



## A003 - Uniform Paid Family Leave Policy

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Develop Churchwide Family Leave Policies

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 16 - Churchwide Leadership

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention recognizes the critical importance of the adoption by The Episcopal Church (the "Church") of a uniform paid family leave policy across the Church, and that this is a justice issue which we are obligated as Christians to address without further delay, and that from the beginning, said policy should provide for parity between lay and clergy employees; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention recognizes the difficulties that currently exist with the implementation of a paid family leave policy, given that there is currently no commercial insurance offering available, and therefore, urges all dioceses of the Church to adopt the proposed policy as soon as practicable, in order to be prepared to implement the policy as soon as a commercial insurance offering becomes available, whether through Church Pension Group or other avenues; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention urges all dioceses of the Church to adopt a uniform paid family leave policy (hereinafter, "UPFLP") at the minimum acceptable level of coverage which should be provided to all employees, and that to the extent that there is a church or other affiliated organization that offers a more comprehensive policy, the policy outlined in this resolution is to be considered the minimum acceptable offering; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the UPFLP will be modeled along the following parameters:

1. The Church plan design for the UPFLP will be set up to offer the options of bronze, silver or platinum plans;
2. The UPFLP will, in its final version, provide a thorough cost analysis, and it is anticipated that the services of an outside consultant will be needed to analyze relevant demographic data in order to provide accurate cost estimates, and further, it is understood that it is currently not possible to share the cost of the UPFLP nationally through an insurance-type program, and therefore, each diocese will need to have the discretion to determine how the cost of the UPFLP will be shared among the churches in that diocese;
3. The UPFLP will also, in its final version, provide a thorough outline of plan administration considerations in order to assist with developing and maintaining a policy, training supervisors, educating employees, and record keeping;
4. The UPFLP will in all instances provide for parity of clergy and lay employees;
5. The UPFLP will in all instances provide for both paid parental/bonding leave, as well as paid caregiver leave; however, levels of plans may vary in terms of which family members will be covered by said caregiver leave;
6. In all instances, the UPFLP will provide for job protection for any employee on leave;
7. The UPFLP will provide for a duration of leave of between 6 and 16 weeks;
8. The UPFLP will offer options to cover between 70% and 100% of covered weekly earnings;

9. The UPFLP will also provide specific guidance for a variety of specific factors such as how coverage will apply to two parents working for the same employer, definition of covered weekly earnings, qualified reasons to take leave, required documentation to request leave, and coordination with applicable state and federal laws.

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention affirms the teaching that the birth or adoption of a child is a cause of celebration for parents, family and the entire community and that an entire community has responsibility for supporting a family in raising a child; and that family members often need to care for one another in sickness, and that this care and ministry serves to give confidence of your loving care; and that individuals suffering from illness may not be able to work for a period of time; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention recognizes that the federal government has a role in ensuring those who are sick are cared for, and that all have sufficient healthcare, enough to eat, adequate housing, and that illness does not economically devastate families. Therefore we call on the federal government to institute a funding mechanism for citizens to take paid family leave in order to care for a newborn child, a foster or adopted child, or immediate family members who require care during illness, as well as providing paid sick leave to the fullest extent possible; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention calls on the Office of Government Relations to advocate to the Congress for the establishment of a paid family leave program, in particular for workers who do not have access to paid leave from their employers.

# A016 - Adopt, Study, and Promote Guiding Principles for World Mission & Initiate Global Mission Advocate Program

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention adopt the following Guiding Principles as a foundation upon which it engages in mission:

- Think and imagine a world where love is the way
- Commit to world mission that is incarnated in personal presence, meeting Christ in all whom we encounter, in our backyard or around the globe
- Go the Way of Love: cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus
- Walk the Way of Love with our companions in mission, in mutual discovery and deepening of God's reconciling love, learning together, praying together, worshipping together, as we transform and bless each other
- Excite, inspire, and engage others to discover the joy of God's mission
- Honor and embrace in mutual discovery the God-given gifts of all individuals, parishes, dioceses, their partners, and their communities
- Nurture relationships to develop avenues for cross-cultural mission, local/global/pilgrimage, for all ages and abilities
- Advocate for structural changes to support global mission issues, including promoting the dignity of all and honoring refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers everywhere
- Honor our sacred differences while we unite as Beloved Community around God's table
- Support missionaries, from discernment, during their service, and upon their return
- As we walk this Way of Love, address together the many issues of poverty, violence, oppression, and environmental degradation
- Remember that to "Go" can also mean "Go" by building relationships, learning, listening, encouraging across space through virtual presence and communication from where you are
- Encourage all dioceses to have a Diocesan Global Mission Advocate

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention commend these Guiding Principles to Episcopal seminaries, diocesan schools of ministry, dioceses and jurisdictions, and congregations for study and implementation and that they be encouraged to study and promote the Guiding Principles; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage each diocese, jurisdiction, Episcopal seminary, and diocesan school of ministry to appoint at least one person to serve as a Global Mission Advocate to promote the study and use of the Guiding Principles and share with the Church promising global mission practices developed as these guiding principles are implemented alongside other models of ministry such as Asset-Based Community Development and the Sustainable Development Goals; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Office of Global Partnerships collaborate during the triennium with the Global Episcopal Mission Network to create a Network of Global Mission Advocates to share their experiences with the implementation, study, and promotion of the Guiding Principles. This Network shall provide guidance to the Standing Commission on World Mission on the practical application of the Guiding Principles and suggest amendments.

# A020 - Support Decade of Action to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 20 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention express continued support for the ways in which the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have become the cornerstone of development policy and action of the Episcopal Church's institutions, agencies, dioceses, and congregations and provided a framework for approaching the Church's call to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable development; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage all parishes, dioceses, and jurisdictions to support the UN's Decade of Action (2020-30) to achieve the SDGs by (1) educating themselves about the SDGs using United Nations, Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church resources; (2) developing their own educational resources to translate the core Christian values and imperatives of the SDGs in ways that can be easily grasped, shared, and put into action; (3) undertaking self-audits to assess how their existing mission work and ministries already address the SDGs; and (4) sharing stories about how they are working toward the SDGs and furthering the work that Jesus calls all of us to do; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention commend and acknowledge Episcopalians who are already working towards the SDGs, including the Episcopal presence at the annual UN High-Level Political Forum on the SDGs and Episcopal Relief & Development which continues to educate the Church about the SDGs and work toward the SDGs through its programs and priorities.

# A021 - Support for the United Nations

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That this 80th General Convention applaud the United Nations on its 75th anniversary and recall the prophetic role Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church played in its inception, including modeling a universal fellowship of peace-loving communities, shaping its founding principles, supporting its formation in 1945 through the actions of General Convention, and inspiring the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through the faithful public service of Eleanor Roosevelt and other Episcopalians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention express gratitude to the United Nations for its leadership over three quarters of a century in promoting multilateralism and fostering dialogue among nations of the world, maintaining international peace and security, protecting human rights, delivering humanitarian aid, promoting sustainable development, and upholding international law; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention affirm the critical importance of the United Nations in addressing contemporary global challenges, including the spread of disease, dislocation of migrants and refugees, rise of climate change, persistence of poverty, discrimination in all its forms and intersectionalities, abuse of human rights, and threats of violence, conflict, and war; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention recommit The Episcopal Church to active engagement with the United Nations in its special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council and the observer organization status in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and through the ministries of the Office of Global Partnerships and Mission Personnel and the Episcopal Church Representative to the UN, and the efforts of individual Episcopalians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention urge all nations, especially the United States, to support the United Nations and its offices, programs and funds, as well as related specialized agencies through their active participation and full payment of their assessed financial contributions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention call on all nations, especially the United States, to participate in the formulation, signature, ratification and implementation of United Nations Declarations, Treaties, Agreements and Conventions to resolve global concerns, especially those which protect the most vulnerable; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all Episcopalians seek ways to fulfill our baptismal covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being" by endeavoring in our local parishes and dioceses to inform, educate, raise awareness, and develop programs to contribute to the work of the United Nations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all Episcopalians observe United Nations Day annually on October 24, and pray for the UN's continued success in building a more peaceful, just, and prosperous world in accord with Jesus' call to us to love our neighbor as ourselves, care for our world, heal the sick, welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, serve the poor and proclaim the Good News; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention give thanks for the continued support and partnership of the Anglican Communion in common ministry at the United Nations and encourage collaboration and mutual support for all Anglicans while uplifting Episcopal voices and concerns through Episcopal representation at the United Nations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention requests the Office of Government relations to communicate this resolution to the Secretary of State of the United States as well as the Secretary general of the United Nations.

# A028 - Join, Participate, and Fund The Global Episcopal Mission Network

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$50,000.00

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 05 - World Mission

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention celebrate and commend the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) and its leadership on 25 years of encouraging global mission within and beyond the Church and equipping and inspiring individuals, congregations, and organizations to engage in this work; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention acknowledge GEMN's collaboration with the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Office of Global Partnerships in Constable Grant funded work to develop and disseminate a toolkit of online mission formation resources and other programs to promote theologically grounded practices of engagement with the world; and be it further

*Resolved,* That individuals, congregations, seminaries, mission organizations, dioceses, and jurisdictions be encouraged to support the work of GEMN by becoming members, participating in its conferences and activities, and funding its work; and be it further

*Resolved,* That \$50,000 be budgeted to support the work of GEMN during the next biennium.



# A031 - Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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

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

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

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

# A032 - Amend Canon III.11.9.b to Correct an Oversight in a 2018 Canonical Amendment

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon III.11.9.b by adding a new Section 2 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.>

Can.III.11

### Sec. 9. Other Bishops

#### b. Bishops Suffragan

1. If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop due to the extent of diocesan work, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Suffragan in accordance with Canon III.11.1 and this Canon III.11.9.b.
2. Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.
3.
  - i. A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.
  - ii. Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.
4. The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.
5. No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector, but may serve as Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation.

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

Can.III.11

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*2. Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.*

~~2-~~ 3. i. A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.

ii. Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.

~~3-~~ 4. The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.

~~4-~~ 5. No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector, but may serve as Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation.

# A040 - Specify Electronic Transmission of Certain Documents and Records

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon I.1.1.e 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.1.1.

e. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the House of Deputies, whenever any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer or of the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church in every Diocese, as well as to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, and written evidence that the foregoing requirement has been complied with shall be presented by the Secretary to the General Convention at its next session. All such notices shall be sent by electronic means, with the Secretary's certificates to be returned. The Secretary shall notify all diocesan Secretaries that it is their duty to make known such proposed alterations of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Constitution, and such other subjects, to the Conventions of their respective Dioceses at their next meeting, and to certify to the Secretary of the House of Deputies that such action has been taken.

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon I.6.5.a to read as follows:

I.6

## Sec. 5

a. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies by electronic means, immediately upon publication, one (1) copy of the Journal of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with episcopal charges, statements, and such other records in electronic format as may show the state of the Church in that jurisdiction, and one (1) copy to the Archives of the Church in electronic format as prescribed by the Archivist of the Church.

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

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presented by the Secretary to the General Convention at its next session. All such notices shall be sent by *electronic means* ~~certified or registered mail~~, with the Secretary's certificates to be returned. The Secretary shall notify all diocesan Secretaries that it is their duty to make known such proposed alterations of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Constitution, and such other subjects, to the Conventions of their respective Dioceses at their next meeting, and to certify to the Secretary of the House of Deputies that such action has been taken.

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon I.6.5.a to read as follows:

I.6

**Sec. 5**

a. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies *by electronic means*, immediately upon publication, ~~two copies of the Journals~~ *one (1) copy of the Journal* of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with episcopal charges, statements, and such other records in ~~paper or~~ electronic format as may show the state of the Church in that jurisdiction, and ~~two copies~~ *one (1) copy* to the Archives of the Church in ~~electronic a common~~ format as prescribed by the Archivist of the Church.

# A042 - Permitting Sending Required Notices and Other Papers by Electronic Means

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon IV.19.20 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. 20.** Notices or other papers to be served according to procedures of this Title shall be deemed to have been duly served if a copy is delivered to the person to be served, is left with an adult resident of the abode of the person to be served, is mailed by certified mail to the person's usual place of abode, or is sent by electronic means with receipt confirmed in writing. Notice by publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction of the person's usual place of abode. Acceptance of service renders unnecessary any further process.

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

**Sec. 20.** Notices or other papers to be served according to procedures of this Title shall be deemed to have been duly served if a copy is delivered to the person to be served, is left with an adult resident of the abode of the person to be served, ~~or~~ is mailed by certified mail to the person's usual place of abode, *or is sent by electronic means with receipt confirmed in writing*. Notice by publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction of the person's usual place of abode. Acceptance of service renders unnecessary any further process.



# A044 - Amend Canon IV.14.4 Provisions for Notices of Accords

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon IV.14.4 by striking it in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

**Sec. 4.** In the case of any Accord that has become effective:

- a. On the date when an Accord becomes effective and irrevocable, a copy of the Accord must be served on 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 Church Attorney, the president of the Disciplinary Board, and the Bishop Diocesan. If the Accord was reached before the Conciliator, the Conciliator must serve the Accord on the persons specified above; if the Accord was reached before the Conference Panel, the president of the Conference Panel must serve the Accord on the persons specified above; and if the Accord was reached between the Bishop Diocesan and the Respondent under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan must serve the Accord on the persons specified above as well as the president of the panel to which the matter is assigned.
- b. For an Accord pertaining to a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Suffragan serving under Article II.5, or Bishop serving under Canon III.13, the Presiding Bishop must also serve a copy of the Accord on the Standing Committee of the Bishop's Diocese. For an Accord pertaining to any other Bishop, the Presiding Bishop must also serve a copy of the Accord on the Bishop Diocesan and the Standing Committee of the Bishop's Diocese.
- c. In his or her discretion and for good cause to protect any Injured Person or allegedly Injured Person, the person required by this Section to serve a copy of the Accord may redact information about the Injured Person, including the Injured Person's identity, but provisions required by Section 1 and Section 9 of this Canon may not be redacted.

# A045 - Amend Canon I.19.2.b to Update a Word

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon I.19.2.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.>

b. Every judgment rendered under this Section shall be in writing and shall be made a matter of permanent record in the records of the Diocese.

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

b. Every judgment rendered under this Section shall be in writing and shall be made a matter of permanent record in the ~~Archives~~ *records* of the Diocese.

# A048 - Amend Canons and Rules of Order to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on the Budget Process

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on the Budget Process

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 04 - Governance & Structure

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Canons I.1.2.m, I.1.2.o, I.1.8, I.1.9, I.1.11, I.1.13, I.2.6, I.2.8, I.4.3, I.4.4, I.4.6, I.5.5, I.9.10; House of Bishops Rule of Order V.D.d and VIII.I; House of Deputies Rule of Order VI.C.3.v.a and IX.A.1.ii.a.1; and Joint Rules of Order II.10, IV.14, and VII.21, 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.>

## CANONS

Canon I.1.2.m

m. Every Commission whose Report requests expenditure out of the budget of The Episcopal Church (except for the printing of the Report) shall include that request in its report to the General Convention and in accordance with Canon I.4.6

Canon I.1.2.o - removed

Canon I.1.8

**Sec. 8.** 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.

Canon I.1.9

**Sec. 9.** The Treasurer of the General Convention shall have authority to borrow, in behalf and in the name of the Executive Council, such a sum as may be judged by the Treasurer to be necessary to help pay the expenses of The Episcopal Church budget adopted under Canon I.1.8, with the approval of the Executive Council.

Canon I.1.11 - removed

Canon I.1.13

**Sec. 13.**

a. There shall be an Executive Office of the General Convention, to be headed by a General Convention Executive Officer to be appointed jointly by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. The Executive Officer shall report to and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Council.

b. The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by The Episcopal Church budget.

#### Canon I.2.6

**Sec. 6.** The stipends of the Presiding Bishop and such personal assistants as may be necessary during the Presiding Bishop's term of office for the effective performance of the duties, and the necessary expenses of that office, shall be fixed by the General Convention and shall be provided for in the budget to be submitted by the Executive Council, as provided in Canon I.4.6.

#### Canon I.2.8

**Sec. 8.** Upon the acceptance of the Presiding Bishop's resignation for reasons of disability prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Presiding Bishop may be granted, in addition to whatever allowance may be received from The Church Pension Fund, a disability allowance to be paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention in an amount to be fixed by the Executive Council, and ratified at the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

#### Canon I.4.3

**Sec. 3.** Upon joint nomination of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall elect an Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members: one from the Executive Council committee with primary responsibility for financial matters; and the remaining five from members of the Church-at-large having experience in general business and financial practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. Annually the Audit Committee shall elect a Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee's Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

#### Canon I.4.4

**Sec. 4.** Following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Chair and the Vice-Chair, having reviewed the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, shall thereupon recommend to the Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body's report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Chair and Vice-Chair, and the composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church's orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the close of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and reauthorized by the Executive Council.

#### Canon I.4.6

##### **Sec. 6**

a. Following open and accessible budget hearings, at least four months prior to the next regular meeting of the General Convention, the Executive Council shall submit to the Secretary of the General Convention a proposed Episcopal Church budget for the ensuing budgetary period (as used in this Section 6, the "budget"). The ensuing budgetary period shall comprise the calendar years starting with the January 1st following the adjournment of the most recent regular meeting of the General Convention and ending with the December 31st following the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

b. Revenue to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single assessment of the Dioceses of the Church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Budget process. If in any year the total anticipated income for Budget support is less than the amount required to support the Budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced Budget.

c. Following open and accessible legislative hearings on the budget held within 90 days of the General Convention and also at General Convention, there shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the budget; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention.

d. Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a Budget for The Episcopal Church and the planned assessments for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total assessments to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church.

e. Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be required of all Dioceses, effective January 1, 2019.

f. Effective January 1, 2016 Council shall have the power to grant waivers from the full annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a waiver of the assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with the Executive Council. Effective January 1, 2019, failure to make full payment or to receive a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council.

g. The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the Budget and estimated Budgets approved by the General Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6.b of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the Budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

h. In respect of the Budget for The Episcopal Church the Executive Council shall have the power to consider and vote to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention. It shall also have power to approve other initiatives proposed by the Chair or otherwise considered by Council between meetings of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council are prudent and which the Church revenues will be adequate to support.

i. Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council.

j. Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following:

1. dissolution of the congregation;
2. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or VI.2 of the Constitution;
3. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
4. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case, the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

Canon I.5.5

**Sec. 5.** The expenses of the Archives of The Episcopal Church shall be included in the budget for The Episcopal Church.

Canon I.9.10

**Sec. 10.** - removed

**RULES OF ORDER**

## House of Bishops Rules of Order

Note: Under House of Bishops Rule of Order V.O.2, those Rules of Order may only be amended by the House of Bishops – not by the General Convention. The Task Force, and the Bishops serving on it, recommend that the House of Bishops amend its Rule of Order V.D.d as follows.

House of Bishops Rule of Order V.D.d - removed

House of Bishops Rule VIII.I

I. Whenever the House shall make a determination under Article I.2 of the Constitution that a resigned Bishop shall or shall not retain a seat and vote in the House, the following understanding of the intent of the pertinent terms of that provision of the Constitution shall apply:

1. “advanced age” shall mean at least 62 years of age;
2. “bodily infirmity” shall mean either a condition for which one is eligible for disability retirement benefits from the Church Pension Fund or Social Security Administration, or a physical or mental impairment that a physician or psychiatrist (approved by the Presiding Bishop) certifies would likely result in eligibility for such disability retirement benefits should the Bishop continue in active episcopal ministry;
3. “office created by the General Convention” shall mean a ministry funded by The Episcopal Church budget and approved by the Presiding Bishop; and
4. “mission strategy” shall mean a strategy that would allow the election of an indigenous member of the clergy of a non-domestic diocese as Bishop, or that would allow a diocese to implement a new mission strategy as determined by the Presiding Bishop, or that would allow a transition in episcopal leadership after a Diocesan Bishop or Bishop Suffragan has served 10 or more years in either or both of those offices.

## House of Deputies Rules of Order

Note: Under House of Deputies XIX.A, those Rules of Order may only be amended by the House of Deputies – not by the General Convention. The Task Force, and the Deputies serving on it, recommend that the House of Deputies amend its Rules of Order VI.C.3.v.a and IX.A.1.ii.a.1, as follows.

House of Deputies Rule of Order VI.C.3.v.a

3. Placing items on the Consent Calendar. Every Committee Reports on Resolutions or other matters will be placed on the Consent Calendar automatically unless:

- i. the committee votes to exclude it from the Consent Calendar;
- ii. it is removed in accordance with these Rules;
- iii. the Rules of Order, the Joint Rules of Order, the Canons, or the Constitution require a different procedure for considering the item;
- iv. the item has been set by a Special Order of Business; or
- v. the item is one of the following:
  - a. an election;
  - b. a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;
  - c. the confirmation of the election of the Presiding Bishop.

House of Deputies Rule of Order IX.A.1.ii.a.1

A. General Rules on Other Committees

## 1. Appointment and Creation

- i. The President may designate other Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention except that Conference Committees will be appointed during General Convention as needed.
- ii. The Committees may include the following and any others that the President designates:

### a. Resolution Review

1. The Resolution Review Committee will review all Resolutions submitted prior to General Convention to review that they are consistent with the polity of this Church, and that they are in the form required by the Canons.

## Joint Rules of Order

Pursuant to Joint Rule of Order X.25, the Task Force Recommends that the Joint Rules of Order be amended as follows.

### Joint Rule of Order II.10

II: Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance

10. - removed

Joint Rule of Order IV.14 - removed

Subsequent sections V - X should be renumbered.

### Joint Rule of Order VII.21

VII.21.

a. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, through the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, will secure background checks on its and any other nominees for Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund. These background checks will cover criminal records checks and sexual offender registry checks in any state where a proposed nominee has resided during the prior seven (7) years, any appropriate professional licensing bodies with jurisdiction over a nominee's professional status and any violations of state or federal securities or banking laws. The records checks of proposed nominees from outside the United States will cover the same information from comparable authorities in the place of principal residence of the proposed nominee.

b. The required background check will be done prior to accepting a proposed nomination.

c. Background check results will be reviewed by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention. If that Office, after consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, determines that the results should preclude a person from holding the office sought, the Office shall share the determination with the proposed nominee and remit that determination, but not the background check results, to the nominating authority. Background check information shall not be shared beyond the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, the Chief Legal Officer, and proposed nominees who request their own information. The cost of background checks under this rule shall be covered by The Episcopal Church budget.

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

Canon I.1.2.m

m. Every Member whose Report requests expenditure out of the ~~budget funds of the The Episcopal Church budget~~ General Convention (except for the printing of the Report) shall ~~include that request in its report to the General Convention and in accordance with Canon I.4.6~~ present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance its written request, on or before the first business day of the session. Resolutions requiring additional expenditures shall be immediately referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance. No resolution involving such expenditures shall be considered unless so presented and until after report of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance.

#### Canon I.1.2.o

~~o. Following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, having reviewed the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, shall thereupon recommend to the Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body's report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and the composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church's orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the beginning of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies and reauthorized by the Executive Council.~~

#### Canon I.1.8

**Sec. 8.** The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget for *The Episcopal Church*, including to provide 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 this *The Episcopal Church budget Expense Budget*. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to *pay its assessment forward* to the Treasurer of the General Convention *according to the schedule established by the Executive Council annually, on the first Monday of January, the amount of the assessment levied upon that Diocese.*

#### Canon I.1.9

**Sec. 9.** The Treasurer of the General Convention shall have authority to borrow, in behalf and in the name of the *Executive Council* General Convention, such a sum as may be judged by the Treasurer to be necessary to help *pay defray* the expenses of ~~the~~ *The Episcopal Church budget adopted under Canon I.1.8* General Convention, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council.

#### Canon I.1.11

~~The Treasurer shall submit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof a detailed budget in which the Treasurer proposes to request appropriations for the ensuing budgetary period and shall have power to expend all sums of money covered by this budget, subject to such provisions of the Canons as shall be applicable.~~

#### Canon I.1.13

#### **Sec. 13.**

a. There shall be an Executive Office of the General Convention, to be headed by a General Convention Executive Officer to be appointed jointly by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. The Executive Officer shall report to and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Council.

b. The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by ~~the~~ *The Episcopal Church General Convention Expense Budget budget.*

#### Canon I.2.6



**Sec. 6.** The stipends of the Presiding Bishop as may be necessary during the Presiding Bishop's term of office for the effective performance of the duties, and the necessary expenses of that office, shall be fixed by the General Convention and shall be provided for in the budget to be submitted by the ~~Treasurer~~ *Executive Council*, as provided in the Canon 1.4.6, entitled, "Of the General Convention."

#### Canon 1.2.8

**Sec. 8.** Upon the acceptance of the Presiding Bishop's resignation for reasons of disability prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Presiding Bishop may be granted, in addition to whatever allowance may be received from The Church Pension Fund, a disability allowance to be paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention in an amount to be fixed by the *Executive Council* ~~Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance~~, and ratified at the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

#### Canon 1.4.3

**Sec. 3.** Upon joint nomination of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall elect an Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members: one from the Executive Council committee with primary responsibility for financial matters; ~~one from the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance~~; and the remaining ~~four~~ *five* from members of the Church-at-large having experience in general business and financial practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. Annually the Audit Committee shall elect a Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee's Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

#### Canon 1.4.4

**Sec. 4.** ~~The Executive Council may establish by its By-laws Committees and *ad hoc* working groups or task forces, which may include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to the Church. All Committees and *ad hoc* working groups and task forces of Executive Council will cease to exist at the close of the next General Convention following their creation unless extended by Executive Council. Executive Council may revoke, rescind, or modify the mandate or charter of all Executive Council Committees, *ad hoc* working groups and task forces not otherwise created by Canon.~~

*Following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Chair and the Vice-Chair, having reviewed the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, shall thereupon recommend to the Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body's report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Chair and Vice-Chair, and the composition of such study committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church's orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those study committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the close of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and reauthorized by the Executive Council.*

#### Canon 1.4.6

#### Sec. 6

**a.** *Following open and accessible budget hearings, ~~A~~ at least four months prior to the next regular meeting of the General Convention, the Executive Council shall submit to the Secretary of the General Convention a proposed Episcopal Church budget for the ensuing budgetary period (as used in this Section 6, the "budget"). The ensuing budgetary period shall comprise the calendar years starting with the January 1st following the adjournment of the most recent regular meeting of the General Convention and ending with the December 31st following the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Convention. The Executive*

Council shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance the proposed Budget for The Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The proposed Budget shall be submitted not less than four months before the ensuing General Convention is convened.

~~b.~~ Revenue to support the *b*Budget for The Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single assessment of the Dioceses of the Church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Budget process. If in any year the total anticipated income for *b*Budget support is less than the amount required to support the *b*Budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the *b*Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced *b*Budget.

~~c.~~ After the preparation of the Budget, the Treasurer shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed assessments necessary to support the proposed Budget for The Episcopal Church. The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance shall also submit to the General Convention, with the Budget, a plan for the assessments of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the Budget.

~~d.~~ *c.* Following open and accessible legislative hearings on the budget held within 90 days of the General Convention and also at General Convention, ~~There~~ there shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the *b*Budget for The Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention.

~~e.~~ *d.* Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a *b*Budget for The Episcopal Church and the planned assessments for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total assessments to support the *b*Budget for The Episcopal Church.

~~f.~~ *e.* Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be required of all Dioceses, effective January 1, 2019.

~~g.~~ *f.* Effective January 1, 2016 Council shall have the power to grant waivers from the full annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a waiver of the assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with the Executive Council. Effective January 1, 2019, failure to make full payment or to receive a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council.

~~h.~~ *g.* The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the *b*Budget and estimated *b*Budgets approved by the General Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6.b of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the *b*Budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

~~i.~~ *h.* In respect of the *b*Budget for The Episcopal Church the Executive Council shall have the power to consider and vote to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention. It shall also have power to approve other initiatives proposed by the Chair or otherwise considered by Council, ~~in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance,~~ between meetings of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council are prudent and which the Church revenues will be adequate to support.

~~j.~~ *i.* Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council.

~~k.~~ *j.* Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following:

1. dissolution of the congregation;
2. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or VI.2 of the Constitution;
3. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and

4. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case, the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

#### Canon I.5.5

**Sec. 5.** The expenses of the Archives of The Episcopal Church shall be ~~shared by~~ *included in the General Convention budget for The Episcopal Church and the Executive Council.*

#### Canon I.9.10

**Sec. 10.** ~~The Synod of a Province may take over from the Executive Council, with its consent, and during its pleasure, the administration of any given work within the Province. If the Province shall provide the funds for such work, the constituent Dioceses then members of, and supporting, such Province shall receive proportional credit therefor upon the quotas assigned to them for the support of the Program of the Church, provided that the total amount of such credits shall not exceed the sum appropriated in the budget of the Executive Council for the maintenance of the work so taken over.~~

## RULES OF ORDER

### House of Bishops Rules of Order

Note: Under House of Bishops Rule of Order V.O.2, those Rules of Order may only be amended by the House of Bishops – not by the General Convention. The Task Force, and the Bishops serving on it, recommend that the House of Bishops amend its Rule of Order V.D.d as follows.

#### House of Bishops Rule of Order V.D.d

~~d. Before final consideration by the House, the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance (PB&F) shall have been informed by the Committee considering any proposed action which, if adopted by General Convention, would require an appropriation of funds and PB&F shall have acknowledged receipt of such information by endorsement on the committee report or by other appropriate means. Implementation of any such resolution is subject to funding in the budget.~~

#### House of Bishops Rule VIII.I

I. Whenever the House shall make a determination under Article I.2 of the Constitution that a resigned Bishop shall or shall not retain a seat and vote in the House, the following understanding of the intent of the pertinent terms of that provision of the Constitution shall apply:

1. "advanced age" shall mean at least 62 years of age;
2. "bodily infirmity" shall mean either a condition for which one is eligible for disability retirement benefits from the Church Pension Fund or Social Security Administration, or a physical or mental impairment that a physician or psychiatrist (approved by the Presiding Bishop) certifies would likely result in eligibility for such disability retirement benefits should the Bishop continue in active episcopal ministry;
3. "office created by the General Convention" shall mean a ministry funded by ~~the General Convention Budget~~ *The Episcopal Church budget* and approved by the Presiding Bishop; and
4. "mission strategy" shall mean a strategy that would allow the election of an indigenous member of the clergy of a non-domestic diocese as Bishop, or that would allow a diocese to implement a new mission strategy as determined by the Presiding Bishop, or that would allow a transition in episcopal leadership after a Diocesan Bishop or Bishop Suffragan has served 10 or more years in either or both of those offices.

### House of Deputies Rules of Order

Note: Under House of Deputies XIX.A, those Rules of Order may only be amended by the House of Deputies – not by the General Convention. The Task Force, and the Deputies serving on it, recommend that the House of Deputies amend its Rules of Order VI.C.3.v.a and IX.A.1.ii.a.1, as follows.

3. Placing items on the Consent Calendar. Every Committee Reports on Resolutions or other matters will be placed on the Consent Calendar automatically unless:

- i. the committee votes to exclude it from the Consent Calendar;
- ii. it is removed in accordance with these Rules;
- iii. the Rules of Order, the Joint Rules of Order, the Canons, or the Constitution require a different procedure for considering the item;
- iv. the item has been set by a Special Order of Business; or
- v. the item is one of the following:
  - ~~a. a report from the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance;~~
  - ~~b. a. an election;~~
  - ~~e. b. a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;~~
  - ~~d. c. the confirmation of the election of the Presiding Bishop.~~

House of Deputies Rule of Order IX.A.1.ii.a.1

#### A. General Rules on Other Committees

##### 1. Appointment and Creation

- i. The President may designate other Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention except that Conference Committees will be appointed during General Convention as needed.
- ii. The Committees may include the following and any others that the President designates:

##### a. Resolution Review

1. The Resolution Review Committee will review all Resolutions submitted prior to General Convention to review that they are consistent with the polity of this Church, and that they are in the form required by the Canons, ~~and to assess whether they have funding implications.~~

Joint Rules of Order

Pursuant to Joint Rule of Order X.25, the Task Force Recommends that the Joint Rules of Order be amended as follows.

Joint Rule of Order II.10

II: Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance

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~~a. There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of 27 persons being members of the General Convention (one Bishop, and two members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies.~~

~~The Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council shall be members ex officio, without vote.~~

~~The Joint Standing Committee may appoint advisers, from time to time, as its funds warrant, to assist the Joint Standing Committee with its work.~~

~~b. Organization. The Joint Standing Committee shall elect its Chair from its membership, and such other officers as needed.~~

~~The Joint Standing Committee shall be organized in Sections, which shall conform to the major subdivisions of the Budget, as well as Sections on Funding and Presentation, the size and composition of the several Sections to be determined by the Joint Standing Committee.~~

~~The Chairs of each Section shall be elected by the Joint Standing Committee; the several Sections shall elect their own Secretaries from among their own membership.~~

~~The Joint Standing Committee may refer to a Section any of the duties imposed upon it by this rule; *provided, however,* that final action on Budget shall be taken only by the full Committee, either in meeting assembled or by a vote by mail.~~

~~c. During the interim between regular Meetings of the General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the officers of the General Convention and to the Executive Council, holding such meetings as may be deemed necessary for the purpose.~~

~~Meetings of the Joint Standing Committee shall be called by the Chair, or upon the request of any five members thereof.~~

~~In respect of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, the Joint Standing Committee shall have the power to consider, and either by a vote by mail, or in meeting assembled, to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant; and it shall likewise have the power to adjust the annual askings of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention.~~

~~With regard to the General Church Program, the Joint Standing Committee shall:~~

- ~~i. Meet and consult with the Executive Council, or its Administration and Finance Committee, on adjustments to the program priorities, and on alternate income generating resources;~~
- ~~ii. Receive from the Executive Council, not less than four months prior to the meeting of General Convention, the proposed General Church Program for the upcoming triennium, including a proposed detailed Budget for the year next following that of such Convention;~~
- ~~iii. Meet in such places as it shall determine, sufficiently in advance of the next General Convention to expedite its work;~~
- ~~iv. Conduct hearings upon such proposed Program and Budget; and~~
- ~~v. Consider such proposed Program and Budget and report thereon to the next succeeding General Convention.~~

~~d. Not later than the third day prior to the adjournment of each regular meeting of the General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall report to a Joint Session, pursuant to Canon, a proposed Budget for The Episcopal Church for the ensuing Convention period, subject to the approval of the said Budgets subject also to increase, reduction, or elimination of items, based on open hearings held during the General Convention and by subsequent concurrent action by the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.~~

Joint Rule of Order IV.14

~~IV: Supplemental Money Bills~~

~~14. After the adoption of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, any resolution calling for the expenditure of any moneys (or containing implied funding) shall be unfunded.~~

Subsequent sections V - X should be renumbered.

Joint Rule of Order VII.21

~~VII.21.~~

a. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, through the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, will secure background checks on its and any other nominees for Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund. These background checks will cover criminal records checks and sexual offender registry checks in any state where a

proposed nominee has resided during the prior seven (7) years, any appropriate professional licensing bodies with jurisdiction over a nominee's professional status and any violations of state or federal securities or banking laws. The records checks of proposed nominees from outside the United States will cover the same information from comparable authorities in the place of principal residence of the proposed nominee.

b. The required background check will be done prior to accepting a proposed nomination.

c. Background check results will be reviewed by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention. If that Office, after consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, determines that the results should preclude a person from holding the office sought, the Office shall share the determination with the proposed nominee and remit that determination, but not the background check results, to the nominating authority. Background check information shall not be shared beyond the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, the Chief Legal Officer, and proposed nominees who request their own information. The cost of background checks under this rule shall be covered by ~~the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church* budget.

# A050 - Support collaborative efforts with Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) to place historical markers

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Executive Council

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$25,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) hereby encourage participation in the Equal Justice Initiative (“EJI”) efforts to place Historical Markers at key sites throughout the United States (U.S.) that honor the lives and work of persons of color who suffered or were killed due to the historical effects of White Supremacy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That, each province, diocese, parish, and institution conduct research and collaborate with the EJI in these efforts to place Historical Markers. TEC may, as its schedule, programming and budget and human resources permit, initiate its own efforts to place Historical Markers at key sites where People of Color, particularly Indigenous people and people of the African Diaspora, suffered or were martyred due to the historical effects of White supremacy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$25,000 be set aside for carrying out this work, to include costs per marker, cost of conducting research, cost of consulting experts, cost of paying stipends to interns, and cost of promoting and hosting the Marker Installation event.

# A053 - Ensure the vital role of the Episcopal HBCUs in building The Beloved Community

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Executive Council

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the General Convention call upon dioceses, parishes and Episcopalians to marshal support for Saint Augustine's University and Voorhees College to ensure their continuing success.



# A055 - Receive and Study Proposal of Ecumenical Dialogue with Presbyterians (PCUSA)

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Executive Council

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That this 80th General Convention receives with gratitude the proposal “Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries,” which was prepared and distributed by The Episcopal Church-Presbyterian Dialogue; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention encourages all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the work of the Dialogue and this proposed Agreement to assist dioceses and local congregations in the interim sharing of ministers. Resources can be found on the websites of The Episcopal Church ([episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org)), the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers ([edeio.org](http://edeio.org)), and [PCUSA Website: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/committees/gaceir/>]; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord’s fervent wish “that all may be one” (John 17:21).

# A059 - Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church (First Reading)

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted and Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Liturgical & Prayer Book Revision

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And be it further

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

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

# A060 - Endorse Guidelines for Expansive and Inclusive Language

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Liturgical & Prayer Book Revision

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention adopt *The Guidelines for Expansive and Inclusive Language*, contained in the reports to the 80th General Convention of the Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision and the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, as the working principles for the revision and development of liturgical materials of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to follow these guidelines as they develop revised and new liturgical materials; and be it further

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

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention commend these guidelines to all persons who write or speak on behalf of the church for their serious reflection and consideration.

# A061 - Amend Canon I.4.6.j to include data regarding gender

**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Study Sexism in TEC & Develop Anti-Sexism Training

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 06 - Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation, & Safeguarding

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention direct Executive Council to create a mechanism for gathering self-identified demographic data to help address disparities regarding gender, gender identity and expression, age, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability status. Possible mechanisms for this include:

Proposing an amendment to Canon I.4.6 to the 81st General Convention by the addition of a second sentence, as follows

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

Canon 1.4.6.j

j. Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial data and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council. By gathering data through parochial reports and surveys each Diocesan report will invite the inclusion of voluntary self-identified demographic information such as gender, gender identity and expression, age, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability status for the following positions in the Diocese including but not limited to: Diocesan Convention Officers, Diocesan Convention Delegates, Standing Committee, Diocesan/Executive Council, Board of Trustees, Bishop Search Committee (if any), Treasurer, Staff of the Office of the Bishop, Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors, Commissions on Ministry, Bishop's Committees, all Wardens and Vestries, and congregational staffs.

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

Canon 1.4.6.j

j. Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial *data* and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council. *By gathering data through parochial reports and surveys each Diocesan report will invite the inclusion of voluntary self-identified demographic information* ~~Such Diocesan report shall include demographic information,~~ such as *gender, gender identity and expression, age, and race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability status for the following positions in the Diocese including but not limited to: Diocesan Convention Officers, Diocesan Convention Delegates, Standing Committee, Diocesan/Executive Council, Board of Trustees, Bishop Search Committee (if any), Treasurer, Staff of the Office of the Bishop, Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors, Commissions on Ministry, Bishop's Committees, Trustees,* all Wardens and Vestries, and congregational staffs.

# A062 - Requiring Dioceses to Create a Plan to Narrow Gender Gaps

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Study Sexism in TEC & Develop Anti-Sexism Training

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 06 - Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation, & Safeguarding

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention require each Diocese to submit to the 81st General Convention a plan to narrow the gender equity gaps which exist in their Diocese; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this plan shall be created after careful examination into the composition of diocesan bodies, gender pay equity of both clergy and lay, and the demographics of parish leadership, including any search committees.

# A068 - Safe Church Training

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Develop Model Sexual Harassment Policies & Safe Church Training

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend to all members of the Church the course of Safe Church Training provided by the Church and the Church Pension Group so that all members can participate fully in creating and maintaining safe environments for all people throughout the Church.

# A073 - Encouraging Faithful, Ethical, and Responsible Investing

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Theology of Money

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention affirm to all institutional investors across the Church the value and importance of faithful and ethical investing (defined as investing institutional assets consistently with the Church's faith and teachings and the Church's mission) and responsible investing (defined as addressing, ethical concerns for social, environmental and governance matters, including climate change and human rights); and be it further

*Resolved*, that all institutional investors across The Episcopal Church be encouraged to adopt faithful and ethically responsible investing for their investment programs and portfolios and to manage their investment assets using the following elements of ethically responsible investing: ethical and theological guidelines for investment selection and management; shareholder engagement, including voting proxies; and investing for responsible social and environmental outcomes as well as for financial return.



# A075 - Resolution Amending Canon IV.5.4 Provision for the Court of Review

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Court of Review

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon IV.5.4 to include the addition of a section j. 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.>

j. For good cause shown, the Court of Review may extend any deadline in this Title pertaining to the Court of Review except the time to file a notice of appeal.

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

*j. For good cause shown, the Court of Review may extend any deadline in this Title pertaining to the Court of Review except the time to file a notice of appeal.*

# A076 - Resolution Amending Canon IV.15.2 Provision to serve Notice of Appeal

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Court of Review

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon IV.15.2 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.>

Within forty days after the Hearing Panel issues an Order, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the Court of Review by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan with copies of the notice to the president of the Hearing Panel and the president of the Court of Review. The notice of appeal must be signed by the Respondent's counsel or the Church Attorney, must include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken, and must state the grounds of the appeal.

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

Within forty days after ~~issuance of an Order by a~~ *the* Hearing Panel *issues an Order*, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the Court of Review, by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan, with copies of the notice to the ~~presidents~~ *president* of the Hearing Panel and the ~~Province~~ *president of the Court of Review*. The notice of appeal ~~shall~~ *must* be signed by the Respondent's counsel or the Church Attorney, ~~must and shall~~ include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken, and *must* state the grounds of the appeal.

# A077 - Resolution Amending Canon IV.15.3 Provision to serve Notice of Appeal by Bishop Diocesan

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Court of Review

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon IV.15.3 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.>

Any Order from a Hearing Panel finding that the Respondent did not commit an Offense involving a question of the Doctrine, Faith, or Worship of the Church may be appealed by the Bishop Diocesan upon the written request of at least two Bishops Diocesan of other Dioceses within the Province who are not members of the Court of Review. Such an appeal may be taken only on the question of the Church's Doctrine, Faith, or Worship, and may not seek to reverse the finding of the Hearing Panel that the Respondent did not commit an Offense. The Bishop Diocesan may take an appeal under this section by serving a notice of appeal upon the Respondent, the Church Attorney, the President of the Hearing Panel, and the President of the Court of Review within forty days after the Hearing Panel issues the Order.

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

Any Order from a Hearing Panel finding that ~~a~~ *the* Respondent did not commit an Offense involving a question of the Doctrine, Faith, or Worship of the Church may be appealed by the Bishop Diocesan upon the written request of at least two Bishops Diocesan of other Dioceses within the Province who are not members of the Court of Review. Such an appeal ~~shall~~ may be taken *only* on the question of the Church's Doctrine, Faith, ~~or and~~ *and* Worship ~~only~~, and may not seek to reverse the finding of the Hearing Panel that ~~Offenses were not committed~~ *the Respondent did not commit an Offense.* ~~An~~ *The Bishop Diocesan may take an appeal* under this section ~~may be taken by service of~~ *may be taken by serving* a notice of appeal ~~by the Bishop Diocesan~~ upon the Respondent, the Church Attorney, ~~the President and the presidents~~ *the President* of the Hearing Panel, and the ~~Province~~ *Province* ~~President of the Court of Review~~ *President of the Court of Review* within forty days after ~~the Order of the Hearing Panel is received by the Bishop Diocesan~~ *Hearing Panel issues the Order.*

# A078 - Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Theology of Social Justice Advocacy

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$55,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention affirm:

- 1) That social justice advocacy is a primary ministry of the Church; it is our corporate, public witness to the Mission of God "to restore all people to the unity of God and each other in Christ." [BCP Catechism, page 855];
- 2) That social justice is about right relationships among and between all of us, centering the voice and experience of the marginalized (as we read in Matthew 25), and these are the relationships that have been, and continue to be, harmed by the systemic, unjust distribution of wealth, opportunity, and privilege;
- 3) That social justice ministry includes acts of mercy or charity but also must include dismantling institutions, structures, and policies that cause harm and divide us from each other; and it includes repairing the breach by rebuilding systems of justice, fairness, and equity (Isaiah 58);
- 4) Over this past triennium, (2018-2021) the global pandemic, racial justice uprisings, and escalation of the climate crisis including extreme wildfires and storms, as well as the societal fissures and institutional failures that these events have revealed, demand we understand this to be a revolutionary moment of accountability, repentance and renewed commitments to the mission of God. We are called to account for our failures to live the words we preach and pray. We acknowledge that historical practices, policies, and structures of the institutional church have played a role in the persistence of the systemic inequality and call out for out for immediate, urgent and enduring redress;

And be it further

*Resolved,* That all dioceses and congregations be called upon to ground every planning or business meeting or convention with prayers inviting an examination of conscience regarding the specific impact of the decisions of such meetings upon those who are poor, dispossessed, disadvantaged, or marginalized, and to provide and model forms for such examination of conscience; and be it further

*Resolved,* That all dioceses be called upon to offer, at least once a year, a diocesan-wide event or program and liturgy to engage our congregations and members in listening to and understanding the history and current context of our diverse local communities, with attention to those who have historically been dispossessed or disadvantaged; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this General Convention direct the creation of a Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry be formed as a diverse group to include 2 bishops, 2 priests, 2 deacons, and 10 laypersons, in order to a) consider what the church must look like if we put our vocation to love our neighbor and to be repairers of the breach at the center of our work; b) to reach out to local and diocesan groups that are doing social justice and racial reconciliation work focused on systemic change, in order to understand what resources and gifts we already have in this work and where the gaps are; c) to liaise with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution and Canons, the Presiding Officers' Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation (if it is extended in the next triennium), and other relevant interim bodies on consideration of these questions and how to address the institutional barriers to change in the church; and d) be charged with making recommendations to the 81st General

Convention for institutional change to support social justice as Christian ministry in the areas of governance and structure, prayer and liturgy, catechesis and lifelong formation for discipleship, especially with laypeople and consistent with an equitable and inclusive polity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$55,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

# A081 - Amend Canon III.11.1a regarding Standing Committee's Role in Episcopal Elections

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Canon III.11.1 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 III.11

### Sec. 1

a. Discernment of vocation to be a Bishop Diocesan, Coadjutor, or Suffragan occurs through a process of election in accordance with the Constitutions and Canons of this Church and the electing Diocese and any special rules adopted by the Convention of that Diocese. Unless otherwise provided in the electing Diocese's Constitution or Canons, the Standing Committee shall have oversight of, and responsibility for, any search, nomination, transition, and election processes. The Diocese shall establish a nominating process either by Canon or by the adoption of rules and procedures for the election of the Bishop at a regular or special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese with sufficient time preceding the election of the Bishop.

b. In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church.

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

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

c. The Secretary of the body electing a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan, shall inform the Presiding Bishop promptly of the name of the person elected. It shall be the duty of the Bishop-elect to notify the Presiding Bishop of acceptance or declination of the election, at the same time as the Bishop-elect notifies the electing Diocese.

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

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

Canon III.11

**Sec. 1**

a. Discernment of vocation to be a Bishop *Diocesan, Coadjutor, or Suffragan* occurs through a process of election in accordance with ~~the rules prescribed by the Convention of the Diocese and pursuant to the provisions of the Constitutions and Canons of this Church and the electing Diocese and any special rules adopted by the Convention of that Diocese.~~ *Unless otherwise provided in the electing Diocese's Constitution or Canons, the Standing Committee shall have oversight of, and responsibility for, any search, nomination, transition, and election processes.* ~~With respect to the election of a Bishop Suffragan, the~~ *The* Diocese shall establish a nominating process either by Canon or by the adoption of rules and procedures for the election of the Bishop ~~Suffragan~~ at a regular or special *meeting of the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese* with sufficient time preceding the election of the Bishop ~~Suffragan~~.

b. In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church.

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

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

c. The Secretary of the body electing a Bishop *Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan*, shall inform the Presiding Bishop promptly of the name of the person elected. It shall be the duty of the Bishop-elect to notify the Presiding Bishop of acceptance or declination of the election, at the same time as the Bishop-elect notifies the electing Diocese.

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

# A082 - Amend Various Canons Regarding Preparation of Medical and Psychological Evaluation in the Ordination, Episcopal Election, and Reception Processes

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That forms prescribed by the Canons to be used in medical and psychological evaluations of persons prior to their ordination as deacon, priest, and bishop, or of persons already ordained in another church prior to their reception into this Church, require revision and updating; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention agrees with the Church Pension Fund that as the purposes and needs of the forms have changed over time, a more appropriate group should be named to prepare forms that meet all the needs of the Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That in developing the forms described in Canons III.6.5.j.2, III.8.5.k.2, III.10.1.b, and III.11.3.a.2, the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation (or the committee of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons; or the task force specially designated by the General Convention) shall consult with (i) at least two experts in the field of medicine; (ii) at least two experts in the field of psychology; (iii) persons of all orders knowledgeable about and involved in diocesan ordination processes, such as persons serving on Commissions on Ministry or other discernment bodies, Standing Committees, bishops, and other persons serving in other discernment-related roles; and for forms designed for persons being evaluated as bishops, bishops-elect or nominees for bishop (iv) the Office of Pastoral Development; and be it further

*Resolved*, That if a Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation is created that Canons III.6.5.j.2, III.8.5.k.2, III.10.1.b, and III.11.3.a.2 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 III.6.5.j

### Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination

j. Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished

1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
2. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

Canon III.8.5.k.2

### Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination

a. The Bishop and the Commission shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation for ordination to the Priesthood and to ensure that pastoral guidance is provided throughout the period of preparation.



b. If the Postulant or Candidate has not previously obtained a baccalaureate degree, the Commission, Bishop, and Postulant or Candidate shall design a program of such additional academic work as may be necessary to prepare the Postulant or Candidate to undertake a program of theological education.

c. Formation shall take into account the local culture and each Postulant or Candidate's background, age, occupation, and ministry.

d. Prior education and learning from life experience may be considered as part of the formation required for the Priesthood.

e. Whenever possible, formation for the Priesthood shall take place in community, including other persons in preparation for the Priesthood, or others preparing for ministry.

f. Formation shall include theological training, practical experience, emotional development, and spiritual formation.

g. Subject areas for study during this program of preparation shall include:

1. The Holy Scriptures.

2. History of the Christian Church.

3. Christian Theology.

4. Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.

5. Christian Worship according to the use of the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.

6. The Practice of Ministry in contemporary society, including leadership, evangelism, stewardship, ecumenism, interfaith relations, mission theology, and the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups.

h. Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct against both children and adults.

2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

3. the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof, utilizing, but not limited to use of, the Title IV training website of The Episcopal Church.

4. the Church's teaching on racism.

i. Each Postulant or Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Candidate's academic experience and personal and spiritual development.

j. The seminary or other formation program shall provide for, monitor, and report on the academic performance and personal qualifications of the Postulant or Candidate for ordination. These reports will be made upon request of the Bishop and Commission, but at least once per year.

k. Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, the following must be accomplished

1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.

2. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

l. Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.

Canon III.10.1.b

**Sec. 1.** Prior to reception or ordination, the following must be provided

b. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. All such background checks and evaluations shall be conducted specifically for the ordination or reception under this Canon and not for any other process or purpose.

Canon III.11.3.a.2

### Sec. 3

a. The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement of receipt of:

1. evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;
2. certificates from a licensed medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention shall be used for this purpose; and
3. evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:

**We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.**

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (b) of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary certificates required in this Section (documents described in Sec. 3.a.2 of this Canon), to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

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

Canon III.6.5.j

### Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination

- j. Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished
  1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.

2. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by ~~The Church Pension Fund~~, *the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention* and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

Canon III.8.5.k.2

**Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination**

- a. The Bishop and the Commission shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation for ordination to the Priesthood and to ensure that pastoral guidance is provided throughout the period of preparation.
- b. If the Postulant or Candidate has not previously obtained a baccalaureate degree, the Commission, Bishop, and Postulant or Candidate shall design a program of such additional academic work as may be necessary to prepare the Postulant or Candidate to undertake a program of theological education.
- c. Formation shall take into account the local culture and each Postulant or Candidate's background, age, occupation, and ministry.
- d. Prior education and learning from life experience may be considered as part of the formation required for the Priesthood.
- e. Whenever possible, formation for the Priesthood shall take place in community, including other persons in preparation for the Priesthood, or others preparing for ministry.
- f. Formation shall include theological training, practical experience, emotional development, and spiritual formation.
- g. Subject areas for study during this program of preparation shall include:
  1. The Holy Scriptures.
  2. History of the Christian Church.
  3. Christian Theology.
  4. Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.
  5. Christian Worship according to the use of the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
  6. The Practice of Ministry in contemporary society, including leadership, evangelism, stewardship, ecumenism, interfaith relations, mission theology, and the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups.
- h. Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
  1. prevention of sexual misconduct against both children and adults.
  2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
  3. the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof, utilizing, but not limited to use of, the Title IV training website of The Episcopal Church.
  4. the Church's teaching on racism.
- i. Each Postulant or Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year, in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Candidate's academic experience and personal and spiritual development.
- j. The seminary or other formation program shall provide for, monitor, and report on the academic performance and personal qualifications of the Postulant or Candidate for ordination. These reports will be made upon request of the Bishop and Commission, but at least once per year.
- k. Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, the following must be accomplished
  1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.

2. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by ~~The Church Pension Fund~~ *the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention*, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

I. Reports of all investigations and examinations shall be kept permanently on file by the Bishop and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record.

Canon III.10.1.b

**Sec. 1.** Prior to reception or ordination, the following must be provided

b. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by ~~The Church Pension Fund~~; *the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention* and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. ~~If the medical examination, psychological examination, or background check have taken place more than thirty six months prior to reception or ordination they must be updated. All such background checks and evaluations shall be conducted specifically for the ordination or reception under this Canon and not for any other process or purpose.~~

Canon III.11.3.a.2

**Sec. 3**

a. The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement of receipt of:

1. evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;
2. certificates from a licensed medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and ~~The Church Pension Fund~~ *the Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention* shall be used for this purpose; and
3. evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:

**We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.**

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (b) of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary certificates required in this Section (documents described in Sec. 3.a.2 of this Canon), to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

And be it further;

**Resolved, That if a Standing Commission on Ministry and Formation is NOT created that Canons III.6.5.j.2, III.8.5.k.2, III.10.1.b, and III.11.3.a.2 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 III.6.5.j

**Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination**

j. Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished

1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
2. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by a committee of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons or a task force assigned by the General Convention, in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

Canon III.10.1.b

**Sec. 1. Prior to reception or ordination, the following must be provided**

b. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by a committee of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons or a task force assigned by the General Convention, in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. If the medical examination, psychological examination, or background check have taken place more than thirty-six months prior to reception or ordination they must be updated.

Canon III.11.3.a.2

**Sec. 3**

a. The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement of receipt of:

1. evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;
2. certificates from a licensed medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and a committee of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons or a task force assigned by the General Convention, in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention; and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. If the medical examination, psychological examination, or background check have taken place more than thirty-six months prior to reception or ordination they must be updated.
3. evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:

**We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.**

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph b. of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary certificates required in this Section (documents described in Sec. 3.a.2 of this Canon), to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

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

Canon III.6.5.j

**Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination**

j. Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished

1. a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
2. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by ~~The Church Pension Fund~~, *a committee of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons or a task force assigned by the General Convention, in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention*, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.

Canon III.10.1.b

**Sec. 1. Prior to reception or ordination, the following must be provided**

b. medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by ~~The Church Pension Fund~~, *a committee of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons or a task force assigned by the General Convention, in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention*, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. If the medical examination, psychological examination, or background check have taken place more than thirty-six months prior to reception or ordination they must be updated.

Canon III.11.3.a.2

**Sec. 3**

a. The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement of receipt of:

1. evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;
2. certificates from a licensed medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and ~~The Church Pension Fund~~, *a committee of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons or a task force assigned by the General Convention, in accordance with principles and directions adopted by the General Convention*; and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. If the medical examination, psychological examination, or background check have taken place more than thirty-six months prior to reception or ordination they must be updated.

3. evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:

**We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.**

**(Date)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Signed)** \_\_\_\_\_

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph b. of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary certificates required in this Section (documents described in Sec. 3.a.2 of this Canon), to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

# A087 - Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Care of Creation & Environmental Racism

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$145,000.00

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 20 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church commit to a goal of net carbon neutrality in its operations and the work of staff, standing commissions, interim bodies, and General Convention by 2030, through a combination of reducing emissions from travel, reducing energy use, increasing energy efficiency in buildings, and purchasing offsets from duly investigated, responsible, and ethical partners; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop's staff to take concrete actions to reduce fossil fuel emissions from travel by said groups, such as through online meetings or regional gatherings; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop's staff to draft a policy to offset one hundred percent of fossil fuel emissions from unavoidable travel by said groups, either through an internal offset program or through purchase from duly investigated, responsible, and ethical partners, with appropriate accountability and oversight; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$70,000 per year for the implementation of this resolution, taken from existing travel budgets, in order to offset approximately 3500 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (the average annual travel emissions of said groups from previous years) at a rate of \$20 per ton; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop's staff to establish an internal offset program including such activities as carbon forestry and regenerative agriculture, with appropriate oversight to ensure that the program meet the five commonly accepted traits of responsible offset programs: real, permanent, verifiable, additional, and enforceable; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$25,000 to establish this internal offset program, comprising \$15,000 to cover wages and benefits for a part-time Offset Specialist and \$10,000 for implementation and promotion of the program; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage parishes, dioceses, schools, camps, and other Episcopal institutions to pursue their own goal of net carbon neutrality by 2030 through a combination of reducing emissions from travel, reducing energy use, increasing energy efficiency in buildings, and purchasing offsets from duly investigated, responsible, and ethical partners; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the General Convention request the diocesan bishops of every diocese to begin to build networks of landowners and creation trustees in each diocese who will devote portions of their land to reforestation, prairie restoration, wetland and coastland preservation; adopt and share regenerative agricultural and ranching practices; collaborate with neighboring dioceses for best water practices to protect our watersheds; collaborate on creative means of distributing food; and pray for future generations dependent on the land and water we steward; and be it further

*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church support and advocate for the subsistence rights of Indigenous people and policies that protect and preserve land and resources solely for subsistence use; and be it further



***Resolved,*** That the General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop's staff to develop and share resources for parishes and dioceses to commit to and work toward this goal, such as the online carbon tracker already created by the Diocese of California, as well as other online and print resources; and be it further

***Resolved,*** That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$50,000 to fund the development and promotion of these resources.

# A088 - Commit to the Pressing Work of Addressing Global Climate Change and Environmental Justice

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Care of Creation & Environmental Racism

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$20,000.00

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 20 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention recognize as the Episcopal Church's position that global climate change is not only a scientific concern or environmental issue, but what the United Nations calls "the defining issue of our time... at a defining moment" (UN Secretary General, September 10, 2018), an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency that impacts and interconnects every aspect of pastoral concern including health, poverty, employment, racism, social justice, and family life and that can only be addressed by a Great Work involving every sector of society, including the Church; and affirm the commitment of the 79th General Convention to the House of Bishops' 2011 Pastoral Teaching on the Environment as an official position of the church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Church recommit to the work done by previous General Conventions of The Episcopal Church on the pressing moral dimensions of global climate change and environmental justice, including resolutions 2000-D005, 2012-B023, 2015-C013, 2015-C045, 2018-A011, 2018-A018, 2018-A020, 2018-B027, 2018-C020, 2018-C021, and 2018-C064; and that General Convention reaffirm that the Episcopal Church shall support and advocate for policies, programs, pastoral responses, and theologies that work to ensure no community - especially financially impoverished communities, frontline residents, migrants, and BIPOC communities (Black, indigenous, and people of color) - shall bear a disproportionate impact of the environmental, health, and economic threats of climate change; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention affirm the decision of the United States federal government to rejoin the Paris Climate Accord, while recognizing that the goals set forth in the Paris Accord are only a first step, insufficient in and of themselves to fully contain rising global temperatures and their impacts; and that General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop's staff to continue, through our ongoing role as observers at the United Nations, to participate in all meetings of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change during the next triennium via delegations selected from an applicant pool and made up primarily of Episcopalians from financially impoverished communities, frontline locations, and BIPOC communities; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 per triennium to support costs associated with travel to the COP conferences by delegation members who are not members of the Presiding Bishop's staff; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for legislation and other public policies that directly address the impact of climate change among marginalized, indigenous, and frontline communities and that tangibly and financially assist those communities with the costs of both climate change and mitigation, and policies that prohibit the authorization and construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure including but not limited to coal, oil, or gas leases on public lands, all forms of mountaintop removal mining, and tar sands pipelines such as Keystone XL, Enbridge Line #3, and the Dakota Access Pipeline; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention encourage all Church communities, especially parishes, dioceses, camps, conference centers, schools, and chaplaincies, to learn more about the pressing moral implications of climate change in their regions and existing local organizing efforts, then advocate for policies and solutions to address those local needs utilizing and adapting

advocacy resources from General Convention and the Presiding Bishop's staff including the Episcopal Public Policy Network, asset map, carbon tracker, liturgical resources, and advocating at the local and state level, and incorporating local nature, environmental justice, and advocacy for creation care into all aspects of community life and Christian education.

# A090 - Allies for Recovery in the Episcopal Church

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Respond to Opioid Epidemic

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$40,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention urge all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to include [www.generalconvention.org/sites/opioid-task-force](http://www.generalconvention.org/sites/opioid-task-force) on websites and encourage training, advocacy, and pastoral care resources for individuals, families, and communities affected by opioid addiction; and be it further

*Resolved,* That dioceses and parishes designate persons within their region to be trained as Recovery Allies, encourage Naloxone training for members, and disseminate the SAMSHA Toolkit (available on website) to clergy and lay leaders; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to continue advocacy for the federal government of the United States to address this as public health crisis, affirming that opioid use disorder is a disease, which needs adequate resources for treatment options; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Church recognize that issues of substance use disorders, access to diagnosis and effective treatment, and lack of appropriate treatment for untreated or undertreated 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 substance use disorders and their families; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention designate an existing office to oversee website management, partner with seminaries and other organizations for Recovery Ally training; and be it further

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

# A092 - Churches Beyond Borders

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Coordinate Ecumenical & Interreligious Work

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church accept the Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Relations of Full Communion dated September 26, 2018 by and among The Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (which can be found on the Ecumenical and Inter-religious page of The Episcopal Church's website at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/ecumenical-interreligious/> and which shall be added to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships page of the Archives upon acceptance of the Memorandum by the General Convention <https://www.episcopalarchives.org/sceir>) the basis for a relationship of full communion to be established among the four churches upon the acceptance of the Memorandum by each of the four churches; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention recognizes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have previously accepted the Memorandum through actions of their respective governing bodies; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request that the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, convey this action to the Presiding Bishops and Primates of the other churches that are a party to the Memorandum; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the acceptance of the Memorandum shall not affect or alter the current relationship of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada recognized by Canon I.20.1.a or the current relationship of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recognized by Canon I.20.2; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the ecumenical officers of The Episcopal Church, working with the Task Force to Coordinate Ecumenical and Interreligious Work, establish policies and procedures to facilitate exchange of ministry between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada as set forth in the Memorandum; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Canon I.20.1 be amended by adding a new subsection, as follows:

*d. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada under the terms of the Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Relations of Full Communion dated September 26, 2018 by and among The Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, which was accepted by the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution 2022-A092.*

# A093 - The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Church Dialogue

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Coordinate Ecumenical & Interreligious Work

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That this 80th General Convention commends the current version of "A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness," which was prepared and distributed by The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Convention encourages all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the substance of this dialogue and its goal of full communion. Resources can be found on the websites of The Episcopal Church ([episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org)), the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers ([edeio.org](http://edeio.org)), and [umc-tec.org](http://umc-tec.org), a website supporting full communion between the United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Convention expresses its particular, prayerful support for the LGBTQIA+ communities among both the lay and clergy members of the United Methodist Church; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Convention encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord's fervent wish "that all may be one."

# A094 - Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Partners

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Coordinate Ecumenical & Interreligious Work

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention joyfully affirms the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues in which The Episcopal Church is engaged: the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue; the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARCUSA), and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church (UMC); and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention joyfully affirms the continuation of work of the dialogue with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern) and commends the document *Sharing the Gifts of Communion* to the church for consideration; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention joyfully affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church (Northern Province and Southern Province); and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention joyfully affirms our representation and participation in national ecumenical bodies, including the National Council of Churches (NCC), Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) and Christian Churches Together (CCT).

# A095 - Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Communities

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Church Planting and Congregational Redevelopment

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$5,800,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 11 - Evangelism & Church Planting

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention and the Episcopal Church celebrates and supports the planting of new congregations and ministries, the training and recruiting of planters and mission developers, and the fostering of a church-wide network of support for new ministry development that was originally funded by GC2018-A005 and GC2018-A032; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Church continues to prioritize establishing new Episcopal communities and strengthening existing ones that are especially committed to mission and evangelism engaging people historically underserved and/or under-represented by the Church, for example, people of color, immigrants and refugees, youth, young adults, people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (LGBTQI+), gender non-conforming people, people living in poverty, people with disabilities and/or all others who are disenfranchised from the Church; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the budget for sustaining this new ministry development will be \$5,800,000.00 for 2022-2024 to be allocated as follows:

- \$200,000 to identify and support existing programs to train clergy and lay leaders in planting congregations
- \$600,000 to provide mentorship/coaching/training for planters of congregations
- \$1,000,000 for the continuing development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders in church planting for various cultural contexts
- \$500,000 to support a church-wide office staff person to oversee the planting network.
- \$3,000,000 for grants to new and existing church plants, to be administered by the Task Force for Church Planting in consultation with the Churchwide Office Staff Officer for church planting.
- \$500,000 for the support of leadership development programs for the next generation of church planters and ministry developers;

And be it further

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

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

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



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

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$5,800,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

# A096 - Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Church Planting and Congregational Redevelopment

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$2,000,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 11 - Evangelism & Church Planting

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention and the Episcopal Church celebrates and actively supports the revitalization of congregations, seeking not to restore past glories, but to move into the new callings of our loving, liberating, life-giving God; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Church continues to prioritize the revitalization of congregations and a church-wide network of support for congregational revitalization work that was initiated by GC2018-A032; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies establish an advisory group of not more than twelve (12) people, consisting of those with experience in revitalizing congregations, diocesan oversight of such work, working with evangelism and mission, to carry out provisions of this resolution, including making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to identify potential revitalizers, and developing a network of coaches, and working with staff on training church revitalizers; and be it further

*Resolved,* That in the revitalization of congregations, the Church continues to prioritize commitment to mission and evangelism engaging people historically underserved and/or under-represented by the Church, for example, people of color, immigrants and refugees, youth, young adults, people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (LGBTQI+), gender non-conforming people, people living in poverty, people with disabilities and/or all others who are disenfranchised from the Church; and be it further; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the budget for development of sustainable congregational revitalization throughout the Church will be \$2,000,000 for 2022-2024 to be allocated as follows:

- \$100,000 to engage Bishops and the diocesan representative(s) they appoint in development of a framework for congregational revitalization, identifying roadblocks that regularly thwart this work and identifying resources that are proven to enhance this work;
- \$100,000 to engage clergy and lay leaders in gleaning learnings from congregational revitalization that they have successfully done and/or they have failed in attempts to do, identifying roadblocks that have thwarted their work and identifying resources that have enhanced their work;
- \$100,000 for translation services and to facilitate participation of Spanish-speaking lay and ordained leaders in training for congregational revitalization;
- \$200,000 for further development of five-phase congregational redevelopment strategy - (1) diagnosing/assessing resources and challenges, (2) discerning next calling, (3) connecting with local and diocesan partners, (4) iterating and continued resourcing, and (5) evaluating, refining and sustaining
- \$1,000,000 to support a team of local and regional church-wide office staff to oversee the work; and
- \$500,000 to provide mentorship/coaching/training for lay and ordained leaders in revitalization of their congregations.

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$2,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

# A103 - Describing a Christian Life of Faith in the Episcopal Tradition

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Formation & Ministry of the Baptized

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention commend to each diocese A Christian Life of Faith: Signs and Thresholds Along The Way as a discernment tool and formation guide for baptized Episcopalians, directing it particularly to Commissions on Ministry as a resource to fulfill Title III: Canon 1: Of the Ministry of All Baptized Persons which states, "Each Diocese shall make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons."

# A107 - Ministry with People with Mental Illness and Their Families

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the worldwide prevalence of mental illness and the need for effective ministry with people facing mental health challenges, and the need to continue the work begun with the General Convention resolutions 2015-C020 and 2018-C034; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church now equip all its people, both clergy and laity, to interact in compassionate, competent ways with those experiencing mental health challenges; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the provinces and dioceses of The Episcopal Church utilize resources to strengthen care, inclusion, support, and advocacy for all people (both laity and clergy) who struggle with mental health challenges; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the provinces and dioceses of The Episcopal Church support the mental health of their clergy by advocating for clergy to be intentional about their self-care, and realizing that clergy, like anyone else, may also struggle with challenges to mental health.

# A109 - Developing Curriculum and Required Training for Clergy in Mental Health Pastoral Care

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$15,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention authorize the creation and launch of new curriculum to train all Episcopal ordained clergy, candidates, and postulants in mental health and mental illness awareness that emphasizes pastoral care, the forming of caring relationships, and effective advocacy. This new curriculum will incorporate and expand upon a range of resources including Mental Health First Aid, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Interfaith Network on Mental Illness, WISE for Mental Health, and other helpful organizations and networks; and be it further

*Resolved,* That it is recommended that all those to be ordained from January 2024 onward be trained in this new curriculum that will include training in Mental Health First Aid and in the advocacy work of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention recommend the training of all active priests, deacons, and bishops in this curriculum for mental health and mental illness awareness; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$15,000 to support curriculum development for this training of clergy.

# A116 - Amend Canon III.10.2 to Correct Inadvertent Omission on Clergy Ordained in Churches in Full Communion

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention amend Canon III.10.2 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** Clergy Ordained by Bishop of Churches in Full Communion with This Church

a.

1. A Member of the Clergy, ordained by a Bishop of another Church in full communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign land by Bishops of this Church under Article III of the Constitution, shall, before being permitted to officiate in any Congregation of this Church, exhibit to the Member of the Clergy in charge, or, if there be no Member of the Clergy in charge, to the Vestry thereof, a certificate of recent date, signed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese that the person's letters of Holy Orders and other credentials are valid and authentic, and given by a Bishop in full communion with this Church, and whose authority is acknowledged by this Church; and also that the person has exhibited to the Ecclesiastical Authority satisfactory evidence of (i) moral and godly character and of (ii) theological qualifications.

2. Before being permitted to take charge of any Congregation, or being received into any Diocese of this Church as a Member of its Clergy, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall receive Letters Dimissory or equivalent credentials under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese the person has been last connected, which letters or credentials shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof. Before receiving the Member of the Clergy the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church, without recourse to any foreign jurisdiction, civil or ecclesiastical; and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the Bishop's presence, and in the presence of two or more Presbyters, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution. The Bishop and at least one Presbyter shall examine the person as to knowledge of the history of this Church, its worship and government. The Bishop, also being satisfied of the person's theological qualifications, may then receive the person into the Diocese as a Member of the Clergy of this Church.

3. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in full communion with this Church as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the terms of the covenant of The Episcopal Church and the other Church or Churches as adopted by the General Convention and by the denominational authority or similar body for those Churches that are not members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council.

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

**Sec. 2** Clergy Ordained by Bishop of Churches in *Full* Communion with This Church

a.

1. A Member of the Clergy, ordained by a Bishop of another Church in *full* communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign land by Bishops of this Church under Article III of the Constitution, shall, before being permitted to officiate in any Congregation of this Church, exhibit to the Member of the Clergy in charge, or, if there be no Member of the Clergy in charge, to the Vestry thereof, a certificate of recent date, signed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese that the person's letters of Holy Orders and other credentials are valid and authentic, and given by a Bishop in *full* communion with this Church, and whose authority is acknowledged by this Church; and also that the person has exhibited to the Ecclesiastical Authority satisfactory evidence of (i) moral and godly character and of (ii) theological qualifications.

2. Before being permitted to take charge of any Congregation, or being received into any Diocese of this Church as a Member of its Clergy, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall receive Letters Dimissory or equivalent credentials under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese the person has been last connected, which letters or credentials shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof. Before receiving the Member of the Clergy the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church, without recourse to any foreign jurisdiction, civil or ecclesiastical; and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the Bishop's presence, and in the presence of two or more Presbyters, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution. The Bishop and at least one Presbyter shall examine the person as to knowledge of the history of this Church, its worship and government. The Bishop, also being satisfied of the person's theological qualifications, may then receive the person into the Diocese as a Member of the Clergy of this Church.

3. The provisions of *this Section* ~~Sections 2 and 3~~ shall be applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in full communion with this Church as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the *terms of the* covenant of The Episcopal Church and the other Church or Churches as adopted by the General Convention and by the denominational authority or similar body for those Churches that are not members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council.



# A117 - Amend Canons III.10, III.12.1, III.12.5.b.3, and III.13.1 to Clarify Language on the Reception of Bishops

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Se resuelve*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide for reception of Bishops of the Anglican Communion into The Episcopal Church to serve as Assistant Bishops and as bishops with provisional charge of a diocese, and also to serve as Bishops of Dioceses that have been admitted into union with the General Convention, by amending each and every one of the following interrelated canons: Canon III.10, Canon III.12.1, Canon III.12.5.b.3, and Canon III.13.1, 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.>

Amend Canon III.10 to change the title of the Canon to read as follows:

Canon 10: Of Reception of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons from other Churches

Amend Canon III.10.1 to read as follows:

**Sec. 1.** Prior to reception or ordination of a priest or deacon, the following must be provided

Amend Canon III.10 to add a new Section 5, to read as follows:

**Sec. 5.** Reception into this Church of a Bishop of a Church or Province in the Anglican Communion.

a. A Bishop in good standing of a member church or Province of the Anglican Communion, or of a national or local church with Extra-Provincial status in the Anglican Communion, who seeks to serve in this Church as an Assistant Bishop as provided in Canon III.12.5.b.3, or as a Bishop with provisional charge of a Diocese as provided in Canon III.13.1, may be received into The Episcopal Church pursuant to the requirements set out in this Section.

b. A Bishop in good standing of a member church or Province of the Anglican Communion, or of a national or local church with Extra-Provincial status in the Anglican Communion, which church or Province is seeking admission into union with The Episcopal Church, may be received into The Episcopal Church pursuant to the requirements set out in this Section, provided that if the Bishop's selection to serve the church or Province was by a process other than election by a Convention, Synod, or other governing body, the Bishop shall provide evidence that the Convention, Synod, or other governing body has affirmed that selection;

c. A Bishop seeking to be received into The Episcopal Church shall provide to the Presiding Bishop the following:

1. evidence of the Bishop's having been duly ordered Bishop in the Anglican Communion;
2. evidence of the Bishop's moral and godly character;
3. a background check, according to the criteria established by the Presiding Bishop;

4. certifies from a licensed medical doctor and a licensed psychologist authorized by the Presiding Bishop, and, as necessary, from a psychiatrist and/or a professional specializing in evaluation for substance, chemical, and alcohol use and abuse and other addictive patterns, also authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop as to that person's medical, psychological, and psychiatric condition and for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse and other addictive patterns and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen as a Bishop in this Church. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop shall be used for this purpose;

5. evidence of the Bishop having received the training set out in Section 1.c of this Canon; and

6. evidence of the Bishop having been examined by at least three Bishops of this Church as to knowledge of this Church, its worship and governance, including the follow topics:

i. Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church.

ii. Doctrine: the Church's teachings as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.

iii. Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer.

iv. Practical Theology:

1. The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.

2. The conduct of public worship.

3. The Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese in which the Bishop will serve.

4. The use of voice in reading and speaking.

7. The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the church or Province from the Bishop has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations will be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file with the Office of Pastoral Development for at least three years.

In the case of a Bishop seeking to be received into this Church under subsection .b of this Canon, evidence that the General Convention has consented to the admission of the church or Province pursuant to Article V, Section I of the Constitution.

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.

*Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, or in similar words approved by the Presiding Bishop, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:*

*We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of \_\_\_\_\_, and having been duly convened, firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Right Reverend N.N. ought not to be received into The Episcopal Church to serve as a Bishop therein, and therefore consent to the reception of the Right Reverend N.N. to serve as [Assistant Bishop/Bishop with provisional charge/Bishop Diocesan] in the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_.*

e. If a majority of the Bishops with jurisdiction and of the Standing Committees consents to the reception, the Bishop shall make the written declaration required by Article VIII of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church in the presence of the Presiding Bishop and two episcopal witnesses, at which point the Presiding Bishop shall certify that the Bishop is received into The Episcopal Church; provided that, in the case of a Bishop seeking to be received into this Church under subsection .b of this Canon, such certification shall not issue until the Executive Council has issued the approval set out on Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Amend Canon III.12.1 to read as follows:

**Sec. 1.**Formation.

Following election or reception and continuing for three years following ordination or reception, new Bishops and Bishops received into this Church shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of Bishops. This process of formation shall provide a mentor for each newly ordained and received Bishop."

Amend Canon III.12.5.b.3 to read as follows:

3. Bishops in good standing of member churches or Provinces of the Anglican Communion, or of national or local churches with Extra-Provincial status in the Anglican Communion, provided they are received into this Church under Canon III.10.5.

Amend Canon III.13.1 to read as follows:

**Sec. 1.** A Diocese without a Bishop may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of another Diocese, or of a resigned Bishop, or of a Bishop who has been received into this Church under Canon III.10.5, who shall by that act be authorized to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese until a Bishop is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked.

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

Amend Canon III.10 to change the title of the Canon to read as follows:

Canon 10: Of Reception of *Bishops, Priests, and Deacons* ~~Clergy~~ from other Churches

Amend Canon III.10.1 to read as follows:

**Sec. 1.** Prior to reception or ordination of a priest or deacon, the following must be provided

Amend Canon III.10 to add a new Section 5, to read as follows:

**Sec. 5.** Reception into this Church of a Bishop of a Church or Province in the Anglican Communion.

*a. A Bishop in good standing of a member church or Province of the Anglican Communion, or of a national or local church with Extra-Provincial status in the Anglican Communion, who seeks to serve in this Church as an Assistant Bishop as provided in Canon III.12.5.b.3, or as a Bishop with provisional charge of a Diocese as provided in Canon III.13.1, may be received into The Episcopal Church pursuant to the requirements set out in this Section.*

*b. A Bishop in good standing of a member church or Province of the Anglican Communion, or of a national or local church with Extra-Provincial status in the Anglican Communion, which church or Province is seeking admission into union with The Episcopal Church, may be received into The Episcopal Church pursuant to the requirements set out in this Section, provided that if the Bishop's selection to serve the church or Province was by a process other than election by a Convention, Synod, or other governing body, the Bishop shall provide evidence that the Convention, Synod, or other governing body has affirmed that selection;*

*c. A Bishop seeking to be received into The Episcopal Church shall provide to the Presiding Bishop the following:*

*1. evidence of the Bishop's having been duly ordered Bishop in the Anglican Communion;*

*2. evidence of the Bishop's moral and godly character;*

*3. a background check, according to the criteria established by the Presiding Bishop;*

*4. certificates from a licensed medical doctor and a licensed psychologist authorized by the Presiding Bishop, and, as necessary, from a psychiatrist and/or a professional specializing in evaluation for substance, chemical, and alcohol use and abuse and other addictive patterns, also authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop*

as to that person's medical, psychological, and psychiatric condition and for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse and other addictive patterns and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen as a Bishop in this Church. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop shall be used for this purpose;

5. evidence of the Bishop having received the training set out in Section 1.c of this Canon; and

6. evidence of the Bishop having been examined by at least three Bishops of this Church as to knowledge of this Church, its worship and governance, including the follow topics:

i. Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church.

ii. Doctrine: the Church's teachings as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.

iii. Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer.

iv. Practical Theology:

1. The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.

2. The conduct of public worship.

3. The Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese in which the Bishop will serve.

4. The use of voice in reading and speaking.

7. The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the church or Province from the Bishop has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations will be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file with the Office of Pastoral Development for at least three years.

In the case of a Bishop seeking to be received into this Church under subsection .b of this Canon, evidence that the General Convention has consented to the admission of the church or Province pursuant to Article V, Section I of the Constitution.

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.

e. If a majority of the Bishops with jurisdiction and of the Standing Committees consents to the reception, the Bishop shall make the written declaration required by Article VIII of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church in the presence of the Presiding Bishop and two episcopal witnesses, at which point the Presiding Bishop shall certify that the Bishop is received into The Episcopal Church; provided that, in the case of a Bishop seeking to be received into this Church under subsection .b of this Canon, such certification shall not issue until the Executive Council has issued the approval set out on Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Amend Canon III.12.1 to read as follows:

#### **Sec. 1. Formation.**

Following election *or reception* and continuing for three years following ordination *or reception*, new Bishops *and Bishops received into this Church* shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of Bishops. This process of formation shall provide a mentor for each newly ordained *and received* Bishop."

Amend Canon III.12.5.b.3 to read as follows:

3. Bishops in good standing of member churches or Provinces of the Anglican Communion, or of national or local churches with Extra-Provincial status in the Anglican Communion, provided they are received into this Church under Canon III. 10.5. ~~Persons who are Bishops in good standing of Churches that are members of the Anglican Communion by action of the~~

Anglican Consultative if they:

- i. have previously resigned their former responsibilities;
- ii. have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination as a Bishop of that Church;
- iii. have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;
- iv. have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop Diocesan making the appointment, and witnessed by two other Bishops of this Church, to submit in all things to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church;
- v. have submitted to and satisfactorily passed thorough examinations covering the medical, psychological, psychiatric and other conditions described in Canon III.11.1, pursuant to the requirements of and procedures set forth in Canon III.11.1;
- vi. have undergone background screening and, if feasible, background checks as provided in Canon III.11.1;
- vii. have been examined by the Bishop Diocesan and at least two other Bishops of this Church as to knowledge of this Church, its worship and governance:

1. Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church.

2. Doctrine: the Church's teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.

3. Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer.

4. Practical Theology:

i. The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.

ii. The conduct of public worship.

iii. The Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident.

iv. The use of voice in reading and speaking.

5. The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file with the Office of Pastoral Development for at least three years

viii. have received the following training:

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.

2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

3. the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

4. training regarding the Church's teaching on racism.

ix. have served in The Episcopal Church for a period of two years, have received the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and a majority of the Standing Committees, and been received into The Episcopal Church as a Bishop. A Bishop of another Province or jurisdiction of the Anglican Communion does not become a Bishop of this Church solely by virtue of being appointed an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese.

Amend Canon III.13.1 to read as follows:

**Sec. 1.** A Diocese without a Bishop may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of another Diocese, or of a resigned Bishop, *or of a Bishop who has been received into this Church under Canon III.10.5*, who shall by that act be authorized to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese until a Bishop is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked.

# A118 - Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Se resuelve*, That the 80th 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.>

**Sec. 4.** There shall be a court known as the Court of Review, with jurisdiction to receive and determine appeals from Hearing Panels of Dioceses as provided in Canon IV.15 and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.c.

a. The Court of Review consists of: i. Three Bishops; ii. six Members of the Clergy, who must include at least two Priests and at least two Deacons; and six lay persons; and one Bishop, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person to serve as alternates as provided in this Section.

b. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will nominate a slate of Clergy and lay persons for election to the Court of Review, in accordance with the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations' canonical charge and procedures and guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Court of Review. The Joint Standing Committee on Nomination may but need not nominate more persons than there are vacancies. The Clergy and lay nominees for the Court of Review may but need not be Deputies to General Convention. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations must create a description of the skills, gifts, and experience requisite for service on the Court of Review, after consultation with the Court, including the value of cultural and geographic diversity on the Court and the value of including historically underrepresented voices in the governance of the Church.

c. The Bishop members and Bishop alternate members on the Court of Review will be nominated by the Presiding Bishop after consultation with the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, and then elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention.

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

i. Except for a member filling a vacancy, the term of office of a member of the Court of Review begins at the adjournment of the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the member was elected and expires on the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Convention following .

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

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

e. The Court of Review must select a President from among its members. The President must be a Priest, Deacon, or lay person .

- f. The persons appointed to the Court of Review will continue to serve until their respective successors have been elected, except in case of death, resignation, or declination to serve. Members of the Court of Review who are currently appointed to a Panel will continue to serve until the Panel has completed its work .
- 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.
- h. If any member of the Court of Review is excused under Canon IV.5.3.c, or, upon objection made by either party to the appeal, is found by the other members of the Court of Review to be disqualified, an alternate will serve .
- i. In the event of any Court of Review member's death, resignation, or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act, and in the further event that no other member of the Court is available to serve, the President of the Court of Review must declare a vacancy on the Court of Review. Notices of resignation or declination to serve must be communicated in writing to the President of the Court of Review .
- j. 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.
- k. The Court of Review must appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Court, who will be custodian of all records and files of the Court of Review, and who will provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Court.
- l. The rules of procedure for appeals to the Court of Review are as provided in Canon IV.15, but the Court of Review may adopt, alter, or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

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

- Sec. 4. There shall be a court ~~to be~~ known as the Court of Review, with jurisdiction to receive and determine appeals from Hearing Panels of Dioceses as provided in Canon IV.15 and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.c.
- a. The Court of Review ~~shall consist~~ consists of: *i.* ~~(1)~~ Three ~~(3)~~ Bishops; *ii.* six ~~(6)~~ Members of the Clergy, ~~which and will who must include not fewer than at least two (2) Priests and not fewer than at least two (2) Deacons; and six (6) lay persons; and (ii) one (1) Bishop, one (1) Priest or Deacon, and one (1) lay person to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided in this Section . No more than two (2) Priests or Deacons, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in the same Diocese as any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or alternate, shall reside in a different Diocese than any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be or have been members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses:~~
- b . The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will nominate a slate of Clergy and lay persons for election to the Court of Review, in accordance with the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations' canonical charge and procedures and guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Court of Review. The Joint Standing Committee on Nomination may but need not nominate more persons than there are vacancies. The Clergy and lay nominees for the Court of Review may but need not be Deputies to General Convention. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations must create a description of the skills, gifts, and experience requisite for service on the Court of Review, after consultation with the Court, including the value of cultural and geographic diversity on the Court and the value of including historically underrepresented voices in the governance of the Church .*
- ~~b~~ c. The ~~Bishops~~ Bishop members and Bishop alternate members on the Court of Review ~~shall~~ will be nominated by the Presiding Bishop after consultation with the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, and then elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention. ~~One of the Bishops on the Court of Review shall be chosen from Provinces I, II or III; one of the Bishops shall be chosen from Provinces IV, V or VI; and one of the Bishops shall be chosen from Provinces VII, VIII or IX.~~
- d. The Clergy and lay members and alternates on the Court of Review ~~shall~~ will be elected by the House of Deputies at a regular meeting of the General Convention ~~such that one third of clergy members and one third of lay members shall come from Province I, II, or III; one third shall come from Province IV, V, or VI; and one third shall come from Province VII, VIII, IX.~~

*i. Except for a member filling a vacancy, the term of office of a member of the Court of Review begins at the adjournment of the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the member was elected and expires on the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Convention following.*

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

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

~~e.~~ The Court of Review ~~shall must~~ select a ~~president~~ *President* from among its members. The *President shall* ~~must~~ be a Priest, Deacon, or lay person.

~~e- f.~~ The persons appointed to the Court of Review ~~shall will~~ continue to serve until their respective successors have been elected, except in case of death, resignation , or declination to serve. Members of the Court of Review who are currently appointed to a ~~panel shall~~ *Panel will* continue to serve on that panel until ~~its work has been completed~~ *the Panel has completed its work* .

~~e- g.~~ Whenever a matter is referred to the Court of Review, the *President shall must* appoint a ~~panel~~ *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* ~~serves on the Disciplinary Board 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 must 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* ~~the~~ *alternate of the same Order to shall* serve.

~~e- h.~~ If any member of the Court of Review is excused ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ *under* Canon IV.5.3.c, or, upon objection made by either party to the appeal, is ~~deemed found~~ by the other members of the Court of Review to be disqualified, an alternate ~~shall~~ *will* serve.

~~f- i.~~ In the event of any Court of Review member's death, resignation , or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act , ~~or is ineligible to serve under Canons IV.5.4.d or e,~~ and in the further event that ~~there~~ *no other member of the Court* is ~~no alternate~~ available to serve, the *President of the Court of Review shall must* declare a vacancy on the Court of Review. Notices of resignation or declination to serve ~~shall must~~ be communicated in writing to the *President of the Court of Review*.

~~e- j.~~ Vacancies on the Court of Review ~~shall must~~ be filled by ~~appointment by~~ the *President of the House of Deputies for lay and Clergy members and by the Presiding Bishop for Bishop members* ~~Court of Review of persons qualified as provided in Canon IV.5.4.a.~~

~~h- k.~~ The Court of Review ~~shall must~~ appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Court, who ~~shall will~~ be custodian of all records and files of the Court of Review, and who ~~shall will~~ provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Court.

~~i- l.~~ The rules of procedure for appeals to the Court of Review are as provided in Canon IV.15, but the Court of Review may adopt, alter, or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.



# A119 - Amend Canon IV.17.3 and .4 on the Term of Office for the Disciplinary Board for Bishops

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon IV.17.3 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.

a. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have original jurisdiction over matters of discipline of Bishops and to hear Bishops' appeals from imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave.

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 and four 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.

c. Members of the Board will serve staggered terms, with the terms of one-half of the Bishops and one-half of the Lay Persons, Priests, and Deacons collectively expiring upon the adjournment of every regular meeting of the General Convention.

d. Unless elected or appointed to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, each member will serve from the adjournment of the General Convention at which the member was elected until the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Convention after election and until the member's successor is elected and qualifies.

e. 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.

f. Notwithstanding any expiration of a member's term of office, there will be no change in the composition of any Conference Panel or Hearing Panel while a matter remains pending before the Panel; and a member of the Board sitting on such a Panel and whose term of office otherwise would expire will nevertheless continue in office until the matter is resolved and solely for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Within sixty days following each General Convention, the Board must convene to elect a president for the following interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The president must be a Bishop. If there is no president, the Bishop who is senior by consecration must perform the duties of the president.

And be it further;

*Resolved*, That the members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops elected at the 78th General Convention in 2015 will serve until December 31, 2022 and until their successors are elected and qualify.

*Resolved*, That the members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops elected at the 79th General Convention in 2018 will serve until the adjournment of the 81st General Convention and until their successors are elected and qualify.

*Resolved*, That the members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops elected at the 80th General Convention in 2022 will serve from January 1, 2023 until the adjournment of the 82nd General Convention and until their successors are elected and qualify.

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

Sec. 3.

a. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have original jurisdiction over matters of discipline of Bishops, *and to hear Bishops' appeals from imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave, and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.*

b. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops ~~shall consist~~ *consists* of ten Bishops elected by the House of Bishops at a ~~regularly scheduled session~~ *regular meeting* of the General Convention, and four Priests or Deacons and four ~~lay persons~~ *Lay Persons* elected by the House of Deputies *at a regular meeting of the General Convention*. All ~~lay persons~~ *Lay Persons* elected or appointed to serve ~~shall~~ *must* be confirmed adult communicants in good standing.

c. Members of the Board ~~shall will~~ serve staggered terms ~~of six years~~, with *the* terms of one half *one-half* of the Bishops and ~~one half~~ *one-half* of the lay persons *Lay Persons*, Priests and Deacons collectively expiring ~~every three years upon the adjournment of every regular meeting of the General Convention~~. A vacancy among the member Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop with the advice and consent of the Bishop members of Executive Council. A vacancy among the lay or Priest or Deacon members shall be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the lay, Priest and Deacon members of Executive Council.

d. Unless elected or appointed to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, each member ~~shall will~~ serve from ~~the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which the member was elected, until the last day of December of the sixth calendar year following the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Convention~~ after election and until the member's successor is elected and qualifies; ~~however, there shall be no change in the composition of any Hearing Panel while a matter is pending unresolved before the Hearing Panel.~~

e. 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.

f. Notwithstanding any expiration of a member's term of office, there will be no change in the composition of any Conference Panel or Hearing Panel while a matter is pending before the Panel; and a member of the Board sitting on such a Panel and whose term of office otherwise would expire will nevertheless continue in office until the matter is resolved and solely for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Within sixty days following each General Convention, the Board ~~shall must~~ convene to elect a president for the following triennium *interval between regular meetings of the General Convention*. The president ~~shall must~~ be a Bishop. If there is no president, the Bishop who is senior by consecration ~~shall must~~ perform the duties of the president.

# A120 - Amend Canon IV.17.8 on Vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops

**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

## Resolution Text

*Resolved, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon IV.17.8 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 Court of Review for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have jurisdiction over appeals from Hearing Panels of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

- a. The Court of Review for Bishops consists of nine members, all of whom must be Bishops. Three Bishops will be elected by the House of Bishops at any regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Bishops, to serve until the adjournment of the third succeeding regular meeting of General Convention and until their successors are elected and qualify; but there will be no change in the composition of the Court with respect to a particular Respondent following any hearing in the matter and while it is pending unresolved before the Court.
- b. The Presiding Bishop must fill any vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops.
- c. From among their number, the members of the Court of Review for Bishops must elect a president.
- d. The reasonable and necessary expenses of the Court of Review for Bishops, including fees, costs, disbursements, and expenses of the members, clerks, reporters, and Church Attorneys, will be charged upon the General Convention and paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention upon Order of the president of the Court of Review. The Court of Review for Bishops has the authority to contract for and bind the General Convention to pay these expenses.

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

Sec. 8. The Court of Review for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have jurisdiction ~~to hear~~ over appeals from Hearing Panels of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

- a. The Court of Review for Bishops ~~shall consist~~ *consists* of nine members, all of whom ~~shall must~~ be Bishops. Three Bishops ~~shall will~~ be elected by the House of Bishops at any regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Bishops, to serve until the adjournment of the third succeeding regular meeting of General Convention and until their successors are elected and qualify; ~~however,~~ *but* there shall be no change in the composition of the Court with respect to a particular Respondent following any hearing in the matter and while it is pending unresolved before the Court.
- b. *The Presiding Bishop must fill any vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops.*
- ~~b-c.~~ From among their number, the members of the Court of Review for Bishops ~~shall must~~ elect a president.
- ~~e-d.~~ The reasonable and necessary expenses of the Court of Review for Bishops, including fees, costs, disbursements, and expenses of the members, clerks, reporters, and Church Attorneys, ~~shall will~~ be charged upon the General Convention and paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention upon Order of the president of the Court of Review. The Court of Review for

Bishops ~~shall have~~ *has* the authority to contract for and bind the General Convention to ~~payment of~~ *pay* these expenses.

# A125 - A Resolution Extending and Furthering the Beloved Community

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Presiding Officers' Working Group on Truth Telling, Reckoning, and Healing

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$0.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church affirms that striving to become the Beloved Community of Jesus is central to our baptismal vocation in God's mission, and every Episcopalian is called to a lifelong vocation of racial justice and equity and the dismantling of white supremacy; and be it further

Resolved, that the 80th General Convention establish the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice as a voluntary association of Episcopal dioceses, parishes, organizations, and individuals dedicated to the work of becoming the Beloved Community; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice be charged with facilitating, coordinating, encouraging, supporting, and networking efforts of Episcopal dioceses, parishes, organizations, and individuals for racial justice and equity, and the dismantling of white supremacy, in collaboration with the work of the Executive Council and staff of the Episcopal Church Center; and be it further

Resolved, that the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies appoint a Constituting Group for the development, implementation, and creation of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice, whose work includes determining and proposing all necessary organizational, canonical, legal, and other actions necessary to constitute formally and oversee said Coalition; and be it further

Resolved, that once the Coalition is constituted, it shall be funded with an annual draw on one-tenth of the trusts and endowment funds available for general use in the Episcopal Church's budget, the income of which is currently found on Line 5 of the Episcopal Church budget; and be it further

Resolved, that the draw percentage applied to fund the Coalition be the same percentage as that applied to fund the Episcopal Church's budget; and be it further

Resolved, that to support the development of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equality and Justice, the Constituting Group be funded during the biennial 2023-2024 at the level of \$200,000 a year.

# A131 - Resolution Regarding Language

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Presiding Officers' Working Group on Truth Telling, Reckoning, and Healing

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention urge all Episcopalians to utilize the phrase People of Color when referring to individuals and communities marginalized by racism and white supremacy; and be it further

*Resolved,* That when referring to a smaller group of people that share a historical, cultural, or ethnic identity, we commit to using the specific terms and names that those groups have widely embraced for themselves in our documents and church communications.

# A133 - Amend Joint Rule of Order III.12 to modify the method of showing additions or amendments to facilitate translation

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Joint Rules of Order

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Joint Rule of Order III.12 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: Proposals for Legislative Consideration

12. Each proposal for legislative consideration which includes the language of a proposed addition to or amendment of an existing Constitutional, Canonical, or Rule of Order provision shall be shown as follows:

a. Begin the text of the resolution with the following text in bold, with an extra return before and after this text:

<Amended text 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. Place the text of the final resolution, inclusive of all proposed changes, as it would appear if adopted and concurred. This means that there should be no strikethrough text or italics text in this version of the text.

c. Then add the following text in bold, with an extra return before and after this text:

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

d. Insert the text of the resolution showing the exact changes being made by marking any text being removed using a ~~strikethrough~~ and any new text being added using *italics*. Where practicable, proposers should strikethrough entire words and phrases, while still showing exactly what is being modified. Do not strikethrough a portion of a word. Bold text may not be used in the text of the legislative proposal.

e. Each such proposal calling for action shall designate the individual or body for communication and implementation, but if no such designation is included in the resolution as adopted, it shall be referred to the Office of the Secretary of General Convention for communication and implementation.

f. No proposal for legislative consideration which approves, endorses, adopts, or rejects a report, study, or other document that is not generally known by the members of the House or readily available may be considered by the General Convention unless such material is first distributed to both Houses. It is the responsibility of the proposer to provide the necessary copies to the Secretary of each House.

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

III: Proposals for Legislative Consideration

12. Each proposal for legislative consideration which includes the language of a proposed addition to or amendment of an existing Constitutional or Canonical provision shall be drawn, insofar as may reasonably be possible, (1) so as to indicate in Roman type the portion, if any, of the existing Constitutional or Canonical provision proposed to be retained, (2) so as to indicate in italic or underlined type the new language proposed to be inserted or added, and (3) so as to indicate, by Roman type which has been stricken through, manually or otherwise, the language of the existing Constitutional or Canonical provision proposed to be eliminated. Each proposal for legislative consideration which includes the language of a proposed addition to or amendment of an existing Constitutional, Canonical, or Rule of Order provision shall be shown as follows:

a. Begin the text of the resolution with the following text in bold, with an extra return before and after this text:

<Amended text 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. Place the text of the final resolution, inclusive of all proposed changes, as it would appear if adopted and concurred. This means that there should be no strikethrough text or italics text in this version of the text.

c. Then add the following text in bold, with an extra return before and after this text:

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

d. Insert the text of the resolution showing the exact changes being made by marking any text being removed using a strikethrough and any new text being added using italics. Where practicable, proposers should strikethrough entire words and phrases, while still showing exactly what is being modified. Do not strikethrough a portion of a word. Bold text may not be used in the text of the legislative proposal.

e. Each such proposal calling for action shall designate the individual or body for communication and implementation, but if no such designation is included in the resolution as adopted, it shall be referred to the Office of the Secretary of General Convention for communication and implementation.

f. No proposal for legislative consideration which approves, endorses, adopts, or rejects a report, study, or other document that is not generally known by the members of the House or readily available may be considered by the General Convention unless such material is first distributed to both Houses. It is the responsibility of the proposer to provide the necessary copies to the Secretary of each House.



# A135 - Amend Joint Rule of Order VII.22 to Streamline the Procedure for Obtaining a Background Check, if Required, before a Nomination from the House Floor

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Joint Rules of Order

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Joint Rule of Order VII.22 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.>

22. Any person desiring to be nominated from the floor of either House for any of the offices listed in Joint Rule 21.a shall, at a time determined by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, but no later than sixty days prior to the first legislative day of General Convention, submit the person's name and other necessary information to the Office of the Secretary of General for the purpose of submitting to a background check in accordance with Joint Rule 21.

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

22. Any person desiring to be nominated *from the floor of either House* for any of the offices *listed in Joint Rule 21.a* ~~of the Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund~~ shall, at a time determined by *the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, Joint Standing Committee on Nominations*; *but no later than sixty days* ~~four months~~ prior to the ~~start~~ *first legislative day* of General Convention, submit the person's *name and other necessary information to the Office of the Secretary of General Convention* ~~application to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations~~ for the purpose of submitting to a background check *in accordance with Joint Rule 21*.

# A137 - Church of Sweden - Full Communion Relationship

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Task Force to Coordinate Ecumenical & Interreligious Work

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 19 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church accept the Memorandum of Understanding dated January 15, 2022 between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden (which can found on the Ecumenical and Interreligious page of The Episcopal Church's website at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/ecumenical-interreligious/> and which shall be added to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships page of the Archives upon acceptance of the Memorandum by the General Convention <https://www.episcopalarchives.org/sceir>) the basis for a relationship of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request that the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, convey this action to the Archbishop of the Church of Sweden; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the ecumenical officers of The Episcopal Church, working with the Task Force to Coordinate Ecumenical and Interreligious Work, establish policies and procedures to facilitate exchange of ministry between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden as set forth in the Memorandum; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Canon I.20 be amended by adding a new subsection, as follows:

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

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4. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Church of Sweden under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden (based upon the understandings set forth in the Report on the Grounds for Future Relations between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church), which was accepted by the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution 2022-A137.

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

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*4. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Church of Sweden under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden (based upon the understandings set forth in the Report on the Grounds for Future Relations between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church), which was accepted by the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution 2022-A137.*

# A140 - Urge The Episcopal Church and Constituents to Designate Indigenous Peoples' Day

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Executive Council

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

Resolved, That on the homelands of the Piscataway, Nentego (Nanticoke), and Susquehannock peoples, the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges all Episcopal entities, dioceses, parishes and missions to designate a day honoring our Indigenous ancestors. Further, domestic and United States territorial dioceses across the church as well as all Episcopal entities to refer to the U.S. federal holiday of Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and be it further

*Resolved*, That nations across the globe have adopted Indigenous' Peoples Day as a holiday and/or observance, including, but not limited to Colombia and Taiwan, and, further the United Nations recognized August 9 as the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples; and be it further

*Resolved*, That observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day would serve as a celebration and a remembrance of the Indigenous peoples who have for thousands of generations safeguarded the land, and who, in the face of cultural genocide, preserved their languages, traditions, stories, and ceremonies for future generations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all diocesan offices, parishes, and Episcopal Church-related organizations are encouraged to examine their observance, remembrance, and honoring of our Indigenous and Native siblings.

# A144 - Add Updated Editions of NRSV and New Jerusalem Bible to Canon II.2

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Canon II.2.1 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. 1. The Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer shall be read from the translation of the Holy Scriptures commonly known as the King James or Authorized Version (which is the historic Bible of this Church) together with the Marginal Readings authorized for use by the General Convention of 1901; or from one of the three translations known as Revised Versions, including the English Revision of 1881, the American Revision of 1901, and the Revised Standard Version of 1952; from the Jerusalem Bible of 1966; from the New English Bible with the Apocrypha of 1970; or from The 1976 Good News Bible (Today's English Version); or from The New American Bible (1970); or from The Revised Standard Version, an Ecumenical Edition, commonly known as the "R.S.V. Common Bible" (1973); or from The New International Version (1978); or from The New Jerusalem Bible (1987); or from the Revised English Bible (1989); or from the New Revised Standard Version (1989, 2022); or from the Contemporary English Version (1995); or from the Contemporary English Version Global (2005); or Common English Bible (2011); from The Revised New Jerusalem Bible (2019); or from translations, authorized by the diocesan bishop, of those approved versions published in any other language; or from other versions of the Bible, including those in languages other than English, which shall be authorized by diocesan bishops for specific use in congregations or ministries within their dioceses.

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

Sec. 1. The Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer shall be read from the translation of the Holy Scriptures commonly known as the King James or Authorized Version (which is the historic Bible of this Church) together with the Marginal Readings authorized for use by the General Convention of 1901; or from one of the three translations known as Revised Versions, including the English Revision of 1881, the American Revision of 1901, and the Revised Standard Version of 1952; from the Jerusalem Bible of 1966; from the New English Bible with the Apocrypha of 1970; or from The 1976 Good News Bible (Today's English Version); or from The New American Bible (1970); or from The Revised Standard Version, an Ecumenical Edition, commonly known as the "R.S.V. Common Bible" (1973); or from The New International Version (1978); or from The New Jerusalem Bible (1987); or from the Revised English Bible (1989); or from the New Revised Standard Version (~~1989~~ 1989, 2022); or from the Contemporary English Version (1995); or from the Contemporary English Version Global (2005); or Common English Bible (2011); *from The Revised New Jerusalem Bible (2019)*; or from translations, authorized by the diocesan bishop, of those approved versions published in any other language; or from other versions of the Bible, including those in languages other than English, which shall be authorized by diocesan bishops for specific use in congregations or ministries within their dioceses.

# A145 - Amend Constitution Article X [Book of Common Prayer Supplementary Text-- Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church 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 X

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the authority of this Church, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the same shall be first proposed in one regular meeting of the General Convention and by a resolve thereof be sent within six months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting 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 a vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5, except that concurrence 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.

But notwithstanding anything herein above contained, 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 throughout this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to the established Book of Common Prayer or to any section or Office thereof, a proposed revision of the whole Book or of any portion thereof, duly undertaken by 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.

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

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

### ARTICLE X

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the authority of this Church, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the same shall be first proposed in one regular meeting of the General Convention and by a resolve thereof be sent within six months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting 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 a vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5, except that concurrence 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.

But notwithstanding anything herein above contained, 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 throughout this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to the established Book of Common Prayer or to any section or Office thereof, a proposed revision of the whole Book or of any portion thereof, duly undertaken by 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.*

And *provided* that 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.

# A146 - Amend Constitution Articles VI and VIII [Regarding Full Communion--Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention amend Articles VI and VIII 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.>

### ARTICLE VI

Sec. 1. The House of Bishops may establish a Mission in any area not included within the boundaries of any Diocese of this Church or of any Church in full communion with this Church, and elect or appoint a Bishop therefor.

### ARTICLE VIII

No person shall be ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church until the person shall have been examined by the Bishop and two Priests and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons in that case provided may direct. No person shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop, or ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church, unless at the time, in the presence of the ordaining Bishop or Bishops, the person shall subscribe and make the following declaration:

I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church.

Provided, however, that any person consecrated a Bishop to minister in any Diocese of an autonomous Church or Province of a Church in full communion with this Church may, instead of the foregoing declaration, make the promises of Conformity required by the Church in which the Bishop is to minister.

If any Bishop ordains a Priest or Deacon to minister elsewhere than in this Church, or confers ordination as Priest or Deacon upon a Christian minister who has not received Episcopal Ordination, the Bishop shall do so only in accordance with such provisions as shall be set forth in the Canons of this Church.

No person ordained by a foreign Bishop, or by a Bishop not in full communion with this Church, shall be permitted to officiate as a Minister of this Church until the person shall have complied with the Canon or Canons in that case provided and also shall have subscribed the aforesaid declaration.

A Bishop may permit an ordained minister in good standing in a church with which this Church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or a minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that Church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this church. No minister of such a Church ordained by other than a Bishop, apart from any such ministers designated as part of the Covenant or Instrument by which full communion was established, shall be eligible to officiate under this Article.

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

## ARTICLE VI

Sec. 1. The House of Bishops may establish a Mission in any area not included within the boundaries of any Diocese of this Church or of any Church in *full* communion with this Church, and elect or appoint a Bishop therefor.

## ARTICLE VIII

No person shall be ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church until the person shall have been examined by the Bishop and two Priests and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons in that case provided may direct. No person shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop, or ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church, unless at the time, in the presence of the ordaining Bishop or Bishops, the person shall subscribe and make the following declaration:

I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church.

*Provided, however,* that any person consecrated a Bishop to minister in any Diocese of an autonomous Church or Province of a Church in *full* communion with this Church may, instead of the foregoing declaration, make the promises of Conformity required by the Church in which the Bishop is to minister.

If any Bishop ordains a Priest or Deacon to minister elsewhere than in this Church, or confers ordination as Priest or Deacon upon a Christian minister who has not received Episcopal Ordination, the Bishop shall do so only in accordance with such provisions as shall be set forth in the Canons of this Church.

No person ordained by a foreign Bishop, or by a Bishop not in *full* communion with this Church, shall be permitted to officiate as a Minister of this Church until the person shall have complied with the Canon or Canons in that case provided and also shall have subscribed the aforesaid declaration.

A Bishop may permit an ordained minister in good standing in a church with which this Church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or a minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that Church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this church. No minister of such a Church ordained by other than a Bishop, apart from any such ministers designated as part of the Covenant or Instrument by which full communion was established, shall be eligible to officiate under this Article.



# A147 - Amend Article IX [Court of Trial for Bishops--Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the Article IX of the Constitution 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.>

### ARTICLE IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.

Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the Convention thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, or suspension, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

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

### ARTICLE IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.

Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the Convention thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; *provided* that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of *admonition*, or suspension, ~~or removal~~, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

# A148 - Amend Constitution Article I.2 [House of Bishops--Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution 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.>

Article I

Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Bishop Suffragan, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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

Article I

Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every *Bishop* Suffragan ~~Bishop~~, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

# A149 - Amend Constitution Article II.4-8 [Bishops Suffragan--Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That Article II.4-8 of the Constitution 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.>

### ARTICLE II

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than two 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.

Sec. 5. It shall be lawful for a Diocese to prescribe by the Constitution and Canons of such Diocese that upon the death, removal or deposition of the Bishop or if the Bishop resigns, a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated; or that during the disability or absence of the Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

Sec. 6. A Bishop may not resign jurisdiction without the consent of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The Bishop Suffragan so elected 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. The Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan of a Diocese.

Sec. 8. A Bishop Diocesan or Coadjutor who has served as the Bishop Diocesan or as the Bishop Coadjutor, of a Diocese for any period of time, may be elected as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan of another Diocese only if five or more years have passed since the Bishop first served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese in which the Bishop is currently or last served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor. Before acceptance of such election a resignation of jurisdiction in the Diocese in which the Bishop is then serving, conditioned on the required consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church to such election, shall be submitted to the House of Bishops, and also, if the Bishop be a Bishop Coadjutor, a renunciation of the right of succession. Such resignation, and renunciation of the right of succession in the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, shall require the consent of the House of Bishops.

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

### ARTICLE II

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than two ~~Suffragan~~ Bishops *Suffragan*, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A ~~Suffragan~~ 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 ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* shall be eligible for election as Bishop *Diocesan* or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a *Bishop Suffragan* in another Diocese.

Sec. 5. It shall be lawful for a Diocese to prescribe by the Constitution and Canons of such Diocese that upon the death, *removal or deposition* of the Bishop *or if the Bishop resigns*, a ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* of that Diocese may ~~be placed in charge of such Diocese and~~ become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated; or that during the disability or absence of the Bishop, a Bishop *Suffragan* of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

Sec. 6. A Bishop may not resign jurisdiction without the consent of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* so elected 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. The ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* shall be eligible for election as Bishop *Diocesan*, or Bishop Coadjutor or ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* of a Diocese.

Sec. 8. A Bishop *Diocesan* or Coadjutor who has ~~for at least five years next preceding exercised jurisdiction as the Ordinary, served as the Bishop Diocesan~~ or as the Bishop Coadjutor, of a Diocese *for any period of time*, may be elected as Bishop *Diocesan*, Bishop Coadjutor, or ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* of another Diocese *only if five or more years have passed since the Bishop first served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese in which the Bishop is currently or last served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor*. Before acceptance of such election a resignation of jurisdiction in the Diocese in which the Bishop is then serving, conditioned on the required consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church to such election, shall be submitted to the House of Bishops, and also, if the Bishop be a Bishop Coadjutor, a renunciation of the right of succession. Such resignation, and renunciation of the right of succession in the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, shall require the consent of the House of Bishops.

# A150 - Amend Constitution Article III [Bishops Consecrated for Foreign Lands-- Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Article III of the Constitution 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.>

Bishops may be consecrated for foreign lands upon due application therefrom, with the approbation of a majority of the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, certified to the Presiding Bishop; under such conditions as may be prescribed by Canons of the General Convention. Bishops so consecrated shall not be eligible to the office of Diocesan or of Bishop Coadjutor of any Diocese in the United States or be entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, nor shall they perform any act of the episcopal office in any Diocese or Missionary Diocese of this Church, unless requested so to do by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof. If a Bishop so consecrated shall be subsequently duly elected as a Bishop of a Missionary Diocese of this Church, such election shall then confer all the rights and privileges given in the Canons to such Bishops.

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

## ARTICLE III

Bishops may be consecrated for foreign lands upon due application therefrom, with the approbation of a majority of the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, certified to the Presiding Bishop; under such conditions as may be prescribed by Canons of the General Convention. Bishops so consecrated shall not be eligible to the office of Diocesan or of Bishop Coadjutor of any Diocese in the United States or be entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, nor shall they perform any act of the episcopal office in any Diocese or Missionary Diocese of this Church, unless requested so to do by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof. If a Bishop so consecrated shall be subsequently duly elected as a Bishop of a Missionary Diocese of this Church, such election shall then confer all the rights and privileges given in the ~~Canon~~ *Canons* to such Bishops.

# A151 - Amend Constitution Article IV [Standing Committees--Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Article IV of the Constitution 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.>

### ARTICLE IV

In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof, except that provision for filling vacancies between meetings of the Convention may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention. The rights and duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

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

### ARTICLE IV

In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof, except that provision for filling vacancies between meetings of the Convention may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or *Bishop* Suffragan ~~Bishop~~ canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention. The rights and duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

# A152 - Amend Constitution Article 5.1 [Admission of New Dioceses--Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Article V, Section 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.>

Sec. 1 A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

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

Sec. 1 A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the ~~Ecclesiastical Authority~~ *Bishop* for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.



# A153 - Amend Constitution Article IX [For the Trial of Presbyters and Deacons-- Second Reading]

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**Final Status:** Concurred

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the Constitution Article IX be amended to read as follows:

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

Article IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.

Presbyters and Deacons shall be tried by a Court instituted by the General Convention by Canon.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of suspension, or removal, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

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

Article IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.

Presbyters and Deacons ~~canonically resident in a Diocese~~ shall be tried by a Court instituted by the *General Convention by Canon*. ~~thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.~~

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of suspension, or removal, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.



## A157 - Amend Article I Sec. 7

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

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

Sec. 7. The General Convention shall hold its regular meeting not less than once in each three years, at a time and place determined in accordance with the Canons. In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the date of such regular meeting of The General Convention beyond three years, said meeting may be rescheduled as provided by Canon. Special Meetings may be held as provided for by Canon.

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

Sec. 7. The General Convention shall ~~meet~~ *hold its regular meeting* not less than once in each three years, at a time and place determined in accordance with the Canons. *In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the date of such regular meeting of The General Convention beyond three years, said meeting may be rescheduled as provided by Canon.* Special Meetings may be held as provided for by Canon.

# A161 - Addressing the Burden of Medical Debt

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention acknowledge that medical debt is a pervasive problem in the United States and that further burdening individuals in ill health with debt and financial ruin is symptomatic of a broken medical system; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention direct Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church to consider purchasing the medical debt of local communities through the use of surplus funds and other monies allocated for outreach; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention call upon the office of Governmental Relations to advocate for reforms to the medical debt system which encourage humane and ethical treatment of debtors.

# B002 - Let there be sight! - Proposal for Episcopal Church Assistance in Yemen and funding for an Ophthalmologist Medical Director at the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in Aden

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** The Rt. Rev. James Magness

**Endorsed by:** The Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, The Rt. Rev. David Bailey

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$90,900.00

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 07 - Social Justice & International Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as followers of Jesus Christ, and recognizing at the heart of our Christian faith is Jesus' command to "...Love each other as I have loved you" (John 15:12), address our deep concern and dismay over the overwhelming health care crisis resulting from the ongoing conflict in Yemen, now in its seventh year, and the life-threatening humanitarian crisis caused therein; and be it further

*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church, in a commitment to the people of Yemen, provide funds for two consecutive years for a new ophthalmologist to serve in a senior capacity at the Ras Morbat Clinic Christ Church, Aden, with these funds being channeled through the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf who maintain the Clinic; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Office of Government Relations call on appropriate members of the United States Congress, along with appropriate members of the United Nations to engage in every possible effort to relieve human suffering and find a political solution to the complex ongoing war in Yemen; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Office of Government Relations support policy to allow for unobstructed access in the conflict areas for humanitarian and medical relief organizations, and journalists; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for the ophthalmologist of \$90,900 for the implementation of this resolution.

# B003 - Regulating Ghost Guns and 3D Printed Guns

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher

**Endorsed by:** The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, The Rt. Rev. William Stokes

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the parts and kits used to build ghost guns—unserialized and untraceable firearms that can be built by anyone using unfinished frames or receivers—should be banned, and until that is possible, should be subject to full regulation as firearms and subject to all federal regulations that apply to firearms, including all oversight related to the provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the manufacture of firearms or firearms parts using 3D printers poses a singularly dangerous threat and should be banned, and until that is possible, should be subject to full regulation as firearms and subject to all federal regulations that apply to firearms, including all oversight related to the provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Office of Government Relations, members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for state and federal legislation that would ban and/or subject the parts and kits used to build homemade weapons to the same oversight and regulation that exists for firearms.

# B004 - Establishing Religious Life Sunday

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee

**Endorsed by:** The Rt. Rev. Matthew A. Gunter, The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks, The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, The Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera, The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin, The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That 80th General Convention establish Religious Life Sunday for observance in The Episcopal Church on the third Sunday after the Epiphany.

# B006 - Investing in State-Level Gun Violence Prevention Advocacy

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas

**Endorsed by:** The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry, The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$160,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention urge dioceses of The Episcopal Church across the United States to advocate for safe gun legislation with their state governments; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations support domestic dioceses in state-level advocacy against gun violence and other forms of community violence; and be it further

*Resolved*, that to assist the Office of Government Relations in this state-level advocacy against violence, the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$160,000 for the implementation of this resolution.



# B007 - Investment in Community Violence Intervention to Prevent Gun Violence

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez

**Endorsed by:** The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry, The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention commend investment in evidence-based community violence intervention programs and strategies that address gun violence as a public health issue; improve physical environments; strengthen anti-violence social norms; engage and support youth; reduce substance abuse; mitigate financial stress; reduce the harmful effects of the justice process; and confront the proliferation of guns; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention call upon the Congress and the executive branch to allocate significant federal funding for evidence-based community violence intervention programs and strategies; 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 funding and public policy to support community violence intervention programs and strategies that have been proven to reduce gun violence.

# C004 - Inclusion of June 19th, "Juneteenth" in the Church's Liturgical Calendar in Recognition of the End of Slavery in the United States

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Southeast Florida

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgical materials to lament the historic evil of slavery and celebrate the emancipation of enslaved peoples, considering historically significant dates such as Emancipation Day and Juneteenth in the United States, Emancipation Day in Puerto Rico, Independence Day in Haiti, and days of similar import in the 13 nations, commonwealths, or convocations of churches which are a part of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the SCLM develop these materials in consultation with church leaders in all nations, commonwealths, or convocations of churches where The Episcopal Church has dioceses or convocations and where slavery is a part of the national history; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the SCLM present these materials to the 81st General Convention for consideration for inclusion in The Book of Occasional Services; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses and congregations be encouraged to develop local commemorations lamenting slavery and its effects and celebrating emancipation on days deemed appropriate by them.

# C007 - Designate March 10 as the Date to Commemorate Harriet Ross Tubman

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Province III

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention authorize for trial use the date of March 10 on the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP pp. 19ff.) to commemorate Harriet Ross Tubman, who was commemorated with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer and Sojourner Truth on July 20; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Propers for the commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer and Sojourner Truth on July 20 be authorized for trial use for the commemoration of Harriet Tubman on March 10, with appropriate changes from plural to singular; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music review the Propers for the commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman and propose suitable amendments to the 81st General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention encourage all dioceses and parishes, in cooperation with other judicatories and local communities of faith, to honor Harriet Ross Tubman on the 110th anniversary of her death (March 10, 2023) in a worship service on or close to that date.

# C009 - Mandates Anti-Racism & Racial Reconciliation Training for the House of Deputies

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**Final Status:** Adopted with Amendment HoD

**Proposed by:** California

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

**Latest House Action:** HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That Canon I.1.4 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.>

Resolved, that the Rules of Order - House of Deputies Section III be amended to add a new section as follows:

Rules of Order - House of Deputies Section III: Deputations

### A. Chair of Deputation

1. At least one year before the first legislative session of the General Convention, each Deputation will:
  - i. designate a Chair; and
  - ii. notify the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the name of the Chair
2. The Deputation Chair will:
  - i. serve as the primary contact for House of Deputies communications;
  - ii. certify the Deputation's votes by orders;
  - iii. certify changes in the Deputation during General Convention;
  - iv. perform other duties as directed by the President

### B. Beloved Community Formational Programs and Reporting

1. Formation for Deputies and Alternate Deputies occurs as follows:
  - i. Racial reconciliation formation programs for Deputies and Alternate Deputies should be taken within three years before the first legislative day of General Convention using faith formation programs sponsored by dioceses, provinces, or The Episcopal Church.
  - ii. No later than four months before the first legislative day of General Convention, and using a form provided by the Secretary, Deputation Chairs will file a single submission reporting the completion status of formation programs by members of their Deputation to the Secretary of the House of Deputies. Updated submissions may be filed prior to the start of General Convention.
  - iii. Deputation Chairs will report in their submissions any circumstances in which Deputies and Alternate Deputies are unable to complete formation programs due to unavailability of language proficient programs, accessibility issues, or other identified barriers.

2. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will compile the submissions from the Deputation Chairs and submit a report to the President of the House of Deputies on completion rates, unavailability of language proficient programs, accessibility issues, or other identified barriers.

### C. Certification of Alternate Deputies as Deputies

1. Alternate Deputies may not sit or vote with their Deputations, unless and until certified by the Committee on Credentials as a substitute for a Deputy.
2. The Committee on Credentials will certify Alternate Deputies as Deputies before each session.
3. The procedures for certification will be those determined by the Secretary of the House of Deputies.
4. An Alternate Deputy will serve for one or more legislative sessions as Deputy but only until the Deputy for whom he or she substituted is able to resume their seats.
5. The Committee on Credentials will hear and decide any disputes on certification of Deputies and will report their decision to the House.

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

*Resolved*, that the Rules of Order - House of Deputies Section III be amended as follows:

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3. The procedures for certification will be those determined by the Secretary of the House of Deputies.
4. An Alternate Deputy will serve for one or more legislative sessions as Deputy but only until the Deputy for whom he or she substituted is able to resume their seats.
5. The Committee on Credentials will hear and decide any disputes on certification of Deputies and will report their decision to the House.

# C023 - On Commemorating the Rt Rev Barbara Harris

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted and Amended

Proposed by: North Carolina

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby directs the inclusion of the observance of the consecration of Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris, first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion in the Lesser Feasts & Fasts Calendar of The Episcopal Church, and authorize trial use of the proper for the triennial 2023-2024 to be observed on February 11; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention approve the appropriate proper to be prepared by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further

*Resolved*, that in addition, the 80th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare historical and biographical materials documenting the remarkable life, witness and work of Barbara Clementine Harris in preparation for the General Convention to consider adding the commemoration of her life, work, and witness to the Church Calendar; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the SCLM prepare appropriate liturgical materials for the commemoration of Barbara Clementine Harris so that when the time is appropriate for her inclusion in the Church Calendar all deliberate steps may be taken to include her; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the SCLM complete the preparation of the biographical and liturgical materials prior to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church and report to the 81st General Convention.

## C033 - Encourage Sacred Ground Curriculum

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Iowa

Endorsed by: Province VI

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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### Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby directs and encourages the continued church-wide usage of the Sacred Ground Curriculum.



# C054 - Address the issue of Voter Suppression

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Long Island

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, by adopting this resolution, will be on record supporting reforms that would expand voter registration, increase voter eligibility, and make voting processes more accessible by such measures as:

- implementing automatic voter registration;
- enabling same-day voter registration;
- preparing for natural and man-made disasters that threaten voting access;
- allowing online registration;
- expanding the circle of people who are eligible to vote;
- making it easier to vote by mail;
- enabling no-excuse absentee voting;
- creating long-term mailing lists for absentee voters;
- making voting convenient for people to vote early (i.e., by mail and in person);
- enabling weekend voting and extended hours;
- and, guaranteeing an adequate number of voting locations

And be it further

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention calls for the elimination of all statewide voter ID legislation that has been adopted since the 2013 *Shelby County vs. Holder* decision of the Supreme Court of the United States; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to continue advocacy for the federal government of the United States to enact voter protections laws; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention directs the Secretary to forward this resolution to the Governors of the 50 States and direct the Dioceses to contact the leadership of their legislatures to encourage legislation that will protect and expand voters' rights and access as outlined in the resolution.

# C063 - Participate in Thursdays in Black

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Province II

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation, & Safeguarding

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage members of Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church to participate in the Thursdays In Black Campaign of the World Council of Churches, a global movement for a world without rape and violence; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church commit to work toward increasing awareness, accountability, and action across the church about the alarming degree of gender-based violence in church and society; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church commit to work toward education about and elimination of gender-based violence.

# C064 - Break the Silence Sunday

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Province II

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation, & Safeguarding

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church designate as Break The Silence Sunday the Sunday closest to November 25, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the common objective is to halt the epidemic of violence against women and to affirm as Christians that violence has no place within 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 survivors of rape and sexual violence, including trauma-informed care, and advocate on behalf of those not yet ready to speak openly so that the voices of survivors do not speak alone; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we add our voices and prayers with those around the world seeking the elimination of gender-based violence.

# C070 - Amend Canon III.9.5.d

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Province III

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Ministry

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That this 80th General Convention amends Title III, Canon 9, Section 5.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.>

### Title III, Canon 9, Sec. 5. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with This Church

d. This provision shall not be used for Priests who seek to enter churches not in full communion with The Episcopal 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.9.9* shall be followed.

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

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d. This provision shall not be used for Priests who seek to enter churches not in full communion with The Episcopal 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.8.6~~ *III.9.9* shall be followed.

# C072 - Land Acknowledgment

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Navajoland Area Mission

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$100,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention urge each Diocese of the Episcopal Church, to begin an audit of all Indigenous peoples whose ancestral and territorial homelands its churches and buildings now occupy before the 81st General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, that each Diocese of the Episcopal Church be asked, before the 81st General Convention, to begin dialogue with representatives from those Indigenous peoples whose ancestral and territorial homelands its churches and buildings now occupy to collaborate in the development of appropriate land acknowledgement liturgies and prayers; and be it further

*Resolved*, that each Diocese of the Episcopal Church in North America be asked, before the 81st General Convention, to begin a process of implementing land acknowledgement liturgies and prayers to begin any public meetings or worship and to provide resources to their churches to do the same; and be it further

*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church commits to ensuring that all public gatherings and worship of The Episcopal Church, its boards, commissions, committees of the same, will, before the 81st General Convention, implement land acknowledgement liturgies and prayers to begin any public meetings or worship held in North America; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention appropriate at least \$100,000 to support these efforts.

# D023 - Support for Care Workers

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Ms. Sarah Lawton

Endorsed by: Mr. Joe McDaniel, Ms. Laura Russell

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention acknowledge the tremendous toll that the global COVID pandemic has had on caregivers of all kinds, including unpaid family members and paid caregivers who provide childcare, support for people with disabilities, and elder care, recognizing that this global crisis has revealed both the fragility of our systems of caregiving and also the degree to which our society as a whole relies upon caregiving in order to function at all; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention acknowledge that care work is undervalued and undercompensated, and is disproportionately carried out by women, especially working-class women, women of color, and immigrant women; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention acknowledge that care work is the labor necessary to sustain and nurture human life, and is embedded in our scriptural call to love our neighbor and to care for the widow, the orphan, and the stranger, as well as in our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being; and as such, care work deserves to be recognized, valued, and supported by this Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention support public policies at the local, state, and national levels in all our countries to support caregiving labor, including policies to:

- Raise minimum wage standards to levels that can support a family;
- Provide universal access to health care, so that caregivers, both paid and unpaid, are not reliant on their employment or on family members for health insurance;
- Extend Social Security retirement credit to unpaid family caregivers;
- Establish and provide funding for paid sick leave, parental leave, and family leave for all workers, as well as paid vacation;
- Provide exemptions for income earned for care work for family members when calculating public benefit eligibility;
- Raise and enforce labor standards for all paid care workers, including the right to paid sick and family leave; meal and rest breaks; good health and safety conditions and equipment; reasonable working hours, scheduling, and overtime pay; protection from workplace harassment; and written agreements with employers;
- Increase public investment in paid care work to support training, career ladders, safety standards, reduction of turnover, living wage standards, and ultimately, a higher quality of care;
- Support the right of care workers to organize in unions to have a voice in their working conditions and collective bargaining, and to seek innovative solutions to the problem of organizing worker voice in an industry with multiple employers;
- Seek innovative ways to provide benefits to care workers across many employers, such as pooled, publicly administered paid sick leave and retirement funds for care workers;
- Increase public investment in long-term care insurance plans to fill the gaps not covered by Medicare and Medicaid to provide care in aging;
- Support, to the extent possible, independent living and maximum agency in decision-making for people with disabilities and elders, and increase Social Security disability benefits and long-term care benefits to a sustainable level to hire

caregivers, while also maintaining and enforcing high labor standards for care workers;

- Include the voices of care workers and people receiving care in public policy making, and set up systems to ensure that public investments reach the care workers themselves rather than intermediary employers, and to ensure the public monies support improved quality of care.

# D029 - Affirming Non-Binary Access and Leadership

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** The Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge

**Endorsed by:** The Rev. Lisa Fry, Ms. Sarah Lawton

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th Convention affirm that non-binary as well as binary identified transgender and cisgender people are included in the phrase "gender identity and expression," and that the provisions of the Canons of the Episcopal Church apply equally to people of all genders.



# D046 - Supporting Child Welfare Systems and Foster Care

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Ms. Janelle Grant

Endorsed by: Ms. Laura Russell, Ms. Sarah Lawton

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the need for governments, The Episcopal Church, and all people to support the child welfare system and the needs of children who are in foster care as well as their families; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church acknowledge that children caught in the child welfare system are some of the most vulnerable individual members of our society and we all have a responsibility for ensuring their safety and well-being; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church commit to working towards a just child welfare system by supporting legislation that:

- Creates a system where children of color are not unfairly over-represented;
- Ensures protections for children in foster care of all sexual orientations, and gender identities, recognizing their unique needs;
- Ensures protections for adults seeking to be foster parents that they not be discriminated against because of their race/ethnic background, gender, age, marital status, family size, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation, or any other factor not relevant to being a good foster parent;
- Creating an equal access to resources and funding for all children who are involved in child protective and foster care systems;
- Create adequate training and funding for caseworkers in the child welfare system;
- Create a right to counsel for all parties involved in the foster care system;
- Create a continuum of care for youth aging out of foster care that includes counseling, medical care, education, housing and other resources;
- Urging full flexible funding for sufficient resources for the child welfare system, especially for guardianship, reunification, education and counseling

And be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urge Episcopalians to prayerfully consider how they can support children in foster care, through fostering, mentorship, or other forms of support; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations to advocate to the U.S. government on behalf of The Episcopal Church for reform to the child welfare system to ensure sufficient resources, protections for children and families, and support for children as they transition; and that the Episcopal Public Policy Network assist with this issue in their capacity.

# D048 - Supporting Public Investment in Post-High School Education and Training

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**Final Status:** Concurred

Proposed by: Ms. Laura Russell

Endorsed by: Ms. Sarah Lawton, The Rev. Cynthia Black

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention acknowledge that family-wage jobs and careers increasingly demand more than a high school education in the 21st century; and be it further

*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church support moving toward universal free public higher education, including interim steps to expand public investment at federal, state, and local levels in support post-secondary education and training, such as:

- Universally accessible free community, vocational, and technical colleges that provide vocational pathways to skilled jobs and career ladders, including apprenticeship and journeyman programs in the building trades, licensing in the allied health professions, and skills needed to enter growing industries such as the technology sector, as well as articulated pathways to enter bachelor-degree programs at public colleges and universities;
- Increased public investments to support free tuition for all 2-year and 4-year public colleges and universities of higher learning;
- Increased investments in the Pell Grant program to increase eligibility and expand availability for support for non-tuition expenses for low- and middle-income students;
- Increased funding for low-income student programs, such as work-study and paid internships;
- Increased state-level funding for higher education, alongside negotiated agreements or tuition caps to contain the costs of higher education;
- Reevaluation of the expected family contribution formula on the FAFSA to be more realistic of what people can afford, such as in areas with a high cost of living;
- Removal of for-profit colleges and trade schools from eligibility for federal student aid funds, given that sector's poor record in providing pathways to good jobs and the high level of student indebtedness and default in that sector;
- Directed funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions to bring their per-student spending to parity with colleges in their regions;
- General tax-free federal student loan forgiveness on a one-time basis, up to a set amount and phasing out based on income;
- Setting a cap on interest rates for future federal student loans for rates not to exceed 2%;
- Public programs to reduce or waive student loans in return for commitment to public service work, religious or secular, with reasonable applications to apply for and receive those waivers.

And be it further

*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church support legislation that works to lower tuition for all higher education, and contain the costs of higher education and its ancillary expenses.

# D050 - Reunion of the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in North Texas with The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich

**Endorsed by:** The Rev. Bradley Dyche, Ms. Katie Sherrod

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 04 - Governance & Structure

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention approve the reunion of the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in North Texas with and into The Episcopal Diocese of Texas pursuant to Canon I.10.6.

# D052 - Amending Canon III.11.8 regarding Objections to Episcopal Elections

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Rev. Chris Wendell

**Endorsed by:** Ms. Laura Russell, The Rev. Edwin Johnson

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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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.>

### Sec. 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. The Court of Review may invite response by the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and any other persons within the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected. Within 45 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:>

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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.*

# D056 - Amend Canon III.11.9.a to correct cross-reference

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Canon Paul Ambos

**Endorsed by:** Canon Barbara Okamoto Bach, The Rev. Gail Bennett

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

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

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Canon III.11.9.a.4 be amended to read as follows:

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

4. When a Diocese desires the ordination of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Standing Committee shall forward to the Presiding Bishop, in addition to the evidence and testimonials required by Canon III.11.3.a, a certificate of the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the Convention that every requirement of this Section has been complied with.

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

4. When a Diocese desires the ordination of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Standing Committee shall forward to the Presiding Bishop, in addition to the evidence and testimonials required by Canon ~~III.11~~ III.11.3.a, a certificate of the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the Convention that every requirement of this Section has been complied with.

# D060 - Support for LGBTQ Persons Facing Additional Discrimination During COVID-19

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Rev. Cynthia Black

**Endorsed by:** The Very Rev. Brian Coleman, El Rvdo. Bryan Vélez-García

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 07 - Social Justice & International Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention lament the harm done to LGBTQ persons throughout the world who, during COVID-19 restrictions, have been subjected to torture, humiliation, and scapegoating; and be it further

*Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church urge the Office of Global Partnerships, dioceses and congregations throughout The Episcopal Church to condemn this opportunistic discrimination and offer support to partner dioceses, including through working with affirming organizations, to help those persons who have suffered, and continue to suffer, harm.

# D063 - Support for Truth to Confront Misinformation and Violence

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Canon Barbara Okamoto Bach

**Endorsed by:** Mr. Joe McDaniel, Ms. Dianne Audrick Smith, The Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm that God's Beloved Community will be realized by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to denounce false statements that inflame division and stoke hatred and violence by standing against the spread of false information by media platforms and calling for its members to interrupt and correct lies that may endanger lives; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support public policies that call for combating media misinformation and hateful speech and provide educational resources to identify misinformation on all platforms; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support legislative acts that include public education teaching an accurate and complete history of all peoples who make up this country; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this 80th General Convention direct, 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.



# D064 - Endorse and Encourage Green Deal Legislation

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Mr. Richard Pryor

**Endorsed by:** Deputy Nathan Brown, The Rev. Jordan Trumble

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 20 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church acknowledges our planet's continued descent into climate chaos, including our projected arrival to 1.5 degrees celsius of warming above pre-industrial levels, the target limit set out in the Paris Climate Accords within the next few decades; and be it further

*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church recognizes that our projected arrival at 1.5 degrees Celsius may lead to a 2 degree Celsius warming beyond pre-industrialized levels which would cause mass migration, a loss of coral reefs, increased exposure to deadly heat stress, and significant damage to public infrastructure; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and urge all Episcopalians to advocate for our governments to address environmental and ecological issues, not least the Green New Deal and other associated "Green Deals," to be defined as "broad and ambitious packages of new policies and investments in communities, infrastructure, and technology to help communities, regions, and nations achieve environmental sustainability and economic stability"; and be it further

*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church call on all elected and appointed officials to advocate for policies to combat climate change, not least the Green New Deal and other associated "Green Deals" 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 direct the Office of Government Relations and urge all Episcopalians to support regulation of major polluting industries, including cryptocurrencies, industry, and agriculture, as well as transitioning to a green economy; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention charge the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to add a question to the Parochial Report regarding how each parish is reducing their carbon footprint and to share those results as a whole with the Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention charges the dioceses and parishes of The Episcopal Church with taking concrete actions to reduce the effects of climate change; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention directs the Executive Council and the Standing Committee on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons to study and consider the possibility of adding portions relating to environmental stewardship in the Canons of the Episcopal Church; 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 80th General Convention.

# D066 - Addressing restrictions on access to gender affirming care

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Ms. Evangeline Warren

**Endorsed by:** Mr. Alan Murray, Ms. Dianne Audrick Smith

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention celebrates the diversity of human experience, recognizing that we are all made in the image of God; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention calls for the Episcopal Church to advocate for access to gender affirming care in all forms (social, medical, or any other) and at all ages as part of our Baptismal call to “respect the dignity of every human being”; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention affirms that all Episcopalians should be able to partake in gender affirming care with no restriction on movement, autonomy, or timing; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention understands that the protection of religious liberty extends to all Episcopalians who may need or desire to access, to utilize, to aid others in the procurement of, or to offer gender affirming care; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this 80th General Convention supports public policies at the local, state, and national levels in all our countries to support gender affirming care.

# D070 - Addressing Inequities in the Quality of Life of Native Peoples

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Ms. Betsy Ridge Madsen

**Endorsed by:** Mr. Billy Boyce, The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the General Convention directs the Office of Government Relations to advocate for legislation, funding, and services which address the inequities in healthcare, housing, nutrition, and education affecting the quality of life of Native Peoples; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church also seeks to address the issue that American Indians/Alaska Natives/Native Hawaiians also face much higher rates of poverty, incarceration, and unemployment than the total population; and be it further,

*Resolved*, That congregations and dioceses educate themselves on the inequities and engage in local and state advocacy,

# D072 - Resolution on Gender and Sexuality Training

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** The Ven. Jan Grinnell

**Endorsed by:** Ms. Cindy Smith, The Rev. Courtney Jones, Ms. Sinead Doherty, Dr. Adam Hamilton-Ferguson

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$35,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** Yes

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention address the urgent need for gender and sexuality training in our church on all levels; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention authorize the use of, and adopt as an official training resource, the Safe Zone Project no-cost 2-hour foundational curriculum; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church will provide virtual training for at least one representative from each of the Dioceses in the adopted program to train-the-trainers on a diocesan level; and be it further

*Resolved*, That each participating Diocese will oversee and document the training of all clergy, Bishops, ordinands, and lay leaders and will issue certificates to participants who successfully complete this training, with training to begin by the 81st General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the reporting of gender and sexuality training by participating dioceses to The Episcopal Church be included on the Diocesan Parochial Report as is the practice for other trainings such as Safe Church and Anti-Racism; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$35,000 to fund the virtual training of the diocesan trainers.

# D083 - Addressing the erosion of reproductive rights and autonomy

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Ms. Evangeline Warren

**Endorsed by:** Mr. Alan Murray, Ms. Dianne Audrick Smith, Ms. Linda Watson-Lorde, Ms. Hanh Tran

**Supported by:** Nathan Brown

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 08 - Social Justice & United States Policy

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention recognizes that pregnancy and childbirth are dangerous undertakings that risk permanent disability and death for those who bear children; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Church reaffirms that parenthood “should be initiated only advisedly and in full accord with this understanding of the power to conceive and give birth which is bestowed by God” (1988-C047); and be it further;

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Church recognizes that access to abortion is a key element in preserving the health, independence, and autonomy of those who can bear children; and be it further;

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention affirms that all Episcopalians should be able to access abortion services and birth control with no restriction on movement, autonomy, type, or timing; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention understands that the protection of religious liberty extends to all Episcopalians who may need or desire to access, to utilize, to aid others in the procurement of, or to offer abortion services.

# D090 - The Church's Teaching on Racism

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro

**Endorsed by:** Mr. Joe McDaniel, Ms. Wendy Cañas, The Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms previous General Convention resolutions on racism and that these shall be considered part of the Church's teaching on racism; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the General Convention thanks the House of Bishops Theology Committee for the teachings on racism and white supremacy and commends them to the church for study and action; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Church's Christian principles to guide responses to human migration (2018-D009) and all previous General Convention resolutions concerning migrants and migration shall be part of the Church's teaching on racism; and be it further

*Resolved*, that racism, racially-biased behavior, and teaching contrary to the Church's teaching on racism is an anathema to the Church.

# D091 - Defining Equal Place in the Life of the Church

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro

**Endorsed by:** Mr. Joe McDaniel, Ms. Wendy Cañas, The Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 10 - Congregational & Diocesan Vitality

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirms that an "equal place" protects the rights of all in the life, worship, governance, and employment of the church, including the rights of laity to participate fully in church-wide and diocesan bodies as provided by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of individual dioceses; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses are directed to conduct an internal review that they are in full compliance with Canon I.17.5; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses shall ensure that the rights of the laity are affirmed and respected in all diocesan bodies; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses are encouraged to ensure that all lay appointments and assignments (non-elected) to diocesan-wide bodies represent the diocese's racial and ethnic diversity; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses are encouraged to promote the participation of underrepresented lay groups in elections to diocesan-wide bodies; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses are encouraged to ensure that accommodations are granted on equal terms to lay and clerical members of diocesan-wide bodies; and be it further

*Resolved*, that church-wide bodies are encouraged to ensure that laity has an equal voice in church-wide leadership, except as otherwise specified by Canons; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses are encouraged to ensure that diocesan-wide bodies ensure that equal voice is given to the laity, except as otherwise specified by Canons; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses are encouraged to proactively address barriers or other inequalities that discourage or prevent lay participation in the diocesan-wide elections; and be it further

*Resolved*, that dioceses are encouraged to ensure that resources are granted on equal terms to lay and clerical members of diocesan-wide bodies.

# D093 - Broad Representation in Discernment Processes

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Substituted

**Proposed by:** Mrs. Heather Rodriguez

**Endorsed by:** The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro, Mr. Joe McDaniel, Ms. Wendy Cañas, The Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 15 - Ministry

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention acknowledges the hurt, pain, and unequal treatment of any historically marginalized persons in The Episcopal Church in past and current discernment processes leading to ordination and in episcopal election processes; and be it further

*Resolved*, that in the process of discernment for ordination as Deacon or Priest, dioceses are expected to ensure that persons nominated have access to companions who are competent in the race, ethnicity, culture, and background of the person nominated, and who are knowledgeable concerning the discernment process and the applicable canons regarding formation and ordination; and be it further

*Resolved*, that in the discernment of the vocation of a Bishop through election in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Convention of the Diocese, dioceses are expected to ensure that equal accommodation is made for the participation of all persons entitled to vote in the election.



# D094 - Reaffirming the Role of Ethnic Ministries

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**Final Status:** Concurred

**Proposed by:** Mrs. Heather Rodriguez

**Endorsed by:** The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro, Mr. Joe McDaniel, The Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera, Ms. Wendy Cañas

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms the role of our multicultural ministries in the life of the Church and resolves to strengthen them and affirm evangelistic work among diverse ethnic groups; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention reaffirms all prior resolutions concerning ethnic ministries and resolves that the principles inherent in prior resolutions concerning particular ethnic groups apply to all ethnic and underrepresented groups; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the General Convention reaffirms the Church's work and commitment to minority and ethnic ministry and its work to underrepresented and vulnerable groups; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the General Convention reaffirms all church-wide and diocesan bodies for ethnic congregational development and continues to support empowerment programs for ethnic and racial minorities and underrepresented groups; and be it further.

*Resolved*, that all previous General Convention resolutions supporting ethnic and minority ministries shall be considered part of the Church's anti-racism and evangelistic work; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the work necessary to include people of color, ethnic minorities, and the underrepresented in the life and leadership of the Church at all levels – church-wide and diocesan – is inalienable from the Baptismal Covenant's call to respect the dignity of every human being.

# D098 - The Promotion of Public Health

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**Final Status:** Concurred as Amended

**Proposed by:** Mrs. Heather Rodriguez

**Endorsed by:** Mr. Erick Pérez, The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 16 - Churchwide Leadership

**Completion Status:** Complete

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

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, that the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirms the role of the church and its ministers in promoting public health and disease prevention; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Convention affirms that all ministers have a sacred responsibility to promote public health, the prevention of preventable disease, and the implementation of safeguards to keep congregations and communities safe; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Convention recognizes the many healthcare disparities exposed and made greater in our ethnic and minority communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and encourages all ministers to find ways to advocate and bring healing to communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Convention recognizes that addressing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the underrepresented and vulnerable is not only a public health concern but also an issue of equity, racial and social justice; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Convention recognizes that many of our non-domestic and foreign dioceses have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in comparison to our domestic dioceses; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Conventions encourage all church-wide and diocesan bodies to find ways to address disparities disproportionately impacting underrepresented and vulnerable communities, mission areas and dioceses.