is, from the substance of the Father,  
God from God,  
light from light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made,  
of one substance with the Father,  
through Whom all things came into being*

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the Nicene Creed, as ratified by the Council of Constantinople in 381 CE, identified in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral as “the sufficient statement of the Christian Faith,” continue to guide the work of The Episcopal Church in its ecumenical conversations and dialogues; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention commend to the whole Church the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 2025 and encourage dioceses and congregations to find suitable ways to mark this historic anniversary; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention call on the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to ensure the participation of the Episcopal Church in national and international commemorations of the anniversary of the Council.

## B011 - Commemoration of Harriet Tubman

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew

**Endorsed by:** Curry, The Rt. Rev. Glenda, Gunter, The Rt. Rev. Matthew A., Reddall, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman on March 10, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-C007), be now finally authorized and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

## C002 - On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Rochester

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention recommend that pilgrimage travelers to the Holy Land explore and engage the realities of the circumstances and conditions impacting the lives of today's Palestinians and Israelis, paying particular attention to the Israeli military Occupation of Palestinian territories, to the violations of human rights, and to Palestinian national aspirations. It further recommends that visits to the sites of biblical stories be accompanied by "Living Stones," i.e., Palestinian Christians who are descendants of the first Christians and who feel a special responsibility for maintaining Christian worship in the Holy Land; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention acknowledge those individuals who manifest Jesus' ministry of love and justice as witnessed in today's Palestine and Israel in locations of suffering and hardship such as refugee camps and military checkpoints, as well as in churches and historical sites; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention encourage travelers to arrange trips, either whole or in part, with agencies or companies that are Palestinian-owned and/or offer itineraries that include encounters with Palestinians who are experiencing the conditions of Occupation.



# C003 - On Affordable Housing

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: North Carolina

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$95,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force on Affordable Housing and the Unhoused. The Task Force, will be composed of thirteen (13) people, representing the diversity of the Church, as follows: 2 Bishops, 5 Priests or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons, to complete the following work:

- (a) Survey and document the engagement of Episcopal dioceses and congregations in the development of permanent, transitional, supportive, and emergency housing, and in ministries that assist families and individuals to access and sustain housing
- (b) Recommend approaches that will increase involvement of dioceses and congregations based on best practices identified, given local needs;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the Task Force on Affordable Housing and the Unhoused ends with the submission of their report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request that Executive Council consider a \$70,000 budget allocation for the implementation of this resolution.

# C009 - Petition of the Episcopal Church In Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Navajoland Area Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:  [\\_Navajoland Budget 2024-2027 final 01.05.24](#)

 [\\_ECN 1.7.24 NarrativeBudget](#)

 [\\_Navajoland Petition for Status as a Missionary Diocese](#)

 [\\_Signed Resolution to Petition](#)

 [\\_Signed Petition Missionary Diocese 2024](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention grant the Petition of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese.

# C010 - Access to Prison Ministries

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: California

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church affirm its commitment to prison ministries consistent with the current theological and spiritual values of The Episcopal Church and provide all of God's children with opportunities to minister to and with this marginalized and oppressed population, in accordance with the following principles and policies:

- The Episcopal Church supports inter- and multi-faith ministries that contribute to our mission to follow Jesus, loving our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40) and demonstrating particular care for those who are marginalized and oppressed (Matthew 25:31-46);
- Episcopalians find common cause and minister with organizations and individuals with whom we have theological differences, without proselytizing or demanding that our ministry partners adhere to the tenets we espouse;
- The over one million incarcerated individuals in this country are among the most marginalized and oppressed members of our society;
- Episcopalians faithfully engage in ministry with incarcerated individuals, seeking to provide support, encouragement, and hope to these persons;
- Among the many members of the incarcerated population as well as those who minister to and with them, are individuals who are LGBTQIA+, a community that also experiences marginalization in this country;
- Following the Way of Jesus, Episcopalians minister to and with all God's children, with special focus on the support and liberation of those who are oppressed;
- Our canons prohibit the denial of access to any ministry of this Church "because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital or family status (including pregnancy and child care plans), sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age" (Canon III.1.2);

And be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopalians may not be forced to overtly or tacitly endorse theological statements or practices that conflict with our stated policies and beliefs in order to participate in shared prison ministry programs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention encourage dioceses to develop and share programs for their members to minister with incarcerated individuals, those newly released from prison, and families and loved ones of incarcerated individuals in ways that are consistent with our Church's current spiritual teachings, principles, and policies.

# C016 - Amend Canon III.12 to Provide for the Transfer of Bishops to Churches in Communion

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Virginia

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the General Convention amend Canon III.12 to add a new Section 7 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections:

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

### Sec. 7. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church

a. A Bishop desiring to become canonically resident within another member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (as identified in Canon I.20) or Church in Communion with this Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2.a.3) shall request a testimonial from the Presiding Bishop, which testimonial, with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, shall be given by the Presiding Bishop to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving member church, Province, or equivalent jurisdiction:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of \_\_\_\_\_, is a Bishop of The Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

b. If the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Bishop transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Presiding Bishop or Primate to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Bishop in good standing.

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

c. Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the Bishop's departure from The Episcopal Church.

d. This provision shall not be used for Bishops who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this Church or for those who seek transfer to another member church or Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.12.8 shall be followed.

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

**Sec. 7. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church**

*a. A Bishop desiring to become canonically resident within another member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (as identified in Canon I.20) or Church in Communion with this Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2.a.3) shall request a testimonial from the Presiding Bishop, which testimonial, with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, shall be given by the Presiding Bishop to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving member church, Province, or equivalent jurisdiction:*

*I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of \_\_\_\_\_, is a Bishop of The Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.*

*(Date) \_\_\_\_\_*

*(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_*

*b. If the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Bishop transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Presiding Bishop or Primate to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:*

*I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Bishop in good standing.*

*(Date) \_\_\_\_\_*

*(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_*

*c. Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the Bishop's departure from The Episcopal Church.*

*d. This provision shall not be used for Bishops who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this Church or for those who seek transfer to another member church or Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.12.8 shall be followed.*

# C017 - Amend Canon III.7 to Provide for the Transfer of Deacons to Churches in Communion

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Virginia

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the General Convention amend Canon III.7 to add a new section 7 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections:

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

### Sec. 7. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church

a. A Deacon desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (as identified in Canon I.20) or a Church in Communion with this Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2.a.3) shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of current canonical residence, which testimonial shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of \_\_\_\_\_, is a Deacon of the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ of The Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

b. If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Deacon transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Deacon to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Deacon in good standing.

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

c. Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the sending Diocese shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the Deacon's departure from The Episcopal Church.

d. This provision shall not be used for Deacons who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this Church or for those who seek transfer to another Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.7.9 shall be followed.

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

### Canon III.7

#### *Sec. 7. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church*

*a. A Deacon desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (as identified in Canon I.20) or a Church in Communion with this Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2.a.3) shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of current canonical residence, which testimonial shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction:*

*I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of \_\_\_\_\_, is a Deacon of the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ of The Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.*

*(Date) \_\_\_\_\_*

*(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_*

*b. If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Deacon transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Deacon to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:*

*I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Deacon in good standing.*

*(Date) \_\_\_\_\_*

*(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_*

*c. Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the sending Diocese shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the Deacon's departure from The Episcopal Church.*

*d. This provision shall not be used for Deacons who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this Church or for those who seek transfer to another Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.7.9 shall be followed.*

# C023 - Commemorating The Philadelphia Eleven in the Church Calendar

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Los Angeles

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* Concerning the following "first reading" commemorations received from the church,

(1) That the commemoration of The Ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven (July 29) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 with the following propers:

I: O God of Persistent Grace, who didst call the Philadelphia Eleven to the priesthood and didst grant them courage and boldness to respond, thereby opening the eyes of thy church to the giftedness and equality of all: grant us so to hear, trust, and follow thy Holy Spirit wheresoever she may lead, that the gifts of all thy people may flourish throughout the earth, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

II: O God of Persistent Grace, you called the Philadelphia Eleven to the priesthood and granted them courage and boldness to respond, thereby opening the eyes of your church to the giftedness and equality of all: grant us so to hear, trust, and follow your Holy Spirit wherever she may lead, that the gifts of all your people may flourish throughout the earth, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Preface of Baptism

Exodus 1:15-21

Sirach 1:4-15 (in place of the Psalm)

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 24:1-11

and;

(2) That the commemoration of Élie Naud (September 7) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 with the following propers:

I: Blessed God, whose Son Jesus calmed the waves and knelt to serve his disciples: We give thee honor for the witness of the Huguenot Élie Naud, remembered as Mystic of the Galleys and Ser vant of Slaves; praying that, with him, we may proclaim Christ in suffering and joy alike, and call others to join us in ministry to those littlest and least, following Jesus who came not to be ministered to but to minister; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



II: Blessed God, whose Son Jesus calmed the waves and knelt to serve his disciples: We honor you for the witness of the Huguenot Élie Naud, remembered as Mystic of the Galleys and Servant of Slaves; and we pray that we, with him, may proclaim Christ in suffering and joy alike, and call others to join us in ministry to those littlest and least, following Jesus who came not to be ministered to but to minister; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever.

Preface of Baptism

Daniel 6:10b-16,19-23

Psalm 30

James 1:2-4,12a

Matthew 15:21-28

and;

(3) That the commemoration of George of Lydda (May 6) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 with the following propers:

I: Almighty God, who didst commission thy holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II: Almighty God, you commissioned your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Preface of Lent (I)

Joshua 1:7-9

Psalm 3

Revelation 12:7-12

John 15:18-21

and be it further

*Resolved*, Concerning the following "first reading" commemorations received from the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music,

(4) That the commemoration of Lili'uokalani of Hawai'i (January 29) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027; and that this General Convention authorize for trial use the propers for this feast as presented in the 2024 Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, page 47; and

(5) That the commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions (November 4) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027; and that this General Convention authorize for trial use the propers for this feast as presented in the 2024 Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, page 45; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to edit the biographies for these commemorations, attending to clarity, historical accuracy and timelessness.

# C025 - Juncture of The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Eastern Michigan

Endorsed by: Western Michigan

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:  [\\_Agreement of Union & Resolutions](#)

 [El Acuerdo de Unión y las Resoluciones](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church ratify the Agreement of Union between the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan, approving the juncture of these two dioceses and creating the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes, pursuant to Canon I.10.1.

## C026 - Religious Liberty

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Atlanta

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the United States Congress and the state legislatures to refrain from passing laws/legislation that conflict with or interfere with the religious liberty of Episcopalians to practice their faith.

# C031 - Migration with Dignity

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Province V

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$54,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:  [Migration with Dignity, Supporting Documents](#)

 [Migración con Dignidad, Documentos de apoyo](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention, as people of faith who believe that all people are created in the image of God, advocate for Migration with Dignity, a statement of specific principles about migration that resonate with the teachings of Jesus and our baptismal promise to “respect the dignity of every human being”; and be it further

*Resolved,* That, acknowledging the increase of dehumanization of ethnic minorities, migrants and refugees in the midst of record migration across international borders, and that such dehumanization leads to grave and serious mistreatment of these persons, the 81st General Convention, consistent with previous resolutions of the General Conventions of The Episcopal Church, declare itself to be in support of Migration with Dignity for all migrants, including refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, and those who cross borders in search of opportunity, including the following human rights within the Migration with Dignity framework:

- A universal right of movement, including freedom to leave and return to one’s country of origin, freedom of movement within one’s country of origin or country of settlement.
- The right to be secure: from sexual violence including rape and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, slavery, forced labor and arbitrary and abusive detention.
- The right of equality, to include: 1) equal treatment with no discrimination under the law based on color, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political affiliation, national origin; and 2) equal opportunity for upward mobility.
- Rights to a basic quality of life, including employment rights, housing rights and food rights.
- The right to access services such as health care, education and legal representation.
- Civil and political rights guaranteeing the right to identity, to use of one’s language, and to freedom of speech and religion;

And be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention affirm Migration with Dignity as a framework to guide ministry with migrants, calling upon all Episcopalians, congregations, and dioceses to make urgent efforts through direct action to support arriving migrants’ immediate needs for shelter, food, clothing, legal assistance, work permits, healthcare, transportation, etc. and to advocate for Migration with Dignity to local, state, national, and international governing

bodies exhorting them to enforce existing laws and policies that uphold these principles on behalf of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, and displaced persons, and by enacting new laws and policies guaranteeing their welcome, protection, and integration into our common human journey; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention call upon the Office of Government Relations and the church's UN Mission to affirm the Migration with Dignity framework as a tool to guide advocacy for incremental change toward a more humane and just immigration system, while continuing their efforts to support the Global Compact for Migration and other international frameworks, as well as previous General Convention resolutions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to establish a Task Force on Migration with Dignity (MWD) to build on and expand migration ministries in The Episcopal Church and to develop a strategic plan for coordinated, global Episcopal ministry consistent with MWD principles for all migrating persons at all stages of migration. The task force will be instructed to:

- Inventory current assets and resources for serving and supporting migrants, church-wide
- Conduct a gap analysis to identify missing elements that could strengthen the church's response
- Recommend a coordinated whole-of-church strategy to strengthen our support for migrants, consistent with this resolution
- Assist with information and resource sharing across the Church;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the Task Force on Migration with Dignity consist of no more than 14 members who have direct experience with migration and/or are actively involved in migration-related ministry in The Episcopal Church, and who represent all Provinces, especially those with dioceses outside of the U.S. A minimum of three Bishops shall serve on the Task Force; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Task Force report to Executive Council annually during the Triennium and to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request a budget allocation of \$10,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention direct Episcopal Migration Ministries, in collaboration with this Task Force, the Episcopal Migration Response Network, and other ministry partners, to develop and launch a churchwide Migration with Dignity formation program to help all Episcopalians live out their baptismal promises to seek and serve Christ in all persons, love neighbor as self, work for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention establish an annual Migration with Dignity Sunday for The Episcopal Church during the season of Epiphany.

# C032 - A Prayer to Remember the Innocents

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: South Dakota

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church express remorse for the role The Episcopal Church played in the irreparable harm suffered by Indigenous children who attended Indigenous boarding and residential schools in the 1800s and 1900s, and acknowledges that the effect of that harm carries on in boarding school survivors and their descendants; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention receive the gift of the following prayer to remember the Indigenous children who were forcibly taken to boarding and residential schools in the 1800s and 1900s:

### A PRAYER TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS

Ohiḡni wičhaŋkiksuyapi kte. "We will always remember them."

Dear Lord, Almighty God, we pray for all Indigenous children who were in residential and boarding schools in Canada and the United States. Some died there; we ask that you give assurance to their descendants that their souls are with you and their ancestors. Some survived there; we ask that you give your healing grace to all who endured hardship while there and are still struggling with those memories. Lastly, we ask you to help us guard our children against harm in this world. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the use of this prayer be encouraged in liturgies throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with Indigenous communities in The Episcopal Church, to determine an appropriate date on the Church Calendar as the annual remembrance of these Indigenous children; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with Indigenous communities in The Episcopal Church, to prepare appropriate biblical lessons, collects, and other liturgical resources commemorating the lives and suffering of these children, and report to the 82nd General Convention with its recommendation for the inclusion of this commemoration in the church calendar and Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

# C035 - End the Practice of Labor Trafficking of Migrant Youth

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Province II

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [🔗 New York Times: Alone and Exploited, Migrant Children Work Brutal Jobs Across the U.S.](#)

[🔗 New York Times: Solos y explotados, niños migrantes desempeñan trabajos crueles en EE. UU.](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon all members of the Church to become informed about the injustices of labor trafficking, particularly how it affects migrant youth; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church encourage its dioceses and congregations to engage in educational campaigns that raise awareness about labor trafficking, its signs, and prevention methods; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church advocate for comprehensive and enforceable policies at local, state, and national levels aimed at eradicating labor trafficking and protecting migrant youth; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Office of Government Relations communicate this resolution to the appropriate legislative bodies, urging them to take decisive action against the exploitation of migrant youth.

# D006 - Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Mok, Dr. Carolyn

**Endorsed by:** Evans, The Rev. Boyd, Neznek, Mary, Powell, The Rev. RJ

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn the practical and political effects of that collection of theologies popularly known as 'Christian Zionism,' which, distinct from historic Jewish Zionism, in its many manifestations, promotes an eschatology in which the Second Coming of Christ is contingent upon the existence of the modern State of Israel, wrongly conflates that State with biblical Israel, and denies both the legitimacy of Palestinian existence and right to statehood in the Holy Land; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church, having embraced Resolution 2022-A216 acknowledging the threat to the Christian presence in the Holy Land from "Israeli radical groups who are actively seeking to undermine the Christian communities of the Holy Land," and who "seek to change fundamentally the historic multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-religious character of the region," recognize the significant contribution of Christian Zionism to that threat; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church affirm its long-standing commitment to stand in solidarity with our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land, sharing their deep distress regarding the dramatic diminishment of that community.



# D007 - Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Sweeny-Bender, Mr. Tieran

**Endorsed by:** Lawton, Ms. Sarah, Fitzgibbons, The Rev. Sabeth, Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Ruth

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**  [Statement by Presiding Bishop Curry](#)

 [Existing Resolutions of The Episcopal Church](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn and lament the Hamas-led attack and atrocities against Israel on October 7, 2023, and also the scale and scope of the Israeli government's ensuing military retaliation in Gaza, resulting in injury and death to many thousands of noncombatants, and to vast destruction of civil society and infrastructure there; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention call for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza, for the release of all Hamas-held hostages, and of Israeli-held unjustly detained Palestinian prisoners, and for the urgent provision of comprehensive, substantial humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza, in particular such vulnerable populations as children, the elderly, and those in need of medical care; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn the increasing seizure of land and the escalating military and Settler violence against Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation in the West Bank; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention reaffirm its call for the building of a lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis, with mutually negotiated solutions ending an inherently unjust and unstable military occupation, upholding the principle that no peoples' right to self-determination should be exercised at the expense of another's (GC 1988-D053, 2018-D018, 2022-C039), and assuring equal rights, freedom, security, and self-determination for all; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations to promote policies to further these goals, and encourage all Episcopalians to join with other Christians, Jews, Muslims, and people of all faiths in calling for a ceasefire and a sustainable peace.

# D009 - Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Endorsed by: Murray, Mr. Alan, Lindeen, Ellen

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention, recognizing the moral and legal obligations of the United States to the people of Gaza, given the role of the United States in providing military aid and diplomatic support for the war directly affecting the lives, property, and livelihood of the mostly non-combatant population of Gaza, as part of the Israeli government's retaliation for the Hamas-led terrorist attack and atrocities of October 7, 2023, calls upon the United States government, through the Office of Government Relations, to provide, as part of a process for creating a negotiated and sustainable peace, significant and necessary aid for the long-term rebuilding of Gaza; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this aid address such concerns as: provision for food and clean water as well as extended medical and psychological support for the population, especially children; the restoration and rebuilding of homes, hospitals, schools, universities, libraries, factories, and farms; basic infrastructure such as roads, seaports and airports, along with water, sewage, and electricity systems; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Office of Government Relations call upon the United States government to join with the United Nations, Israel, the European Union, Israel's other allies, and Israel's Arab neighbors, all of whom should be prepared to join in historic levels of aid and investment to fund the restoration and rebuilding of Gaza.

# D011 - The Prohibition of Assault Weapons

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** McDaniel, Mr. Joe

**Endorsed by:** Kemp, The Rev. Rowena, King, Sharalyne

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm Resloution 2015-C005; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention acknowledge that since the passage of 2015-C005, as a nation, we have experienced some of the worst mass killings in the world – such as the 2016 Pulse Night Club Shooting, the 2017 Las Vegas Strip Shooting, and the 2022 Uvalde School Shooting; and it be further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention strongly urge the United States Congress to ban, except for military and law enforcement agencies, the possession of all military-style assault weapons, bump stocks, and high-capacity magazines; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct, consistent with established policies and procedures, Executive Council to refer this resolution to the Office of Government Relations.

# D012 - Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Endorsed by: Lindeen, Ellen, Murray, Mr. Alan

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:  [2022-D024-Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance on Human Rights](#)

 [2022-D024-Condicionar la ayuda militar de EE. UU. a los Derechos Humanos](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the longstanding commitment of The Episcopal Church, as most recently undertaken in General Convention resolution 2022-D024 (Oppose U.S. Military Assistance to Countries that Violate Human Rights), to supporting human rights in our own countries and around the world, and to ensuring that U.S. military assistance and arms sales not be used to perpetuate conflict, violate human rights, or contribute to corruption, instability, or violence in any country in the world; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church support enforcement of policies that ensure U.S. government military assistance to the State of Israel be conditioned on adherence to international humanitarian law and U.S. statutes such as the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as Amended, which provides that U.S. military arms and technologies not be used to violate human rights or commit war crimes anywhere in the world, including in Israel and the Palestinian territories; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church support policies to ensure U.S. government assistance to the State of Israel and to Palestinian authorities be conditioned on concrete commitments to: the cessation of attacks on civilian targets and a permanent ceasefire; effective humanitarian assistance for affected civilian populations, including provision of safe and fully resupplied hospital facilities; release of all hostages held without legal authority and prisoners held without charge or conviction in violation of international law; and measurable steps toward a negotiated peace agreement to end the occupation and violence on all sides, rebuilding devastated war-torn areas, and ensuring long-term security, civil rights, and self-determination for both Israelis and Palestinians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to join with other Christians, Jews, Muslims, and people of all faiths to support the above policy goals; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to promote the above policy goals.

# D013 - Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Tomoso, The Rev. John

**Endorsed by:** Costa, The Ven. Steven, Carpenter, Ms. Mary

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm our hope for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, and affirm our hope for the creation of a Palestinian State, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel by Hamas was an indefensible act of terrorism; that Israel's counterinsurgency in Gaza has exhibited a reckless disregard for the civilian population; that Hamas has shown reckless disregard for that civilian population by sheltering its armed combatants underneath and within places where civilians live or shelter; that the current government of Israel continues to commit acts and pass laws that result in fragmentation, segregation, and dispossession against the Palestinian people and the Occupied Territories; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention acknowledges that the language it uses to name and describe this horrific conflict divides the Church and many of God's people even where we have strived otherwise, for all of which we pray for forgiveness and guidance to find language that unites us in the effort to bring peace and justice to Palestine; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention affirm the resolution of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church (MB013) in lamenting the violence and loss of life in Gaza, demanding the speedy provision of food and medical aid, and calling for an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages and other captives; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations to continue its work on human rights, justice, and other issues affecting the region while redoubling our church's advocacy of the two-state solution, especially by lobbying for linkage between military aid for Israel and the degree of its participation in the peace process as well as lobbying for sanctions against nations that support Hamas, Hezbollah, and other extremist anti-Israel groups; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Office of Government Relations also promote The Episcopal Church's view that rebuilding Gaza, continuing to build up the economy of the West Bank, and promoting security for both Palestinians and Israelis are the responsibility of the United Nations, Israel, the U.S., Israel's other allies, and Israel's Arab neighbors, all of whom should be prepared to join in historic levels of aid and investment; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention invite all Episcopalians to play a role in working for a durable, just peace through philanthropy, study, advocacy, investment in Palestinian enterprises, divestment from all firms doing business in or with West Bank settlements (2018-B016, Develop Investment Criteria for Israel and Palestine Based on a Human

Rights Screen), and deepening personal relationships with those living in the region, through pilgrimages and by other means, standing in solidarity with the Diocese of Jerusalem.

# D014 - Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** McDaniel, Mr. Joe

**Endorsed by:** Mathis, Canon Jill, Bell, Ms. Alma

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby urge Congress and all officials at the national, state, and local levels to work to have gun violence recognized and defined as a public health epidemic and national health crisis; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention urge Congress and all officials at the national, state and local levels to work together, to enact legislation and promote policies that protect the rights of all Americans to live in safe environments free from gun violence, and to allocate sufficient funding for education, awareness and research; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention urge the reform of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to ensure equal access to benefits without discrimination to families in communities with higher-than-average rates of homicide, and designate funding to provide community-based mental health services and supports to families who have lost loved ones to gun violence, homicide and suicide; and be it further

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

# D017 - Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Curlin, Ms. Laura

Endorsed by: Miller, Mr. Kevin, Coulston, Mr Rob

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the principles of 2022-D020 (Addressing Implications of the Digital Age) and further acknowledge that generative artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing how we relate to information and each other, and raises important ethical considerations regarding its impact on our understanding of truth, trust in institutions, authenticity, and human dignity, and that as a society and as a church we have not fully grappled with the important practical and ethical implications of advances in generative AI; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church, with the help of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network, monitor advances in AI and speak on behalf of the most vulnerable according to the values of The Episcopal Church by supporting policies at the local, state, and national levels of governance, and efforts towards international frameworks to:

- Regulate the use of data to train algorithms, in order to recognize the rights of human creators, increase transparency about the data and methodologies used, diversify sources used for training data, and protect individuals' privacy rights;
- Restrict or regulate, requiring additional transparency, the use of generative AI to influence or interfere with elections and public information campaigns;
- Urge all political entities, and government officials, in the absence of legislation, to voluntarily commit to refrain from any deceptive use of AI in political campaigns;
- Restrict the use of AI to infringe on civil rights or applications of AI that perpetuate historic and ongoing discrimination and racism;
- Restrict or ban the use of deepfakes (images, videos, or audio altered to replace one person's likeness with another's) for purposes of fraud, defamation, and sexual exploitation;
- Support workers that have been negatively impacted by the use of generative AI in their industries, through support for policies such as retraining programs and regulations on monitoring in the workplace; and
- Regulate the use of generative AI by militaries, police, and in any other contexts related to the use of force.

And be it further



*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church call upon companies, organizations, and individuals working with and developing generative AI to include guardrails and safety measures in their products, set transparent ethical guidelines and policies for their work, and carry out independent and ongoing ethical reviews of their products and their impacts on people, workplaces, our democratic systems, and society as a whole; and that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church be tasked with engaging relevant companies in the Church's investment portfolio on these ethical questions.

# D019 - Justice and Peace in Ukraine

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Brown, Deputy Nathan

**Endorsed by:** Graves, The Rev. Charles, Miller, Mr. Kevin

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn the war crimes committed in Ukraine as a result of the Russian Federation's invasion, contrary to international law; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn Russia's deliberate targeting of civilian targets, documented by the Center for Civil Liberties and the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) in Ukraine, both of which have been monitoring war crimes and human rights atrocities since 2014; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention urge all religious organizations in Russia, especially the Russian Orthodox Church Moscow Patriarchate, to condemn these war crimes as inconsistent with our shared faith, and to call for peace and accountability; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention lament the loss of civilian lives and of state, religious, and private property in Ukraine, suffered by people of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and other faiths since 2014, and especially since February 2022; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention call for the Russian Federation to end its attacks in Ukraine, and for a just peace to be negotiated respecting all of Ukraine's pre-2014 territory as recognized by international law; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention urge all parties to respect and fully cooperate with any relevant investigations by the International Criminal Court and the UN International Court of Justice to ensure that all those who command and commit war crimes are held to account for their actions; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention affirm Resolution 2022-B008 — "Call for the Cessation of Conflict in Ukraine" — and the Executive Council's memorial MB014 — "Resolution on War in Ukraine" — as well as the World Council of Churches' April 18, 2024 statement against the World Russian People's Council's March 27 decree, "The Present and Future of the Russian World," which declared Russia's presence in Ukraine a "holy war"; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention affirm the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in his ongoing calls for support to Ukraine and his statement that the invasion of Ukraine is an "unjust, unjustifiable attack on a neighbor"; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention, aware that Russia has killed and injured thousands of civilians and has forced the displacement of multiple millions of people, support increased humanitarian aid from the US Congress and other government agencies for Ukraine; and support the work of the Office of Government Relations in their ongoing

conversations with national leaders in support of such aid, as well as in their annual interfaith prayer vigils for the people of Ukraine.

# D021 - Support for Child Labor Protections

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Lawton, Ms. Sarah

**Endorsed by:** Russell, Ms. Laura, Metoyer, The Rev. Eric M. M.

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church remember with the gratitude the work of faithful Christian and Episcopalian Frances Perkins, who is called the architect of the New Deal and the conscience of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and as the first woman cabinet member and Secretary of Labor oversaw the enactment of the of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 which for the first time banned oppressive child labor in United States federal law, and who is remembered each year in Lesser Feasts and Fasts on May 13th; and be it further,

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church oppose current attempts to weaken child labor laws at the state and federal levels, such as: repealing age verification and parental permission requirements; granting employers immunity from civil liability for workplace injuries, illness, or death; lowering minimum ages for working in hazardous industries, including meatpacking and industrial laundries; creating sub-minimum wages for teenagers; and extending the number of hours children are permitted to work; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church recognize that the primary targets of these attempts to weaken child labor laws are our most vulnerable children, including very low-income and migrant children, who are often living apart from their parents; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network support domestic and foreign policies to strengthen and enforce child labor laws in the United States of America and globally and throughout the labor supply chain, including supporting policies to:

- eliminate separate treatment of agricultural workers under federal employment law;
- fully fund enforcement of child labor standards at federal, state, and local levels, and enhance company penalties for violating these rules;
- eliminate sub-minimum wages for youth;
- eliminate or prohibit two-tiered systems, often labeled as training programs, which fail to protect children from hazardous work, especially in the agricultural sector;
- strengthen wage theft laws and provide resources to enforce them, especially for children;
- provide adequate protection and oversight for unaccompanied minor and refugee children after they are released to their sponsors;
- improve government oversight and transparency regarding the use of child labor in the global supply chain, and the use of diplomatic pressure on foreign governments and regulation of global corporations and their imported products

to eliminate the use of oppressive child labor in factories and products;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church take this resolution into account in the implementation of its corporate human rights screen and in corporate advocacy via the Church's investment portfolio, with attention to the use of child labor in the global supply chain of companies in which the church is invested.

# D023 - Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Grinnell, The Ven. Jan

**Endorsed by:** Neal, The Rev. Deacon Kristi, Maddux, The Ven. Carole, Campbell-Pearson, The Rev. Connie, Harrigan, The Rev. Canon Kate

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$450,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Title III Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention celebrate and support the ministry of the Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) which for the past 50 years, has served as the primary network to encourage and grow the diaconate, an order of ministry in The Episcopal Church, and provide resources and guidelines for its continuing development; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Convention encourage individuals, congregations, seminaries, dioceses, and jurisdictions to support the work of AED by becoming members, participating in its conferences and activities, and engaging the work of diakonia in their own contexts; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention looks forward to the day when The Episcopal Church engages more fully in resourcing and supporting the order of the diaconate; and be it further

Resolved, That in the meantime, this Convention requests the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Finance to consider a one-time, \$200,000 allocation to the Association for Episcopal Deacons to support the ministry of the over 3,400 deacons in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this funding also be used for the AED to engage with Executive Council in creating a working group to support the development of a long-term plan for the ongoing support of the diaconate in The Episcopal Church, and to present it to the 82nd General Convention.

# D024 - Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Bauer, The Rev. Charles

**Endorsed by:** Pringle, Ms. Pam, McKellaston, Ms. Louisa, Lindeen, Ellen, Marquart, Ms. Beth, Klein, Ms. Karen

**Supported by:** Episcopal Camp and Conference Centers, The Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts, Eryn Fleener, Sara Gunter, Teresa Phares, Dr. Kathy Wilder, Kate Howtob, Ms. Erin E Wolf, Katie Sue Eichner, John Koch, Joanne Kovac-Roberts, Graham McKim, Maggie Rutherford, Anna Dinwiddie, Sean Martelli, Carla J. Odell, The Rev. Spencer Hatcher, Whitney Moore-Shea, The Rev. John Heck, Jerusalem Greer, Gareth Kalfas, The Rev. Sarah van Gulden, Tanja Wadsworth, Grechen Throop, Mary Jewell, Canon Ashley Hubbard, Laura Elliot, The Rev. Canon Carol W. Sedlacek, Andy Sigmon, The Very Rev. Kristina Maulden, Rebekah Mason, Anne Alexis Harra, The Rev. Richard Louis Nelson, Jeremy Adams, Talley Sale Banazek, Karen Klein, Daniel Chapman, Margaret Love, Megan Kittridge, Terry Smith

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention recommends for The Episcopal Church and Episcopal entities to utilize Episcopal Conference Centers when gathering for events, whenever possible.

# D025 - Amend Canon IV.6 regarding Intake Officers

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Brown, Deputy Nathan

**Endorsed by:** Gonzalez Hernandez, The Rev. Yoimel,Szarke , The Rev. Christopher,Warren, Ms. Evangeline,Miller, Mr. Kevin

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention amends Canon IV.6 as follows:

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

IV.6

**Sec. 4.** Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as they deem necessary to make a determination outlined in Canons IV.6.5 and IV.6.7, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. The Intake Officer shall provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

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

IV.6

**Sec. 4.** Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as ~~he or she deems~~ *they deem* necessary *to make a determination outlined in Canons IV.6.5 and IV.6.7*, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. The Intake Officer shall provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitutions, and Canons to study the possibility of creating Church-Wide, Provincial, or Regional intake officers and issue a detailed report of its findings and recommendations to the 82nd General Convention, along with any resolutions it may deem appropriate.



# D027 - Addressing Traffic Fatalities

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Curlin, Ms. Laura

**Endorsed by:** Coulston, Mr Rob,Rivera, David,Rousseau, Ms. Elizabeth

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention acknowledge and mourn the prevalence of fatalities due to traffic accidents including pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and passengers; recognize this as a justice issue due to the disparate impact that our road and transportation systems have on vulnerable populations, including impacts by race, disability status, age, and economic means; and seek for ways ensure that all people, especially children, can travel safely and be safe in their communities; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church, with the help of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network, support policies at the local, state, national, and international levels of governance to reduce traffic fatalities and increase transportation safety by:

- Prioritizing pedestrian, driver, and passenger safety in street design through use of traffic calming measures and investment in walkable communities;
- Incentivizing vehicle designs that promote pedestrian safety as well as passenger safety;
- Implementing policies to eliminate, minimize, or mitigate distracted or impaired driving;
- Creating safe ways to share the road with cyclists, pedestrians, and riders of other small vehicles such as scooters, including protected bike lanes and high-visibility sidewalks;
- Investing in expansive and flexible public transit networks, including high speed rail and bus rapid transit;

And be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church call upon car manufacturing and insurance companies to prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety in vehicle design; and that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church be tasked with engaging relevant companies in the Church's investment portfolio on approaches to reduce traffic fatalities and promote pedestrian and cyclist safety; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to assess both the transportation needs of their members and traffic safety needs of their parking lots and surrounding neighborhood, collaborate with local organizations on traffic safety issues, and advocate at the local level for improvements to reduce traffic fatalities.

# D028 - Close Guantánamo Bay Prison

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Sweeny-Bender, Mr. Tieran

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah, Russell, Ms. Laura

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [🔗 Action alert, January 2024, with resources and links for further study](#)

[🔗 Webinar, 2022 with Presiding Bishop Curry, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, and several experts in the field](#)

[🔗 "Guantánamo by the Numbers – Fact Sheet," Center for Constitutional Rights, November 14, 2015; updated April 2023](#)

[🔗 Executive Council Resolution EXC032007.31, March 2007.](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew our call from March 2007 (in Executive Council Resolution EXC032007.31) to close and commit to never reopening the U.S. military detention facility at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, or any similar site, twenty-two years after the first of 780 Muslim men and boys were sent there as detainees, recognizing that indefinite military detention without access to a fair trial is deeply unjust, that the military base in Cuba was used for this purpose to avoid legal and constitutional constraints, and that the torture carried out on many of those who are still detained is a moral stain on the United States; we further recognize that there has been no justice for the victims or families of 9/11 due to this torture and the military commission process; we call upon the U.S. government to use all of their diplomatic leverage to transfer immediately those men who have already been cleared for transfer, and for justice to be served for those men who have been charged in a way that offers closure for the 9/11 victims' families, and a swift, responsible, and lawful resolution of the cases of the remaining aging and increasingly ill men; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Convention commend the work of The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations for continuing to shine a light on this issue even as prisoners continue to languish without trial, via their action alerts, public advocacy, and a recent webinar hosted by the Office of Government Relations with Presiding Bishop Curry and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

# D029 - Commit to the 30x30 Initiative for Biodiversity

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** White, The Rev. Deborah

**Endorsed by:** Metoyer, The Rev. Eric M. M., Lawton, Ms. Sarah

**Supported by:** Creation Care Caucus

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:** [🔗 The Episcopal Church Creation Care Website](#)

[🔗 United Nations Biodiversity Conference](#)

[🔗 Preparations for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework](#)

[🔗 MBMW02 Biodiversity Resolution](#)

[🔗 2022 A087 Commit to Carbon Neutrality by 2030](#)

[🔗 Urge Dioceses to Educate on Environmental Decisions Affecting Animal Species](#)

[🔗 Urge Stewardship of Water Resources](#)

[🔗 Support Ecologically Responsible Stewardship of Church Property](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That this General Convention commend United Nations efforts and those of 190 countries who have made commitments to protect biodiversity and species preservation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That General Convention endorse the commitment by the U.S. government to conserve at least 30% each of U.S. lands and waters by the year 2030, as consistent with The Episcopal Church's commitment to care for creation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate the implementation of these biodiversity and species preservation efforts in the United States and with multilateral and international partners; and be it further

*Resolved,* That in order to support the above commitments and to improve the health and resilience of ecosystems in their communities ("biodiversity"), General Convention urge dioceses, congregations, church camps, schools, and other institutions of The Episcopal Church to collaborate with their local communities, including congregations in other denominations, faith-based advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, and local and state governments to establish and implement effective land management practices to enhance and protect biodiversity for their communities and for church lands within these communities; and be it further

*Resolved,* That, Convention urge Episcopal Church leaders, as part of their fiduciary duties to care for church property and to protect biodiversity and the health and safety of people using such property, to make decisions about the operation, maintenance, lease, encumbrance, acquisition, or divestiture of church property, after careful consideration of the environmental issues that foreseeably arise in connection with such property, so that they strive to:

Manage church land and buildings to prioritize

1. the use of native plant species in order to help pollinator species thrive,
2. where reasonably feasible, onsite collection of stormwater for use onsite in dry weather and to reduce peak stormwater flows offsite during wet weather,
3. reduction in the use of irrigation, fertilizer, pesticides, and fossil fuel-fired equipment,
4. restoration of degraded areas, including appropriate reforestation efforts, and
5. the increase and improvement of wildlife habitat where reasonably feasible and consistent with applicable local law;

Consider the placement of conservation easements on church lands where lawful, appropriate, and effective in protecting important local ecosystems;

Address the potential presence in buildings of asbestos-containing material (ACM), lead-based paint (LBP), lead in drinking water, radon, toxic vapor intrusion, and mold, particularly as such conditions may affect children and other vulnerable populations;

Assess the potential for contamination with hazardous substances and petroleum arising either from current or past use of the property, diligence outlined by federal standards for commercial real estate diligence about such issues found in 40 C.F.R. Part 312;

Take timely and appropriate action to remedy identified hazards in such property and buildings;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That those who implement these practices and policies for protection and promotion of biodiversity and reduction of environmental hazards are asked to report such efforts by submitting them to the Creation Care website thereby providing usable information and templates for Congregations, Dioceses, Provinces, and the Creation Care ministry of the Episcopal Church.

# D031 - Addressing the Ongoing Harm of Coercive and Abusive Christian Ministries

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Warren, Ms. Evangeline

**Endorsed by:** Curlin, Ms. Laura, Coulston, Mr Rob

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved, ;* That the 81st General Convention, recognizing that our baptismal promise to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” goes hand in hand with our charge to “respect the dignity of every human being,” lament the historic and ongoing prevalence of coercion and abuse within Christian social ministries, with particular acknowledgement of how participation in religious services has been a prerequisite for the receipt of social support, how evangelizing publications have been packaged with material support, and how support has been denied to individuals whose relationships do not conform to Church-dictated structures; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention repent for The Episcopal Church’s own past complicity in coercive and abusive ministries such as, but not limited to, Indigenous boarding schools, homes for unwed mothers, and crisis pregnancy centers (also known as pregnancy resource centers); and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to work to defeat funding initiatives and governmental support for these, and other, coercive and abusive Christian ministries.

# D039 - Condemning Censorship

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Smith, Ms. Dianne Audrick

**Endorsed by:** Conley, Canon Judith, Pierce, Mr. James

**Supported by:** The Union of Black Episcopalians

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn harmful and oppressive book bans which undermine the Beloved Community; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for access to material affirming of LGBTQIA+, racial minority, and other marginalized experiences in schools and libraries; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention encourage dioceses and local parishes to work more broadly to support the reading of and access to these affirming materials through initiatives such as:

- storing affirming books and materials in church libraries
- archiving affirming material about LGBTQ+ and POC Christian experiences
- facilitating connection and affirmation of oppressed individuals;

and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention request grant making bodies affiliated with The Episcopal Church to consider directing funds to support these aims.

# D040 - Amend Canon IV.13.13 to Provide for Notice of Dismissal

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Carter-Edmands, The Rev. Lynn

**Endorsed by:** Bays, The Rev. Terri, Stokes-Wayne, Ms. Deborah, Patrick, Mr. Harold

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.13.13 (Of Hearing Panels/Order of Dismissal) to read as follows:

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

**Sec. 13.** If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Hearing Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor, and the Church Attorney, and a record copy of the Order shall be kept by transmitting a copy to The Archives of The Episcopal Church. A copy of the Order shall also be made available to the Church and the Church media in the same manner with which documents were initially made available to the Church and the Church media as set forth in Canon IV.13.3.

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<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:

**Sec. 13.** If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Hearing Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor, and the Church Attorney, and a record copy of the Order shall be kept by transmitting a copy to The Archives of The Episcopal Church. *A copy of the Order shall also be made available to the Church and the Church media in the same manner with which documents were initially made available to the Church and the Church media as set forth in Canon IV.13.3.*

# D041 - Support the Adoption of an Ecumenical Feast Day of Creation in our Liturgical Calendar

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Ruth

**Endorsed by:** Hassett, The Rev. Miranda, Mok, Dr. Carolyn, Sweeny-Bender, Mr. Tieran

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$30,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**  [The Feast of Creation and the Mystery of Creation - Report.2024](#)

 [Assisi seminar report - Feast of Creation](#)

 [Assisi seminar report - Feast of Creation \(Spanish\)](#)

 [Assisi seminar report - Feast of Creation \(Spanish\)](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention support global ecumenical efforts to declare a worldwide Feast Day of Creation in 2025, and direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, any interim body charged with matters relating to the care of creation, and the Presiding Bishop's staff to participate in liturgical and theological conversations with the Anglican Consultative Council and its various bodies and Member Churches, together with other worldwide communions and the Consultation on Common Texts, to gain consensus on issues such as the name of the Feast Day, liturgical resources, and lectionary readings; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music implement the process to add the Feast to the Book of Common Prayer, once the global ecumenical process achieves consensus on the details; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention encourage promotion of the first Sunday in September, 2024, as a special day of prayer for Creation, and encourage congregations and other worshiping communities to use resources from the Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation found in the Book of Occasional Services 2022 to celebrate this special day of prayer; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention encourage celebration of the Season of Creation (September 1-October 4) in The Episcopal Church with liturgical and educational resources; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to consider an allocation of \$10,000 for implementation of this resolution.



# D049 - Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese [First Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Sherrod, Ms. Katie

Endorsed by: Tavolaro, The Rev. Dante, Troutman-Miller, The Rev. Jana

Supported by: Samuel G. Candler, Stephen Hutchinson, Anna Carmichael, Carolyn Woodall, Jan Dunlap, Cindy Smith, Mary Emeny, Mike Ehmer, Ricardo Lopez, Paige McKay, Miriam Scott, Carla Holeva, Kathy Balch, Dann Wigner

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Article II of the Constitution is amended as follows:

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

Article II: Of Bishops

**Sec. 4.** It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than three Bishops Suffragan, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A Bishop Suffragan shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. A Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop Suffragan in another Diocese.

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

Article II: Of Bishops

**Sec. 4.** It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than ~~two~~ *three* Bishops Suffragan, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A Bishop Suffragan shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. A Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop Suffragan in another Diocese.

# D051 - The Reunion of the Diocese of Wisconsin

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Troutman-Miller, The Rev. Jana

**Endorsed by:** Albright, The Rev. Meredyth, Charles, The Rev. Canon Kathleen

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Governance & Structure

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**  [cover letter Joint Agreement of Union](#)

 [Wisconsin final joint agreement of union - with signatures May 4](#)

 [Acuerdo final conjunto de Wisconsin - Español con página de firmas](#)

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention approve the reunion of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee, into the Diocese of Wisconsin pursuant to Canon I.10.6.

## D052 - Amend Canon IV.10.3

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Ambos, Canon Paul

**Endorsed by:** Carter-Edmands, The Rev. Lynn, Little, Mr. Thomas

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.10.3 to read as follows:

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

**Sec. 3.** If the conciliation is successful in reaching agreement among the parties on a suitable resolution of all issues, an Accord will be prepared as provided in Canon IV.14. If conciliation cannot be achieved within a reasonable time, the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings pursuant to Canon IV.9; (c) investigate the matter pursuant to Canon IV.11; or (d) refer the matter directly to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

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

**Sec. 3.** If the conciliation is successful in reaching agreement among the parties on a suitable resolution of all issues, an Accord will be prepared as provided in Canon IV.14. If conciliation cannot be achieved within a reasonable time, the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel. *The Reference Panel shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings pursuant to Canon IV.9; (c) investigate the matter pursuant to Canon IV.11; or (d) refer the matter directly to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.*

# D053 - Amend Title IV to require timely appointments to church-wide disciplinary boards

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Van Brunt, Mr. Paul

**Endorsed by:** Brown, Deputy Nathan, Lawton, Ms. Sarah

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Canon IV.5.4.j is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

Vacancies on the Court of Review must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies for lay and Clergy members and by the Presiding Bishop for Bishop members within sixty days of the President of the Court of Review's declaration of a vacancy on the Court.

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

Vacancies on the Court of Review must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies for lay and Clergy members and by the Presiding Bishop for Bishop members *within sixty days of the President of the Court of Review's declaration of a vacancy on the Court.*

And be it further

*Resolved*, That Canon IV.17.3.e is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

A vacancy among the member Bishops must be filled by the Presiding Bishop with the advice of the Bishop members of the Executive Council. A vacancy among the other members must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice of the lay, Priest, and Deacon members of the Executive Council. All vacancies must be filled within sixty days of the vacancy arising.

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

A vacancy among the member Bishops must be filled by the Presiding Bishop with the advice ~~and consent~~ of the Bishop members of the Executive Council. A vacancy among the other members must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice ~~and consent~~ of the lay, Priest, and Deacon members of the Executive Council. *All vacancies must be filled within sixty days of the vacancy arising.*

And be it further

*Resolved, That Canon IV. 17.8.b is hereby amended to read as follows:*

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

The Presiding Bishop must fill any vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops within sixty days of the vacancy arising.

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

The Presiding Bishop must fill any vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops *within sixty days of the vacancy arising.*

# D054 - A Resolution to Address The Issue of Black Maternal Mortality Rate

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Johnson Russell, The Rev. Tracy

**Endorsed by:** McDaniel, Mr. Joe, Buchanan, Canon Annette

**Supported by:** The Deputies of Color

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby strongly urges Congress to adopt the following package of reforms that would greatly reduce the maternal mortality rate of Black Women by: enhancing curriculum and diversifying the workforce to address implicit bias and to improve cultural humility; exploring the impact of environmental and occupational exposures on maternal morbidity and mortality; addressing social determinants of health by exploring the impact of structural racism on maternal health outcomes; and improving social policies and programs; and be it further

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

# D055 - 50th Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Wong, Mr. Warren

Endorsed by: Pollard, Ms. Diane, Sherrod, Ms. Katie

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$18,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirms Resolution [1976-B005](#) that amended Canon III.9.1 (now Canon III.1.3) to apply provisions regarding the three ordained Orders equally to men and women, and Resolution [1976-B300](#) that regularized the ordinations of those women ordained to the priesthood prior to this action; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 50th anniversaries of women ordained to the priesthood in 1974 and 1975, and women ordained in early 1977 following the actions of the 1976 General Convention occurred within a three-year span that roughly parallels the span of the 2024 to 2027 triennium; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this General Convention encourages and supports churchwide events and programs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood and the 50th anniversary of the first time a woman priest presided at the Eucharist. In doing so the Church celebrates both the historical and contemporary significance of increased gender diversity in the three ordained Orders, more closely reflecting that of the church overall; and be it further

*Resolved,* That commemorations occur across the 2024-2027 triennium utilizing liturgy, formation, reconciliation, and theological education, as we continue to transform unjust structures in the church and society; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Executive Council Joint Budget Committee make available \$18,000 for support programs, events, and materials and implementation of diocesan and churchwide commemorative efforts, to be administered by the Director of LGBTQI and Women's Ministries.

# D056 - Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Castellan, The Rev. Megan L.

**Endorsed by:** Shoemaker, The Rev. Dr. Adam, Powell, The Rev. RJ

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention decry the terrorist attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the ongoing terrorist activity of Hamas, as well as the disproportionate loss of Palestinian lives that continues in Israel's war against Hamas; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention also lament the ongoing complicity of the United States, of which many of us are citizens, and other nations in the world, in the continuing devastation in Gaza, and accept the call of Christ to be makers of peace in the midst of violence and war; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies set aside a specific day of fasting, prayer, and mourning for the lives lost in Israel and Palestine in this conflict, including urgent prayers that the conflict not end in genocide; and be it further

*Resolved,* That all members of this church be urged to contact their elected representatives in Congress to ask for a comprehensive, equitable, and immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and that materials for such an ask be made available by the Episcopal Public Policy Network; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the members of this church be asked to pray and work for a just and equitable peace until such day when that peace arrives, through the help of the God who created all of us.



# D057 - Advocate for Housing Solutions

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Russell, Ms. Laura

**Endorsed by:** Murray, Mr. Alan, Lawton, Ms. Sarah

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church reaffirm our call for Housing as a Human Right (2018-C041) by advocating for expansive solutions for the rising cost of housing in the United States; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church, with the help of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network, support policies at the local, state and national levels to decrease the unhoused population and increase affordable housing by:

- Transforming voucher programs into federal entitlements, so that every household that qualifies would receive them;
- Provide government funding for fair and affordable housing investments;
- Create pathways for unhoused veterans, those returning from incarceration or those with mental health or substance use problems to obtain affordable housing;
- Support, through funding and legislation, short term and transitional housing;
- Eliminate housing discrimination on the basis of source of income;
- Create a right to shelter, guaranteeing the unhoused the right to a shelter bed, if needed;

And be it further

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church encourage Dioceses and congregations to review their unused land and property as a potential pathway to more affordable housing units; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to assess the housing needs in their communities, collaborate with local organizations on the issues of homelessness and housing insecurity and advocate for affordable housing.

# D060 - Support For a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Wiley, Mr. James

Endorsed by: Russell, Ms. Laura, Day-Strehlow, Ms. Janet

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church lament the current situation in Haiti resulting in an environment of political chaos, insecurity and fear for many Haitians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church, including the Office of Government Relations, work to support a solution to the crisis Haiti that includes:

- Supporting an UN-authorized security mission with all necessary human rights safeguards, while addressing political drivers of insecurity and working to support democratic norms;
- Restarting a transitional government clearly focused on supporting democratic norms and ensuring trusted elections, while respecting Haitian sovereignty;
- Stabilization of mechanisms for basic necessities, such as food, water, fuel, healthcare and the opening of airports;
- Encouraging international humanitarian support to help fund both basic necessities and recovery, including by supporting qualified non-profits and NGOs;
- Assist Haiti in rebuilding its justice system, in a rights-respecting way;
- Advocating to genuinely engage and heed the voices of Haitians, who are suffering from food and healthcare insecurity, gang violence and human rights threats;
- Work towards the elimination of gang violence, and arms and drug trafficking;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church, through the Presiding Bishop's office, work with the clergy of Haiti to bring a Bishop's presence to Haiti; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church stand with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti through prayer and listening, to support them and assist in their needs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Executive Council provide a report to the 82nd General Convention on the actions taken regarding Haiti as described above.

# D062 - Support and Solidarity with Armenia

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Swanson, The Rev. Kirstin

**Endorsed by:** Ostendorf, The Rev. Kristen, Adzima, The Rev. Melissa, Alexandre, The Rev. Hickman, Flexer, the Rev. Katharine, Hill, The Rev. Heather

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church reaffirm its centuries-long ecumenical relationship with the Armenian Church; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church promote educational initiatives concerning the history of the Armenian Church and the historic and present relationship between the Episcopal and Armenian churches, including but not limited to webinars, informational resources, lectures, and dialogue groups; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church stand in solidarity with the people of Armenia and the refugees from Nagorno Karabagh as they face the ongoing threat of military and political violence; and condemns all efforts by Azerbaijan and other regional actors that diminish and threaten to eliminate the ancient, indigenous Armenian identity and presence from the region; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention authorize the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for and promote U.S. government policies and legislation to further this position, humanitarian relief to Armenia, and diplomatic interventions.

# D067 - Support Temporary Protected Status

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Russell, Ms. Laura

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah,McDaniel, Mr. Joe

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

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

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents:

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew our call to Christian Principles to Guide Responses to Human Migration (2018-D009) by advocating for changes to Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for immigrants, as the current program is limited in its protections, by expanding the program to:

- Allow for a pathway to citizenship for those with Temporary Protected Status;
- Creating a transparent designation process for choosing countries designated for TPS which allows for all countries similarly situated to be designated;
- Allow for an expansive use of Temporary Protected Status;
- Allow for those with Temporary Protected Status the ability adjust their status without leaving the United States;

And be it further

*Resolved,* That the Episcopal Church also continue to advocate for the use of TPS, recognizing it is currently a policy tool that is available to the executive branch to support vulnerable migrants; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Convention work with The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations to continue to advocate for immigration policies that expand Temporary Protected Status, and protect those who qualify for Temporary Protected Status.

# D068 - Addressing the Increase in Gambling

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Russell, Ms. Laura

**Endorsed by:** Lawton, Ms. Sarah, McDaniel, Mr. Joe

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the increase and prevalence of gambling disorders in our society brought about by the ease of access to gambling, whether in person or online; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church recognize the toll persistent and problematic gambling may have on a person, such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse, poverty, legal consequences and increases in suicidal tendencies, and the elevated risk of gambling disorders in certain communities, such as communities of color, low-income communities and veterans; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church support efforts to educate and increase awareness regarding problem gambling; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to use opportunities such as Mental Health Sunday to heighten awareness of research and resources for problem gambling and gambling disorder.

## D070 - Prayers for Haiti

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Fortunato, The Rev. Susan

**Endorsed by:** Cañas, Ms. Wendy, Swanson, The Rev. Kirstin

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* ;That the 81st General Convention encourage all Episcopal congregations and other worshipping communities to include the people of Haiti in their intercessory prayers regularly.

# D071 - Governance support for the Diocese of Haiti and leadership for Dioceses in Crisis

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Fortunato, The Rev. Susan

**Endorsed by:** Cañas, Ms. Wendy, Swanson, The Rev. Kirstin

**Supported by:** The Rev. Dr. Pierre-Andre Duvert, The Rev. Sam Owen, The Rev. Lisa Mason, The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Governance & Structure

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoB Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to create a committee to study the leadership obstacles faced by the Diocese of Haiti in order to create a canonical process which allows for the appointment of a Bishop Provisional for the Diocese of Haiti and enables the election of a Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of Haiti and report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons create a canonical process to provide Ecclesiastical Authority and oversight for dioceses in crisis; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons consider other dioceses that have experienced governance crises in drafting proposed legislation for the 82nd General Convention.

# D075 - The Immediate Release of Ms. Layan Nasir, 24 from Administrative Detention in Israel

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Evans, The Rev. Boyd

**Endorsed by:** Atkins-Romero, The Rev. Hannah, Culbreath, The Rev. Leeann, Nyback, The Rev. Dr. Rachel

**Supported by:** Palestinian Anglicans and Clergy Allies

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Directs an Interim Body:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** Yes

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Concur

**Supporting Documents:**

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn the April 7, 2024 arrest and imprisonment of Palestinian Anglican Layan Nasir by the Israeli military, taken from her family home in the occupied West Bank city of Birzeit; and be it further

*Resolved,* That 81st General Convention call for Layan's immediate release from Administrative Detention at the notorious Damon Prison in Israel, and that she be returned to her home and family; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to continue its advocacy at the U.S. State Department, U.S. Embassy, Israeli Embassy, White House and among influential members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to demand Layan's release; and be it further

*Resolved,* That 81st General Convention denounce and object to the use of administrative detention wherein thousands of Palestinians—including children—are held for months without charge, trial, or conviction with no, or extremely limited, access to legal counsel or family visitation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for the U.S. government to pressure Israel to end the practice of administrative detention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That members of The Episcopal Church be invited to pray daily for Layan, together with other Palestinians held in administrative detention, to share Layan's story, and to advocate for her and others' immediate release from prison.