

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FROM THE 75TH GENERAL CONVENTION

The Maryland Deputation to General Convention 2006 offers this summary of resolutions from General Convention 2006 to respond to Resolution 2005-6 "General Convention Deputies Reporting back to the Diocese of Maryland," passed at Diocesan Convention 2005.

The following Acts of Convention have been referred to dioceses for action, consideration or information as per Canon 1.6.4 under Joint Rule 13. The Secretary of General Convention at a later date will send official notification of each resolution to the Bishop and Secretary of Convention in each diocese. Dioceses are required to report to the Secretary of the General Convention by December 1, 2008, and the information will be included in Executive Council's Report to the 76th General Convention. The resolution texts are available on the General Convention website [<http://gc2006.org/legislation/>] and will be published in the Journal of the 75th General Convention, and subsequently in the digital archives of the Archives of the Episcopal Church. A full Summary of Actions of the 75th General Convention may be found on the website of the Diocese of Maryland [www.ang-org.md].

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

These proposed Constitutional amendments shall be read by the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention before the 76th General Convention in 2009, such reading to be certified by the Diocesan Convention with the Secretary of the General Convention by December 1, 2008.

A018: Amend Article II.2 [Election of Bishops—Second Reading]. Amends Constitution Article II.2 to state that if the election of a bishop takes place within 120 days of General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of a majority of Standing Committees.

A019: Amend Article I.7 [Meeting of General Convention—Second Reading]. Amends Constitution Article I.7 to state that General Convention is to meet at a time and place determined in accordance with the Canons.

A020: Amend Article I.2 [House of Bishops—First Reading]. First reading of a proposed amendment to the Constitution that would give all bishops seat and voice in the House of Bishops and give vote to all bishops with jurisdiction, Bishops

Coadjutor, Bishops Suffragan, Assistant Bishops and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention. [Resolution was proposed as a second reading but the text of the resolution was substituted by the House of Bishops therefore the resolution becomes a first reading.]

A021: Amend Article VIII [First Reading]. First reading of a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Article VIII that would allow a bishop to permit an ordained minister in good standing in a church in full communion as specified by the canons to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this church.

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A042: Church Planting Initiative. Calls on every diocese to identify and document prime opportunities for the development of new congregations.

A077: Revised Common Lectionary. Directs that the Revised Common Lectionary be the Lectionary of this Church, amending the Lectionary effective the First Sunday of Advent, 2007, with the provision for continued use of the previous Lectionary for purposes of orderly transition, until the First Sunday of Advent, 2010.

A123: Slavery and Racial Reconciliation. Requests that the Presiding Bishop name a Day of Repentance and, on that day, hold a Service of Repentance at the National Cathedral, and ask each Diocese to hold a similar service.

A156: Sexual Exploitation. Affirms work being done in many dioceses regarding sexual misconduct and directs that each diocese shall report to the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development prior to the Spring 2009 meeting with a copy of its adopted and implemented policy and an evaluation of the history of its use.

D022: MDGs and the ONE Episcopalian Campaign. Establishes work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for this triennium, urges each diocese, congregation and parishioner to commit to 0.7% giving by July 7, 2007 (07/07/07). Endorses The ONE Campaign.

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A006: Triennial Survey of Congregations. Directs Director of Research to conduct a survey of congregations each triennium.

A010: Affirm "Call to Partnership". Affirms "Call to Partnership" document, and calls upon governments to work towards accomplishing the Millennium Development Goals.

A015: Prayers for the Holy Land. Encourages dioceses to visit and receive visitors from the Holy Land, work and pray for justice, peace and reconciliation and urge elected officials to seek solutions to realize these goals.

A017: Fundamental Immigration Principles. Adopts as a fundamental principle basic rights of undocumented aliens and directs the church to undertake a campaign to educate Episcopalians to the plight of refugees, immigrants and migrants.

A037: Evangelism. Reaffirms commitment to improve the health of congregations and work toward goals of 20/20. Directs Church Center staff to engage diverse populations, and directs that this resolution be published in congregational and diocesan media.

A038: Diocesan Development Initiative. Directs the Director of Mission to develop new leadership programs and endorse existing leadership training programs. These programs should include a mechanism for dioceses to share their best practices and lessons learned.

A039: Reconciliation Training. Directs the Office for Ministry Development to identify and evaluate curricular materials for reconciliation training and promote the use of these materials.

A041: University Ministry. Affirms the value of campus ministries, encourages canonical status as mission congregations where appropriate, and urges dioceses to plant new campus ministries.

A055: UMC Interim Eucharistic Sharing. Rejoices in the substantial progress of the United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue, recognizes The United Methodist Church as a member of the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church, and authorizes interim Eucharistic sharing as a step toward possible full communion.

A063: Additional Calendar Commemorations and A064: Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations. Authorizes trial use of commemorations for the 2007-2009 triennium for: January 8, Harriet Bedell; February 28, Anna Julia Hayward Cooper; March 13, James Theodore Holly; March 24, Oscar Romero; April 7, Tikhon; October 10, Vida Dutton Scudder; and December 30, Frances Joseph-Gaudet.

A074: Authorize Enriching Our Worship 3. Authorizes continuing use of "Enriching our Worship Volume 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany and Eucharist" and "Enriching our Worship Volume 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying, and

Burial of a Child" during the next triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

A076: Alternatives to the Prayer Book Burial Rites. Authorizes use of "Proposed Burial Rites for Adults" for the next triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

A078: Liturgical Development and Episcopal Authority. Invites bishops and the larger church into dialogue about relations between local liturgical initiatives and ordered authority; directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop frameworks for resolving issues involved in the creation of new rites.

A082: Amend Canons III.5-III.13. Amends the canons pertaining to the ministry of deacons, priests and bishops; completes the Title III revisions that were begun by the 73rd General Convention.

A101: Stewardship of Relationships. Invites members to participate in acts of reconciliation.

A102: Culture of Debt. [Concurred, no funding.] Urges each diocese to offer training, education and resources that promote the healthy role of money in our lives, biblical teachings about financial matters, and faithful habits of financial planning. Directs dioceses to designate February of each year as "Debt Awareness Month".

A127: Restorative Justice. Endorses principles of restorative justice, calls upon the Anti-Racism Committee to design a study and dialogue process to engage people in storytelling about historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege.

A129: Affirm Creation and Evolution. Calls for church members to encourage legislatures and school boards to establish standards for science education based on the best available scientific knowledge as accepted by a consensus of the scientific community.

A132: Eliminate HIV/AIDS Stigma. Urges church members to work to eliminate the stigma of HIV/AIDS.

A136: Enriching Our Worship Support. Encourages use of liturgical resources in the "Enriching Our Worship" series as appropriate for Sunday worship.

A139: Celebration of Women's Ministries. Offers thanksgiving for the gift of all women in ministry and directs that dioceses that have not yet ordained women continue to be encouraged to do so.

A147: Church-wide Healthcare Feasibility Study. Endorses a church-wide study of the costs and issues surrounding the provision of healthcare benefits to all clergy and lay employees; dioceses, parishes and other church institutions are urged to cooperate.

A163: Pastoral Care and Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight. Affirms centrality of effective and appropriate pastoral care for all members of the church and all who come seeking the aid of the church, commits to the ongoing engagement of and sensitive response to the request and need of all people of God, recognizes the agonizing position of those who do not feel able to receive appropriate pastoral care from their own bishops, and urges continued maintenance of historic diocesan boundaries, the authority of the diocesan bishop, and respect for the historical relationships of the separate and autonomous Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

A167: "Full and Equal Claim" for All the Baptized. Affirms that gay and lesbian persons are by Baptism full members of The Episcopal Church, reiterates its apology for years of rejections and maltreatment by the Church, and pledges to include openly gay and lesbian persons on every committee, commission or task force developed for the specific purpose of discussing issues about sexuality.

B002: Response to Global Warming. Urges Episcopalians to support efforts that seek to reduce global warming, and urges Executive Council and Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments to use resources to promote a sustainable global environment and report results to Council no later than its fall 2007 meeting.

B003: Church Pension Fund and Chaplains to the Retired. Expresses appreciation to the Church Pension Fund for creation of the network of Diocesan Chaplains to the Retired Clergy, Spouses and Surviving Spouses and encourages every diocese to make provision to support and enhance this ministry.

B011: Special Missionary Initiative. Directs the Presiding Officers, Executive Council, staff, Episcopal, Relief and Development, and the Church Pension Group in coordination with Diocese of Louisiana, to develop a strategy for a model missionary initiative. Directs Mission Office to develop a recommended structure and timeline for implementation; encourages all dioceses to participate and provides funding.

B018: Comprehensive Children's Policy. Urges Episcopalians at every level to work to ensure that governments provide adequate funding for programs that combat social and economic conditions that place children at risk or diminish children's ability to achieve their full potential in the world, and endorses the National Council of Churches comprehensive policy statement, "The Church and Children: Vision and Goals for the 21st Century Policy."

B035: Mind of the House: The Ministry of Reconciliation and the Relief of Global Suffering. Affirms House of Bishops'

commitment to ministry of reconciliation and relief of global human suffering.

C011: Church Responsibility in Reparations. Affirms commitment to become an anti-racist church and work toward healing and reconciliation. Urges the Church at every level to support legislation initiating study of and dialogue about the history and legacy of slavery.

C018: Environmental Stewardship. Affirms that the response to global warming is a deeply moral and spiritual issue, recognizes that the use of fossil fuels harm air quality and public health, acknowledges the work of Interfaith Power and Light, and encourages all members to consider prayerfully whether to partner with Interfaith Power and Light.

D018: Active Nonviolence Training. Urges non-violence training for personal and social change, and encourages each diocese to make available active non-violence training and to identify persons to become non-violence training facilitators.

D019: Pastoral Concern for Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their Families. Offers concern, prayer, and support for all serving in the military, particularly Iraq and Afghanistan.

D020: End the War in Iraq. Calls upon Congress and the President to develop a plan for stabilization of Iraq, followed by prompt withdrawal of U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq. Requests the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to commission prayers and liturgies to be used in times of war.

D024: Gender Equality for Women in the Episcopal Church. Endorses Resolution 13/31 adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), which calls for equal participation of women and men on all decision-making bodies of the ACC and urges all provinces, dioceses and congregations of the Episcopal Church to work toward the same goal of equal participation.

D031: Budget Priorities. Sets the Budget priorities for the 2007-2009 triennium: 1) Justice and Peace (supporting 8 Millennium Development Goals), 2) Young Adults, Youth and Children, 3) Reconciliation and Evangelism, 4) Congregational Transformation, and 5) Partnerships.

D047: Justice, Respect, and a Living Wage. Actively supports the rights of workers to form a union, and directs the Church to contract solely with union hotels for its meetings or ensure that "living wages" are paid by all hotels the Church uses.

D059: Child Care Facilities at General Convention. Directs that age appropriate care and education programs be available for children birth to age twelve for the duration of the 76th General Convention and all future General Conventions.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE DIOCESE

A025: Amend Canon I. Amends list of Churches in Full Communion.

A026: Amend Canon III.12.1(d). Amends Title III to conform with new description of Churches in Full Communion, as amended in A025.

A095: Gay and Lesbian Affirmation. Affirms support of gay and lesbian persons and opposes any state or federal constitutional amendment that prohibits same-sex civil marriages or civil unions.

A114: Young Adult Service Corps. Directs the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to increase the number of placements available in the Young Adult Service Corps from ten to fifteen.

A159: Commitment to Interdependence in the Anglican Communion. Reaffirms the commitment of the Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and the desire to live into the highest degree of communion possible; asks the Presiding Officers to work with the Anglican Communion to explore ways by which there might be inter-Anglican consultation and participation on Standing Commissions of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

A160: Expression of Regret. Expresses regret for straining the bonds of affection in the events surrounding the General Convention of 2003 and the consequences which followed; offers "its sincerest apology to those within Anglican Communion who are offended by our failure to accord sufficient importance to the impact of our actions on our church and other parts of the Communion," and asks forgiveness.

A165: Commitment to Windsor and Listening Processes. Commends the listening process as recommended in the Windsor Report and commits the Church to participating fully and openly in this listening process. Directs that a staff person at the Episcopal Church Center be identified to further this listening process.

A166: Anglican Covenant Development Process. Supports the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant, directs International Concerns Committee of the Executive Council to follow the development process and report to Council.

B001: Family of Clergy Wellness.[Concurred but not funded.] Recognizes the urgent need for an ongoing program devoted to the wellness of families of clergy and clergy. Commends resource guide by Families of Clergy United in Support (FOCUS).

B032: Separate and Independent Status. Affirms that no resolution of General Convention is intended to affect either

the historic separate and independent status of the churches of the Anglican Communion or the legal identity of the Episcopal Church.

B033: On Election of Bishops. Calls upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.

C008: Right of Workers to Organize. Reaffirms right of workers in the United States to organize and form unions, especially seasonal and migrant workers who historically have been deprived of those rights.

C045: Support of Historically Black Colleges. Commends leadership of the three historically black colleges—St. Augustine's, St. Paul's, and Voorhees—and requests restoration of funding to its original 2003 level.

D012: Summer Camp for Children of Persons in Prison. Allows the establishment of summer camps for children of persons in prison and creation of an advisory committee to provide advice and assistance in this effort.