

A156

TOPIC: CONSTITUTION

Amend Constitution Article I.4 [Second Reading]

PROPOSER

Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Constitution

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; not yet reviewed; N/A

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That lines 3 and 4 and 11 of Article
2 I.4 of the Constitution (page 2) be amended to change the name of the
3 "Convocation of the American Churches in Europe" to "Convocation of Episcopal
4 Churches in Europe" as follows:
5 **Sec. 4.** The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the
6 General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and
7 the Convocation of ~~the American~~ *Episcopal* Churches in Europe, shall be entitled
8 to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained
9 persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more
10 than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good
11 standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the
12 General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than
13 two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of ~~the American~~
14 *Episcopal* Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies
15 shall be chosen.

EXPLANATION

This amendment was adopted by the previous General Convention as Resolution 2009-B015. The explanation from the resolution filing stated:

"At a regular meeting on October 17, 2008 at All Saints Church in Waterloo, Belgium, the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, with the consent of the Presiding Bishop, officially changed its name to the "Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe." The references to the Convocation in the Constitution are merely descriptive of the name; the General Convention did not create or name the Convocation."

A157

TOPIC: CONSTITUTION

Amend Constitution Article II.2 [Second Reading]

PROPOSER

Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons

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SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Consecration of Bishops

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; not yet reviewed; N/A

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Article II, Section 2 of the
- 2 Constitution of The Episcopal Church be amended as follows:
- 3 **Sec. 2.** No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of
- 4 thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing
- 5 Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of
- 6 this Church exercising jurisdiction. ~~But if the election shall have taken place~~
- 7 ~~within one hundred twenty days before the meeting of General Convention, the~~
- 8 ~~consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of~~
- 9 ~~the Standing Committees.~~ No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by
- 10 fewer than three Bishops.

EXPLANATION

This amendment was adopted by the previous General Convention as Resolution 2009-B029. The explanation from the resolution filing stated: "The provision for consents to be sought through the House of Deputies for episcopal elections having taken place within one hundred twenty days of General Convention was reasonable and expedient in an era when communications were not as facile as today. In our time, Standing Committees are engaged in the consent process on an ongoing basis and develop consistent discernment practices whereby they respond to the dozen or so requests for consent they receive annually. General Convention deputies, because they answer such requests at only one time every three years, because their legislative committee responsibilities and other hearing commitments conflict with consent hearings during the General Convention, and because of the competing demands of legislation on their attention, do not have the luxury of a familiar process as do their colleagues on Standing Committees. As we continue to have higher numbers of episcopal elections each year, it would be good stewardship of leadership resources and would help the consent process to have it consistently carried out by those who exercise this responsibility on a regular basis. As well, it has been very beneficial in some recent episcopal elections to allow Standing Committees and their bishop colleagues to explore together the attendant issues when considering consent requests, something that is difficult to accomplish during the triennial conventions of The Episcopal Church."

A158

TOPIC: CONSTITUTION

Amend Article VIII of the Constitution [Second Reading]

PROPOSER

Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Ministry

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; not yet reviewed; N/A

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the last paragraph of Article
- 2 VIII of the Constitution is amended by the addition of a final sentence as follows:
- 3 *No minister of such a Church ordained by other than a Bishop, apart from any*
- 4 *such ministers designated as part of the Covenant or Instrument by which full*
- 5 *communion was established shall be eligible to officiate under this Article.*

EXPLANATION

This amendment was adopted by the previous General Convention as Resolution 2009-Do29. The explanation from the resolution filing stated:

"A small number of clergy in the ELCA since the commencement of full communion status with The Episcopal Church have chosen to be ordained by other pastors, rather than by bishops; the same may be true of some clergy of other churches with which the Episcopal Church enters into full communion in the future. The Covenants by which full communion relationships are established normally 'grandfather' ministers already ordained, but do not address post-covenant exceptions. When this situation with the ELCA came to their attention, the House of Bishops agreed that they would not license such ministers to serve in The Episcopal Church on a temporary basis under Article VIII; however, there is no explicit language in the Constitution to prevent it. The present amendment would clarify how best to handle these anomalous situations. The amendment echoes the current language of Canon III.10.4(a), and would have no effect on present or planned full communion relationships."

A159

TOPIC: CANONS

Amend Canon I.4.3(h)

PROPOSER

Executive Council

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Structure

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; N/A; not yet reviewed

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, that Canon I.4.3(h) be amended as
2 follows:
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4 (h) The Executive Council shall establish by its By-laws such Standing
5 Committees of the Executive Council, consisting of its own members, as shall be
6 deemed appropriate and necessary by the Executive Council for the discharge of
7 its duties, the members of which are to be nominated jointly by the Chair and
8 Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council. The Council may also establish ~~by its~~
9 ~~By-laws~~ such other Committees, which may include or consist of non- members,
10 to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the
11 Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to The Episcopal
12 Church. Any other Committee of Executive Council will cease to exist at the close
13 of the second General Convention following its creation unless otherwise
14 extended. Executive Council may revoke, rescind, or modify the mandate or
15 charter of any Executive Council Committee not otherwise created by canon.

EXPLANATION

Executive Council Committees form a vital part of the Executive Council's fiduciary responsibilities. Such Committees are often created by other means than the Council's by-laws. Executive Council believes that a periodic review of these committees for their effectiveness and relevance is a fundamental principle of good governance. There is some confusion of Council's ability to revoke or modify the Charter of Executive Council Committees.

A160

TOPIC: DIOCESES

In support of the Diocese of Haiti

PROPOSER

Executive Council

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Stewardship and Development

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of the Episcopal Church recognize the work of the Episcopal Church Foundation
- 3 and its management of the church-wide campaign, “Rebuild our Church in Haiti”
- 4 and the contributions of many individuals, parishes and dioceses in support of
- 5 the Diocese of Haiti and its determination in its campaign to “get up and walk”
- 6 (Levé maché!) following the devastating earthquake of January 2010; and be it
- 7 further
- 8 *Resolved*, That the General Convention reaffirm the desire of the whole church to
- 9 stand with the Diocese of Haiti, one of its own member dioceses, as it continues
- 10 to renew its life and rebuild for a stronger future, carrying forward the effort to
- 11 “Rebuild our Church in Haiti” through continuing fundraising work.

EXPLANATION

Amend mandate and membership of EC Committee on Anti-Racism

PROPOSER

Executive Council

ENDORSED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Ministry

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
2 of The Episcopal Church amend the mandate and method of appointment of the
3 membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism, as follows:

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5 **Mandate:**

6 This committee is charged with guiding and monitoring the Church's work in
7 response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of
8 racism from the life of the Church by:

9 Overseeing and coordinating the efforts and activities for racial justice of The
10 Episcopal Church;

11 Monitoring and evaluating anti-racism programming;

12 Recommending best practices for combating racism;

13 Collecting data on provincial activities to be submitted to Executive Council on an
14 annual basis;

15 Developing criteria for the credentialing of certified anti-racism trainers and

16 Monitoring compliance of anti-racism legislation passed by General Convention.

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18 Membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-racism shall be
19 composed of one person trained in anti-racism, named by the governing body of
20 each province of this church, plus one member of the Executive Council Joint
21 Standing Committee on Local Mission and Ministry.

22 The term of each member shall expire at the close of General Convention in 2015.

EXPLANATION

The Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism will assume some of the duties of the former Anti-Racism Officer of The Episcopal Church by authorizing materials for anti-racism training, certifying trainers and maintaining rosters of certified trainers, and sharing of best practices in anti-racism training through the church. The committee will also be expected to monitor dioceses' efforts to record and disseminate their reports on profits garnered by participation in the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the institution of chattel slavery. The change in membership will bring anti-racism work closer to the level of the church in which it is best done, assuring all provinces of the church representation in this important work.

A162

TOPIC:

Reaffirm the Goal of an Archives Center

PROPOSER

Board of the Archives of the Episcopal Church

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Structure

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
2 commend the work of the Episcopal Archives Strategy Committee for their
3 considerable efforts to establish a solid plan for a sustainable building project on
4 land purchased in Austin, Texas for a new Archives and Mission Research Center;
5 and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That General Convention reaffirm Resolution 2006-A143 as the basis
7 for the work that remains to successfully construct an historical records
8 repository as a visible public presence for The Episcopal Church, and does
9 hereby:
10 - Authorize the Board of the Archives, with aid of individuals and advisory bodies
11 of its prudent selection and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council,
12 to investigate, evaluate and adopt a plan, and to relocate the Archives of The
13 Episcopal Church to a site within the United States appropriate to and which will
14 be adequate for the present and future needs of the Archives of this Church, as
15 contemplated by Canon I.5. to be completed as soon as adequate funding
16 resources can be identified and secured;
17 - Authorize the Board of the Archives, with the advice and consent of the
18 Executive Council, to raise funds for planning, construction, relocation and
19 endowment of an archives facility for The Episcopal Church, to utilize funding
20 made available to the Strategy Committee, and to draw upon the services of the
21 appropriate development office to commence a fund-raising case and campaign;
22 and
23 - Authorize the Board of the Archives, upon the advice and consent of Executive
24 Council, to incorporate in an appropriate state under the applicable not-for-profit
25 corporation law and to seek 501(c)(3) recognition under the Internal Revenue
26 Code of 1986, as amended; provided, however, that the Articles of Incorporation
27 shall include a dissolution provision conforming with appropriate state laws and
28 the Internal Revenue Code that upon dissolution, extinction or the winding up of
29 its affairs, all assets and property of said corporation would be assigned,
30 transferred and paid over to or for the benefit of the Domestic and Foreign
31 Missionary Society.

EXPLANATION

The Archives Building Project has been overseen by two iterations of the Executive Council's Archives Strategy Committee established by 2006-A143. These committees have been successful in meeting the request to locate the Archives, guide the purchase of a prime building site, create a building program for a modern archives facility; draft a fund raising case statement, and create a plan that is revenue generating and sustainable as a long term investment on behalf of The Episcopal Church. Having brought their part of this great effort to a close, the Archives Strategy Committee was dissolved to allow this vision to become reality. A coordinated, comprehensive fund raising campaign remains the great challenge for the Church. This resolution follows the Archives Strategy Committee recommendation that the Archives Board work directly with Executive Council to establish structures of flexibility, talent and accountability to maximize gift giving and progress on the Project. The Archives Board requests that it be given responsibility for the Project funds previously designated for the use of the Archives Strategy Committee.

A165

TOPIC:

HIV/AIDS Health Ministry Education

PROPOSER

Standing Commission on Health

ENDORSED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Education

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General
- 2 Convention affirm the importance of HIV and AIDS ministry in the Church; and
- 3 be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention urge parish health ministry
- 5 programs to include HIV and AIDS education as a component of their ongoing
- 6 programming; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and National
- 8 Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) be requested to compile appropriate
- 9 secular and theological resources for this programming, including, but not
- 10 limited to, reliable, culturally- and age-appropriate HIV and AIDS prevention
- 11 materials, with an emphasis on the role of behavior in reducing risks for HIV
- 12 infection; and be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That NEHM and NEAC further be requested to make these materials
- 14 available to clergy, parishes, parish nurses, Christian educators and Episcopal
- 15 schools.

EXPLANATION

Recognizing the continued rising rate of HIV and AIDS, especially in high-risk communities, the Episcopal Church acknowledges its unique role in fighting stigma and educating parishioners and communities. As health ministry programs develop education initiatives, it is critical that HIV and AIDS be included as part of a larger effort to encourage healthy behaviors at all ages.

A166

TOPIC:

Week of Prayer for Healing of AIDS

PROPOSER

Standing Commission on Health

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 urge all parishes and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to participate in the
- 3 National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, observed annually beginning
- 4 the first Sunday in March.

EXPLANATION

The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is the inclusive expansion of the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, which concluded its 23rd anniversary in 2012. This gift to faith communities now includes Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and other traditional faith communities, bringing national attention to the critical and urgent need to engage faith communities in addressing HIV/AIDS.

A167

TOPIC:

HIV Welcoming Parish Initiative

PROPOSER

Standing Commission on Health

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Evangelism

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General
- 2 Convention understands the impact stigma has upon persons living with HIV and
- 3 AIDS and the barriers is creates for appropriate treatment, care, and emotional
- 4 stability; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That the HIV Welcoming Parish initiative being launched in October,
- 6 2012 by the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition be utilized as a tool to reduce the
- 7 stigma associated with HIV and show the love of Christ through active
- 8 engagement with persons in need of support; and be it further
- 9 *Resolved*, That parishes be urged to participate in the process to become certified
- 10 as an HIV Welcoming Parish and NEAC be encouraged to achieve commitments
- 11 from 50 parishes biannually through 2015; and be it further
- 12 *Resolved*, That NEAC, through Executive Council, report back on the success of
- 13 this initiative to the 78th General Convention.

EXPLANATION

Continuing NEAC's role as prophetic witness, this initiative will affirm the humanity of all persons by assisting individuals, parishes and dioceses with support for individuals living with HIV and AIDS in their local communities.

BOO1

TOPIC: CANONS

Amend Canon I.8.1

PROPOSER

Breidenthal, The Rt. Rev. Thomas

ENDORSED BY

Budde, The Rt. Rev. Mariann; Fitzpatrick, The Rt. Rev. Robert

SPONSORED BY

Gumbs, The Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose; Glasspool, The Rt. Rev. Mary; Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Church Pension Fund

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; N/A; not yet reviewed

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.8.1 be amended as
2 follows:
3 Sec. 1. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the
4 Laws of 1914 of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is hereby
5 authorized to establish and administer the clergy pension system, including life,
6 accident and health benefits, of this Church, substantially in accordance with the
7 principles adopted by the General Convention of 1913 and approved thereafter by
8 the several Dioceses, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for
9 the Clergy who reach normal age of retirement, for the Clergy disabled by age or
10 infirmity, and for the surviving spouses and minor children of deceased Clergy.
11 The Church Pension Fund is also authorized to establish and administer the lay
12 employee pension system and denominational health plan of the Church,
13 substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by General Convention of
14 2009 in ~~Resolution 2009-A177~~, and revised in 2013 with the view to providing
15 pensions, health care and related benefits for the eligible Clergy and eligible lay
16 employees of this Church, as well as their eligible beneficiaries and dependents.

EXPLANATION

This canonical change allows for the relevant adjustments to be made in a subsequent resolution.

BOO2

TOPIC: LAY MINISTRY

Health and Lay Pension Plans

PROPOSER

Breidenthal, The Rt. Rev. Thomas

ENDORSED BY

Budde, The Rt. Rev. Mariann; Fitzpatrick, The Rt. Rev. Robert

SPONSORED BY

Gumbs, The Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose; Glasspool, The Rt. Rev. Mary; Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Church Pension Fund

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 extend the deadline for implementation of both the lay employee pension system
- 3 and denominational health plan to January 2016; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention amend the provisions for the lay
- 5 employee pension system (as adopted in GC2009 - A138 to include the following
- 6 provision:
- 7 "Each diocese has the right to make decisions on the participation of schools, day
- 8 care facilities, and other diocesan institutions in the lay employee pension
- 9 system"; and be it further
- 10 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention allow dioceses to make provisions
- 11 for multi-year, phase-in programs for the lay employee pension system, for both
- 12 parishes and other institutions subject to the authority of this church, to be
- 13 determined by and in consultation with those parishes and institutions subject to
- 14 the authority of this church seeking such provisions.

EXPLANATION

The 76th General Convention, in approving GC2009 A138 and GC2009 A177, paved the way for a more equitable benefits structure for all employees of the church and church-related institutions. It did not, in passing these resolutions, take sufficient time to consider the impact these changes would have on parishes and institutions subject to the authority of this church. Nor did it consider the difference in scale and impact between parishes and said institutions. It required schools, for example, to make rapid adjustments for a comparatively large number of employees, resulting in yearly budget adjustments, on the average, of \$200,000-500,000.

This resolution calls for an extension of the deadline for compliance, a simplification of the decision-making process for diocese (rather than have to make one decision for one benefit based on a determination of what institutions are "subject to the authority of this church", and another based on different criteria, these resolutions would call for a similar decision-making process with both benefits), and an opportunity for parishes and church-affiliated institutions to initiate a phase-in process over a period of years for the lay employee pension program.

BOO3

TOPIC: LAY MINISTRY

Increasing pension options for schools

PROPOSER

Breidenthal, The Rt. Rev. Thomas

ENDORSED BY

Budde, The Rt. Rev. Mariann; Fitzpatrick, The Rt. Rev. Robert

SPONSORED BY

Gumbs, The Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose; Glasspool, The Rt. Rev. Mary; Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Church Pension Fund

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 amend the provisions for the lay employee pension system (as adopted in
- 3 GC2009 - A138) to allow both existing defined benefit plans and existing defined
- 4 contribution plans to continue as long as their plan design delivers pension
- 5 benefits not less than the pension benefits required by this resolution.

EXPLANATION

Resolution GC2009-A138 allowed for school employees, whose institutions were expected to conform to the new pension standards, to opt for participation in a TIAA-CREF defined contribution plan as an alternative to the Church Pension Group. Surveys taken by both the National Association of Episcopal Schools as well as the Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools, indicate that a substantial number of schools maintain pension programs with vendors other than Church Pension Group or TIAA-CREF.* As with existing defined benefit programs, we believe that an institution should have the option of maintaining its current defined contribution plan, regardless of the vendor, as long as it meets the pension benefits required in A138. To identify one alternative vendor (TIAA-CREF), at the exclusion of others, establishes, we believe, a risky precedent.

*In the 2009 NAES survey, of 102 schools responding, 61 had defined contribution programs with TIAA-CREF, 23 with the Church Pension Group, and 24 with other vendors. In the 2010 SAES survey of its member schools (in Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas dioceses), of 51 schools responding, 17 had defined contribution programs with TIAA-CREF, 10 with the Church pension Group, and 24 with other vendors.

BOO4

TOPIC: PRISON MINISTRY

Camps for Children of the Incarcerated

PROPOSER

Sutton, The Rt. Rev. Eugene

ENDORSED BY

Shand, The Rt. Rev. James; Daniel, 3rd, The Rt. Rev. Clifton

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Social and Urban Affairs

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

not yet reviewed; N/A; N/A

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 reaffirm its commitment to establish and support summer camps for children
- 3 who have parents in prison or in the criminal justice system; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Program Officer of Social and Economic Justice encourage
- 5 and support dioceses with such camps to facilitate networking among each other;
- 6 and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the Program Officer of Social and Economic Justice report to the
- 8 78th General Convention on his/her progress; and be it further
- 9 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing
- 10 Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of
- 11 \$150,000 over the next triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

Similar resolutions previously have been concurred by the 75th and 76th General Conventions. Its historic basis acknowledges:

There are an estimated 1.7 million children with a parent in the criminal justice system. The current system of justice is based on retribution; not restoration. In South Africa, for example, the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu has promoted the healing of communities. In keeping with a culture of restoration, camps for children with parents in the criminal justice system create a culture of healing and not punishment.

These children are often the "invisible" victims of crime, living in poverty and abusive situations, and mostly forgotten by government agencies. They experience fear, guilt, anger, shame, loneliness and poor school performance. A U.S. Senate committee report said they stand a 70 percent chance of also going to prison unless there are intervening circumstances.

Dioceses with summer camps for these children have seen positive change where children and adult staffers are transformed. A week of camp activities, experiencing God's unconditional love and the beauty of nature have helped build life skills, creativity, self-respect, friendships and teamwork. Funds are needed to provide stipends for staff members with skills and training in working with at-risk children; for mentoring and homework help; for transportation and counseling.

Hear the voices of some of these children: "I am 10 years old. When my mom gets out of prison, I'll be 35." "This is the first time in two years that I have felt safe." "I was 9 when my mom got arrested. The police came and took her and just left us there. For nearly two or three weeks I took care of my 1 year-old brother and

myself. I wasn't afraid. I just wanted to take care of my brother."

BO05

TOPIC: ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Ongoing Commitment to The Anglican Covenant Process

PROPOSER

Douglas, The Rt. Rev. Ian

ENDORSED BY

Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew; Curry, The Rt. Rev. Michael

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / World Mission

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

not yet reviewed; N/A; N/A

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 express its profound gratitude to those who so faithfully worked at producing the
- 3 Anglican Covenant; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church commit itself to continued participation in
- 5 the wider councils of the Anglican Communion and to continued dialogue with
- 6 our brothers and sisters in other provinces to deepen understanding and to
- 7 ensure the continued integrity of the Anglican Communion; and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recommit itself to dialogue with the several
- 9 provinces when adopting innovations which may be seen as threatening to the
- 10 unity of the Communion; and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That as a demonstration of The Episcopal Church’s dedication to the
- 12 unity of the Anglican Communion, the 77th General Convention embraces the
- 13 affirmations and commitments of the “Preamble,” “Section One: Our Inheritance
- 14 of Faith,” “Section Two: The Life we share with Others; Our Anglican Vocation,”
- 15 and “Section Three: Our Unity and Common Life” of The Anglican Communion
- 16 Covenant; and be it further
- 17 *Resolved*, That the Convention asks the Presiding Officers to appoint a task force
- 18 of Executive Council to consult with The Standing Commission on Constitution
- 19 and Canons, at least one church historian, and The Episcopal Church’s members
- 20 of the Anglican Consultative Council in order to: monitor the ongoing
- 21 development of The Anglican Covenant with particular attention to the
- 22 interpretation and practice of “Section Four: Our Covenanted Life Together;”
- 23 document specific changes that would need to be made to the Constitution and
- 24 Canons of The Episcopal Church in order to adopt the covenant; analyze how
- 25 those changes may alter the identity and polity of The Episcopal Church; and
- 26 consider other such matters helpful to The Episcopal Church’s continued unity
- 27 with the other churches of the Anglican Communion; and be it further
- 28 *Resolved*, That the Executive Council Task Force on the Anglican Covenant report
- 29 its findings and recommendations to The Executive Council, and through the
- 30 Council, to the 78th General Convention.

EXPLANATION

The first three resolves are the same as those offered by the Executive Council and the D020 Task Force. The fourth resolve substitutes “an embrace” of the Preamble and first three Sections of The Anglican Covenant for the Executive Council’s resolve that The Episcopal Church “is unable to adopt The Anglican Covenant in its present form.” The final two resolves call for a task force of Executive Council, as outlined in the Executive Council’s August 2011 report on The Anglican Covenant, to study and report back to the 78th General Convention with respect to The Episcopal Church’s ongoing participation in The Anglican Covenant process. The resolution affirms that The Episcopal Church is still in the process of adopting The Anglican Covenant and thus maintains our “participation in the decision making of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion or of the Instruments of Communion.” (The Anglican Covenant 4.2.8)

Affirming the Anglican Covenant

PROPOSER

Bauerschmidt, The Rt. Rev. John

ENDORSED BY

Smith, The Rt. Rev. Michael; Martins, The Rt. Rev. Daniel

SPONSORED BY

Stanton, The Rt. Rev. James; Little, The Rt. Rev. Edward; Jacobus, The Rt. Rev. Russell; Lambert, The Rt. Rev. Paul; Lillibridge, The Rt. Rev. Gary; Love, The Rt. Rev. William; Reed, The Rt. Rev. David M.

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / World Mission

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 express its profound gratitude to those who have worked faithfully on the
- 3 Anglican Covenant as an expression of mutual responsibility and
- 4 interdependence in the Body of Christ (Toronto 1963); and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church reaffirm its own historic commitment to
- 6 constituent membership in the Anglican Communion (Preamble of Constitution
- 7 of TEC); and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recommit itself to living in a Communion
- 9 of Churches with autonomy and accountability (Anglican Covenant 3.1.2), by
- 10 acknowledging our interdependent life (3.2) and seeking a shared mind with
- 11 other Churches (3.2.4); and be it further
- 12 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church therefore affirm the Anglican Covenant and
- 13 commit itself to adoption of the Covenant in order to live more fully into the
- 14 ecclesial communion and interdependence with is foundational to the Churches
- 15 of the Anglican Communion (4.1.1); and be it further
- 16 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recognize that such mutual commitment
- 17 does not represent submission to any external ecclesiastical jurisdiction (4.1.3)
- 18 and can only be entered into according to the procedures of The Episcopal
- 19 Church's own Constitution and Canons (4.1.6; cf. 4.1.4); and be it further
- 20 *Resolved*, That the General Convention ask its Presiding Officers to appoint a
- 21 task force to assist the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons in the
- 22 preparation of whatever changes may be needed in order to make the Covenant
- 23 constitutionally and canonically active and effective, accompanied by a historical
- 24 and theological study guide and whatever other teaching materials may be
- 25 deemed useful; and be it further
- 26 *Resolved*, That the Task Force on the Anglican Covenant and the Standing
- 27 Commission on Constitution and Canons complete their work in time for the 78th
- 28 General Convention to take whatever appropriate action may be required; and be

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

EXPLANATION

This resolution builds upon The Episcopal Church's pivotal role in bringing the Anglican Communion into being through its own formation as a Church and its ongoing role in the development of the Lambeth Conference and other Communion structures, several of which are the fruit of the call for "mutual responsibility and interdependence" at the 1963 Anglican Congress in Toronto. This resolution affirms the Covenant as a whole and commits The Episcopal Church to it, recognizing that the commitment to seeking a shared mind with other Churches requires some process by which that common mind may be discovered, hence that the procedures outlined in Section Four of the Covenant, "Our Covenanted Life Together," are in keeping with and implied by the affirmations of the first three sections. Finally, the resolution charts a course for the adoption of the Covenant according to The Episcopal Church's own constitutional and canonical procedures, as called for by the Covenant.

BOO7

TOPIC:

Celebrating Sudanese Communities within The Episcopal Church

PROPOSER

Gray III, The Rt. Rev. Duncan

ENDORSED BY

Smith, The Rt. Rev. Michael; Smith, The Rt. Rev. George Wayne

SPONSORED BY

Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence; Waynick, The Rt. Rev. Catherine

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of the Episcopal Church recognize the Sudanese Communities gathering in
- 3 Episcopal churches for Christian worship, learning, and advancement; and that
- 4 the Church commits herself to welcome and sustain these communities and their
- 5 individual members in building up the full body of Christ through ministries at
- 6 the parish, diocesan, and national levels; and that mission churches be planted,
- 7 where appropriate, to be sustained in part by a national committee of senior
- 8 Sudanese clergy.

EXPLANATION

A common problem that members of the Sudanese Leadership Conference of the Episcopal Church have discovered in conversation with one another is that Sudanese refugees in many parts of the country have not felt fully welcomed by the Episcopal Church and as a result are leaving the Church for other denominations. To address this problem, the Convention should encourage bishops, clergy, and laity across the country to welcome with intentional fullness their brothers and sisters in Christ: as living manifestations of faithful witness of Christian welcoming. Hopefully, parishes, the dioceses, and the national church will institute and support ministries to sustain refugees' emotional and physical health and their personal and spiritual well-being. We resolve to do these things in faith to build up the full body of Christ.

We encourage bishops, clergy, and laity to become full participants and to identify a position that will be concerned with the development of Sudanese communities and help to fulfill the potential of planting churches in these groups, where appropriate; and when size does not suggest the possibility of sustainable parishes, to encourage ministries that support refugee communities within the fold of larger parish communities.

Needs of Sudanese Congregations:

Sudanese communities need

- Space for worship and Bible study that recognizes and respects the fact that this group requires more than one hour time for their Sunday ministry;
- Sudanese representatives or voices at the level of the parish and diocese [as well as the national Church headquarters];
- planned missions, for Christian teaching, to reach the self-sustaining parish level over a five-year period; [the national church will send teams of senior Sudanese clergy to train and encourage local congregations]

- to be integrated more fully into the Church;
- a shared national process for ordination;
- to build community and nurture families;
- to join hands and work together;
- to address conflict--communal, civic and cultural--between and within linguistic and cultural groups from Sudan;
- to bridge the gap between the lives they lived in the Sudan and the lives they must lead in the US
- to collaborate with the Sudanese Council of Churches;
- help from American-born friends to better understand and navigate the American system;
- to share their own unique perspectives with the wider community and to edify and build up the larger church;
- to work as a group;
- help to maintain their belief that God is in their midst;
- help to look for the solution within and rather than outside communities to neutralize hatred and anger

BOO8

TOPIC:

Focusing on Those Living in Poverty

PROPOSER

Garrison, The Rt. Rev. J. Michael

ENDORSED BY

Waynick, The Rt. Rev. Catherine; Beisner, The Rt. Rev. Barry

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Social and Urban Affairs

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of The Episcopal Church call upon its members to begin every meeting in
- 3 calendar year 2013, whether at the parish, diocesan, or church-wide level, and no
- 4 matter what the purpose, with this agenda item: "How will what we are doing
- 5 here effect or involve those living in poverty?"

EXPLANATION

GC2009-A155 called for the establishment of a program to address domestic poverty and called on The Episcopal Church to "recognize the pressing challenges to those living in poverty and the working poor throughout this nation."

As our Church considers significant changes to our infrastructure, how we do business, and how we engage in the world around us, the practice of asking this question will lead to both awareness of and solidarity with those who are living in poverty.

This resolution is supported and encouraged by the Association for Episcopal Deacons' commitment to take a leadership role in our Church's response to domestic poverty. The Association urges our Church to reclaim its purpose as an institution of mission and service, believing that intentional conversation, reflection, and prayer will help us to focus on those who are living in poverty, much as Jesus did in His ministry.

BOO9

TOPIC:

Authorize Use of 1979 Lectionary

PROPOSER

Martins, The Rt. Rev. Daniel

ENDORSED BY

Little, The Rt. Rev. Edward; Sisk, The Rt. Rev. Mark

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That worshiping communities
- 2 wishing to use the lectionary for Sundays and Holy Days as originally printed in
- 3 the Book of Common Prayer (1979) may do so, with the permission of the
- 4 Ecclesiastical Authority.

EXPLANATION

Despite the fact that all due process was observed leading up to the adoption of the Revised Common Lectionary by the 75th General Convention, there is considerable anecdotal evidence that many worshiping communities did not begin considering it until its use became mandatory on Advent Sunday 2010. Even though the RCL is now the official lectionary of this Church, it is only now effectively undergoing a period of widespread trial use. Widespread use has revealed a number of concerns. These include the way the length of some readings are edited, the general length of the appointed Psalms, a marked change in theological emphasis in the observance of All Saints' Day, among others. It seems inevitable that the RCL will be altered once again, sooner than later. In the meantime, many communities have grown attached to portions of the 1979 lectionary that have been changed or eliminated by the RCL, portions that have been significantly formative of the spiritual lives of their members. It seems just and considerate to let them, under the guidance of the Bishop, continue to use the lectionary to which they have become accustomed.

PROPOSER

Tarrant, The Rt. Rev. John

ENDORSED BY

Sisk, The Rt. Rev. Mark; Rowe, The Rt. Rev. Sean

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / National and International Concerns

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention,
2 considering the Church's mission to promote peace and reconciliation for all
3 God's people:
4 -Affirms strategies that will help bring about an independent, sovereign
5 Palestinian state as well as peace, prosperity and security for both Palestinians
6 and Israelis;
7 -Acknowledges the political reality that when a Palestinian State is created, this
8 state will greatly benefit from positive economic interaction with all neighboring
9 countries, including Israel and that in order to have a viable Palestinian state,
10 both the Palestinian and Israeli economies, which will be mutually
11 interdependent, must be championed and positive investment in Palestine in
12 particular must be encouraged at this time;
13 -Recognizes that the work of nation-building is necessary and productive and
14 without it there can and will be no viable Palestinian state;
15 -Recognizes the need to become true partners of the Palestinian people by
16 encouraging concrete measures that can be taken by the Church, Church Boards
17 and Agencies and Church members to support the Palestinian people in their
18 efforts in building up their economy and their nation;
19 -Commits to study and make recommendations for concrete measures that can be
20 taken by the Church, Church Boards, Agencies, and Church members to
21 encourage, aid and assist the Palestinian people in their efforts in nation
22 building;
23 -Calls on Israel to institute a settlement freeze and urges Israeli and Palestinian
24 leaders to return to the negotiating table immediately to work on reaching a final-
25 status agreement that will end the occupation; and
26 -Rejects boycott, divestment or economic sanctions and other divisive and
27 punitive measures which seek to tear down, not to build up.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has committed itself to peacemaking and seeks to act as an advocate for peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Episcopal Church recognizes that true peace must reveal itself in both the spiritual and temporal aspects of life and culture in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Episcopal Church supports the existence of Israel as a sovereign state and homeland for the Jewish people and the creation of Palestine, as a sovereign state and homeland for the Palestinian people.

The Episcopal Church values the transformative nature of economic justice for all people, and supports positive investment in Palestine as an effective and productive approach to peace making for both Israelis and the Palestinians. Encouraging investments in Palestine is a positive, transformative strategy to be preferred to the more punitive options of divestments and boycotts.

B011

TOPIC:

Budget Appropriation for GBEC

PROPOSER

Benfield, The Rt. Rev. Larry

ENDORSED BY

Rowe, The Rt. Rev. Sean; Howe, The Rt. Rev. Barry

SPONSORED BY

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HB / Ministry

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to
- 3 consider an allocation of the following funds for the ongoing work of the General
- 4 Board of Examining Chaplains: \$153,000 in 2013; \$155,000 in 2014; and
- 5 \$157,000 in 2015; for a total of \$465,000 for the triennium.

EXPLANATION

Of the total amount of \$465,000 requested for the ongoing work of the Board, only \$165,000 for the triennium is a direct request from the General Convention budget. The remainder (\$300,000) comes from anticipated GOE fees that are paid by the students taking the exams (or paid by their dioceses).

The budget breakdown for the GBEC is as follows:

Income	_ 2013	2014	2015	TOTAL_
Exam fees(1)	100,000	100,000	100,000	300,000
Expenses				
Salaries and benefits(2)	63,500	65,300	67,300	196,000
Readers Meetings(3)	80,000	80,000	80,000	240,000
Office Expenses	9,500	9,700	9,700	29,000
Total Expenses	153,000	155,000	157,000	465,000

Notes

(1) These figures represent an estimated 200 candidates each year, each paying a \$500 fee.

(2) Benefits include health insurance, pension payments, and 50% of Social Security for the director and office assistant. The people in this office work with seminaries and exam administrators, oversee the appropriate use of technology, and perform other back office work throughout the year.

(3) Readers' meeting expenses have been reduced as a way to more efficiently use budgeted funds. For example, in 2007 the readers' meeting cost \$141,137.

(4) Office expenses have been reduced as a way to more efficiently use budgeted funds. For example, in 2007 office expenses were \$47,352.

B012

TOPIC:

Funding Meetings for GBEC

PROPOSER

Howe, The Rt. Rev. Barry

ENDORSED BY

Benfield, The Rt. Rev. Larry; Gregg, The Rt. Rev. William

SPONSORED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to
- 3 consider an allocation of the following funds for the annual meetings of the
- 4 General Board of Examining Chaplains: 2013 - \$20,000; 2014 - \$20,000; and
- 5 2015 - \$20,000; for a total of \$60,000 for the triennium.

EXPLANATION

The funding request supports the meetings of this canonically mandated board, composed of 22 members, as it oversees the preparation, administration, and evaluation of the General Ordination Examination and other duties as stipulated by canon.

COO1

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Province VII

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby no later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement in Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18) in a way that
11 maximizes the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church;
12 and be it further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Texas

ENDORSED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 reaffirm our commitment to the Episcopal Church Strategic Planning Survey
- 3 Report’s statement that “The Church needs to see campus ministry and young
- 4 adult ministry as the most important evangelism and mission area there is. It is
- 5 where our culture is the most dynamic, most committed, most culturally diverse”;
- 6 and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recognize the increasing importance of
- 8 community colleges as critical places for evangelism and Christian formation,
- 9 particularly among racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse
- 10 populations; and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That to respond to this pastoral need, the General Convention support
- 12 the creation of two new campus ministries at community colleges in each of the
- 13 nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church, and provide training for local leaders of
- 14 these mission initiatives; and be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult &
- 16 Campus Ministries of the Episcopal Church, in cooperation with the Provincial
- 17 Coordinators for Campus Ministry, to oversee a process for application for and
- 18 allocation of grants to fund these new missions; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$760,000 for
- 21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a leader in the area of mission and evangelism to colleges and universities; and the College Missioners Association of the Diocese of Texas and parishes involved in this mission affirm the need to expand this mission to community colleges.

C003

TOPIC: LAY MINISTRY

September as Lay Ministry Month

PROPOSER

Diocese of Montana

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Ministry

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 designate September as Lay Ministry Recognition Month annually in The
- 3 Episcopal Church in the USA to recognize and celebrate the integral and vital
- 4 ministry of the laity throughout the year.

EXPLANATION

Whereas, The work of the church is ministry and lay people are the first listed in the Book of Common Prayer as ministers of the church, and

Whereas, It is important for people to recognize that they are Christ's heart, hands and feet in the world, and

Whereas, The Episcopal Diocese of Montana has observed September as Lay Ministry Recognition Month for the past seven years as a time to celebrate the ministry of lay people in the workplace, school, volunteer activities and through outreach with a special litany, a pastoral letter from the bishop and with Lay Ministry Fairs being held in parishes, and

Whereas, We would like to see September declared as official Lay Ministry Month in the Episcopal Church.

COO4

TOPIC: BUDGET

Renew commitment to Native American ministry

PROPOSER

Diocese of South Dakota

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HD / National and International Concerns

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 renew and extend its historic commitment to Native American ministry and
- 3 direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to
- 4 continue, and where possible, extend the financial support of The Episcopal
- 5 Church for this ministry.

EXPLANATION

C005

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Nevada

ENDORSED BY

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
- 2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
- 3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
- 4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby no later
- 5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
- 6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
- 7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
- 8 Church's faithful engagement in Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
- 9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
- 10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18) in a way that
- 11 maximizes the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church;
- 12 and be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
- 14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
- 15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
- 16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
- 17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
- 18 1, 2015; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
- 21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

CO06

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Northern Indiana

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the direction of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission summarized in the Great
9 Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-
10 40) in a way that maximizes the resources available for that mission at all levels
11 of this Church; and be it further
12 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
13 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
14 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
15 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
16 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
17 1, 2015; and be it further
18 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
19 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
20 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Oklahoma

ENDORSED BY

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 encourage dialogue toward establishing a Special Commission on Missional
- 3 Structure and Strategy; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That this General Convention present a plan to the Church for
- 5 reforming its structures, governance, administration and staff, thereby
- 6 facilitating this Church's faithful engagement in Christ's mission to the world.

EXPLANATION

The Diocese of Oklahoma joins our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny, in calling for a special task force to study ways to restructure the General Convention that promote both representation for the Church and better stewardship of our financial assets.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Iowa

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9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
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13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

C009

TOPIC: BUDGET

Continued Commitment to MDG's

PROPOSER

Diocese of Michigan

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
- 3 to include in the 2013-2015 General Convention Budget, a line item of no less
- 4 than 0.7% of the non-government revenue of the Episcopal Church to support the
- 5 Millennium Development Goals; and that this 0.7% commitment be a visible and
- 6 prophetic act of leadership in fighting global poverty; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the funds from the 0.7% line item be contributed to a campaign
- 8 for the triennium 2013-2015 to be led and administered by Episcopal Relief &
- 9 Development in support of its programs that are working to achieve the
- 10 Millennium Development Goals.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has been a leader among communities of faith, nationally and globally, in calling attention to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as one way of responding to God's mission of reconciliation. Countless individual Episcopalians, as well as Episcopal parishes and dioceses, have taken up the challenge to meet the MDGs by contributing 0.7% of their annual income to international development as commended by 1998 Lambeth Conference Resolution I.15 and General Convention resolutions 2003-Do66, 2006-Do22 and 2009-Do16. It is important for the Episcopal Church to provide continued leadership through 2015, which marks the date by which the MDGs are to be met.

C010

TOPIC: BUDGET

Support for expanded mission initiatives

PROPOSER

Diocese of Michigan

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 urge the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance present a
- 3 new triennial funding formula for consideration by General Convention that
- 4 increases the "deductible amount" allowed by each diocese and reduces the
- 5 diocesan apportionment (askings) in order to allow more monies to remain at the
- 6 provincial, diocesan and congregational levels where they can support robust,
- 7 diverse, extensive and local mission initiatives that will help God's Episcopal
- 8 Church thrive in the 21st century.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church, like most other denominations, is adapting too slowly to new ways of proclaiming the Gospel to a fast-changing population driven by experiences and values far different from those of earlier generations. To speed our adaptation in this time of social and cultural opportunity and upheaval, we must empower and support local ministry initiatives that can be quickly conceived, executed, evaluated and shared with the wider church. At the same time, we recognize that successful local initiatives may depend on support from the diocesan, provincial and Episcopal Church Center levels, and on able facilitation of communication and resource sharing.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
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EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Diocese of Western North Carolina

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EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

Add Whiting Griswold to HWHM

PROPOSER

Diocese of Missouri

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HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the addition of
- 3 the Rev. Whiting Griswold to the commemorations in Holy Women, Holy Men.

EXPLANATION

The Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri recognize and uphold the Reverend Whiting Griswold as an example of Christian sainthood and encourage his recognition within the wider church.

The Reverend Whiting Griswold became first rector of St. John's (St. Louis) in 1841. Along with members of his parish, the Rev. Griswold established Orphans' Home in 1843 and worked diligently to build and strengthen both institutions. He mediated dissension in the newly formed Diocese of Missouri in 1844, following the demise of Kemper College and he represented the Diocese of Missouri at every General Convention.

While many others fled the City of St. Louis during the cholera epidemic of 1849, the Rev. Griswold stayed and ministered to victims of the epidemic in Saint Louis. On July 24, 1849, the Rev. Griswold succumbed to cholera himself and died at the age of 34.

The Rev. Griswold's short, yet exemplary, life and untimely death inspired numerous memorials, including a large marble memorial tablet near entrance to St. John's, a stained glass memorial near the altar at St. John's, a memorial bench in Orphan's Home (since destroyed), and a memorial poem "A Christian Hero" composed by Episcopal priest in Philadelphia.

On July 24, 2011, St. John's Episcopal Church (St. Louis) began an annual recognition of the Rev. Whiting Griswold on the anniversary of his death.

CO14

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Missouri

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14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
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17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, in any event, not later than February 1,
18 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The financial model of the Episcopal Church is not sustainable at the current rate. Our church-wide administration is heavily out of balance, cumbersome, and unwieldy.

Amend Canon III.11.4(a) Transparency in Bishop Consents

PROPOSER

Diocese of California

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HD / Consecration of Bishops

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.11.4(a) is hereby
2 amended to read:

3 **Sec. 4.**

4 **(a)** If the date of the election of a Bishop occurs more than one hundred and
5 twenty days before the meeting of the General Convention, The Standing
6 Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its
7 President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to
8 the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a
9 certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a
10 statement that evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon
11 and Priest as to the Bishop-elect's medical, psychological and psychiatric
12 examination required in Sec. 3(b) of this Canon have been received and that a
13 testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention must also be
14 delivered in the following form:

15
16 We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that
17 the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and
18 firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion
19 without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no
20 impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to
21 that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe
22 the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such
23 sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly
24 character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and
25 the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

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27
28 (Date) _____ (Signed) _____

29
30 The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church
31 exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates
32 mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of

33 consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty
34 days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall
35 respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop
36 is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (b) of
37 this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. ~~If a majority of the~~
38 ~~Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-~~
39 ~~elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall~~
40 ~~then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary documents~~
41 ~~described in Sec. 3(a) of this Canon, to the Presiding Bishop. No later than two~~
42 ~~days after the final date such responses are due, the Standing Committee of the~~
43 ~~Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall forward to the Presiding Bishop all~~
44 ~~testimonials and written notices received from the various Standing~~
45 ~~Committees, whether a majority consents or not; and if a majority of the~~
46 ~~Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the~~
47 ~~Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee shall also forward to the Presiding Bishop~~
48 ~~the other necessary documents described in Sec. 3(a) of this Canon. No later~~
49 ~~than thirty days after responses are due, the Presiding Bishop shall make public~~
50 ~~the action taken by each Bishop and Standing Committee in response to the~~
51 ~~notification of election. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to~~
52 ~~indicate a majority of those Bishops consents and Standing Committees consent~~
53 ~~to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing~~
54 ~~Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of~~
55 ~~the consent.~~

EXPLANATION

Under the current practice, summaries of the Bishop Consents by Diocesan Bishops and Standing Committees are not published. The proposed amendment to the canons calls for publishing the votes by Diocesan Bishops and Standing Committees. The objective is to provide transparency in the decision-making process. This canonical change does not impact the Bishop Consent Process at General Convention.

CO16

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Western Kansas

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RESOLUTION TEXT

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2 on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall be at the
3 discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and
4 the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later than thirty days
5 following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The Special
6 Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for reforming
7 its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this Church's
8 faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the poor,
9 release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed,
10 and the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18) in a way that maximizes the
11 resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it further
12 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
13 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
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15 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
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17 1, 2015; and be it further
18 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on
19 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
20 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Long Island

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- 16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
- 17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
- 18 1, 2015; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee
- 20 on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
- 21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

C018

TOPIC: BUDGET

Support for Those Studying for Ordained Ministry

PROPOSER

Diocese of Long Island

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of the Episcopal Church and its Standing Committee on Program, Budget and
- 3 Finance (PB&F) to extend the funding of Support for Those Studying for the
- 4 Ordained Ministry in the coming triennium for the amounts of \$100,000 in year
- 5 one, \$150,000 in year two, and \$200,000 in year three for the purpose of
- 6 providing needs-based scholarships for Episcopal Seminarians; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That said funds be administered and distributed to needy seminarians
- 8 through the Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry
- 9 (SIM), said Society having administered funding for seminarians for 154 years;
- 10 and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention is urged to request that SIM report
- 12 annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting
- 13 the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive
- 14 Council, in turn, provide a full report to the 78th General Convention.

EXPLANATION

C019

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Hawaii

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EXPLANATION

Reorganization of The Episcopal Church

PROPOSER

Diocese of Oregon

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 calls upon the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church (SCSC) to
- 3 continue its work, through prayer, study and Church-wide conversation, to
- 4 develop recommendations and supporting resolutions for reorganizing The
- 5 Episcopal Church to enhance its mission and ministry in the 21st century. This
- 6 work should include, but not be limited to, a review of staffing organization at the
- 7 national and provincial levels, program focus and delivery, and revenue sharing;
- 8 and be it further
- 9 *Resolved*, That the SCSC report its findings and recommendations to the 78th
- 10 General Convention (2015) of The Episcopal Church for further action.

EXPLANATION

CO21

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of West Missouri

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PROPOSER

Diocese of West Missouri

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
2 instruct the Church Medical Trust that the implementation date of the new
3 Denominational Health Plan mandate previously approved by General
4 Convention (GC 2009-A177) be suspended pending consideration of a more
5 equitable and unified Denominational Health Plan that eliminates unfair regional
6 differences and dramatic cost disparities between dioceses; and be it further
7 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention instruct the Church Medical Trust to
8 formulate a plan that creates a single, unified national plan for the entire
9 Episcopal Church with no variance in premium costs from diocese to diocese,
10 thereby eliminating dramatic cost differences for similar health insurance
11 coverage between dioceses and regions of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
12 *Resolved*, That the suspension of implementation of the Denominational Health
13 Plan is lifted only when the Church Medical Trust presents a revised, unified
14 national plan consistent with the intent of this resolution to the Executive Council
15 of The Episcopal Church for its approval, an approving vote by the Executive
16 Council in this matter to be a two-thirds majority vote; and be it further
17 *Resolved*, That foreign dioceses of The Episcopal Church are provided such
18 coverage as may be comparable to any plan ultimately implemented in The
19 Episcopal Church, subject to local law and medical norms and standards in
20 foreign lands.

EXPLANATION

C023

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of North Dakota

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

CO24

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Arizona

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Los Angeles

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General
- 2 Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to the Episcopal
- 3 Church Strategic Planning Survey Report’s statement that “The Church needs to
- 4 see campus ministry and young adult ministry as the most important evangelism
- 5 and mission area there is. It is where our culture is the most dynamic, most
- 6 committed, most culturally diverse;” and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recognizes the increasing importance of
- 8 community colleges as critical places for evangelism and Christian formation,
- 9 particularly among racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse
- 10 populations; and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That to respond to this pastoral need, the General Convention support
- 12 the creation of two new campus ministries at community colleges in each of the
- 13 nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church, and provide training for local leaders of
- 14 these mission activities; and; be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult &
- 16 Campus Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center, in cooperation with the
- 17 Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry, to oversee a process for application
- 18 for and allocation of grants to fund these new missions; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$760,000 for
- 21 the implementation of this resolution

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Diocese of Los Angeles

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention,
2 together with the 116th Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los
3 Angeles, urge President Barack Obama and the Administration to bring stronger
4 and more resolute American diplomatic leadership to the cause of Peace *with*
5 Justice between Israel and Palestine and to the Middle East; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That this Convention expresses sincerest appreciation and gratitude to
7 Bishop Suheil Dawani, to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and to its clergy
8 and lay people for their ongoing witness and dedication to reconciliation and
9 peace; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That this Convention acknowledges the tragic histories of the Jewish
11 and Palestinian people as victims of injustice, wars, dispersion and exile, the
12 existential fear and insecurity this has created for both peoples and the distress
13 their conflict has caused throughout the Middle East; and be it further
14 *Resolved*, That this Convention respects the profound commitment of Israelis
15 and Palestinians to the land as their homeland; and be it further
16 *Resolved*, That this Convention calls upon Israelis and Palestinians to recognize
17 one another's right to statehood, economic viability, and security and that all
18 other nations do likewise; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That this Convention calls for the cessation of violence by all
20 Palestinians and Israelis, and be it further
21 *Resolved*, That this Convention calls on the Government of the United States of
22 America to practice financial transparency in all of its aid to the Palestinians and
23 Israelis; and be it further
24 *Resolved*, That this Convention calls for an end of the air, water and land
25 blockade of the Gaza Strip thereby permitting free and uninhibited access for all
26 humanitarian assistance, for educational, reconstruction and development
27 materials and for ordinary trade; and be it further
28 *Resolved*, That this Convention calls for a just resolution for Palestinian refugees;
29 and be it further
30 *Resolved*, That this Convention calls for an end to the on-going confiscation of
31 Palestinian land, demolition of housing, and the displacement of people; and be it
32 further

33 *Resolved*, That this Convention calls for the creation of two states, with
34 Jerusalem as their capital, and with permanent Palestinian borders with Israel,
35 Jordan and Egypt, and permanent Israeli borders with Palestine, based on the
36 1967 line, subject to mutually agreed upon swaps, so that secure and recognized
37 borders are established for both sides.

EXPLANATION

C027

TOPIC: HEALTH CARE

Deferral of Implementation of Denominational Health Plan

PROPOSER

Diocese of Central New York

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the implementation of the
- 2 Denominational Health Plan established by GC 2009-A177 be deferred until
- 3 January 1, 2016; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That all domestic dioceses, parishes, missions, and other ecclesiastical
- 5 organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this church provide health
- 6 insurance for clergy and lay employees who are scheduled to work a minimum of
- 7 1,500 hours annually beginning January 1, 2016; and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That each diocese or other ecclesiastical organization or body subject to
- 9 the authority of the church has the right to make decisions as to whether the
- 10 Episcopal Church Medical Trust or another plan sponsor shall provide health
- 11 insurance; and be it further
- 12 *Resolved*, That all other provisions of GC2009-A177 shall remain in effect once
- 13 the Resolution is implemented.

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Diocese of Northern California

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
 2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
 3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
 4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
 5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
 6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
 7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
 8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
 9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
 10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
 11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
 12 further
 13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
 14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
 15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
 16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
 17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
 18 1, 2015; and be it further
 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
 21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

C029

TOPIC: DOCTRINE

Access to Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

PROPOSER

Diocese of North Carolina

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint
- 3 a special commission charged with conducting a study of the theology underlying
- 4 access to Holy Baptism and Holy Communion in this Church and to recommend
- 5 for consideration by the 78th General Convention any amendment to Title I,
- 6 Canon 17, Section 7, of the Canons of General Convention that it deems
- 7 appropriate; and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 9 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the
- 10 implementation of this Resolution.

EXPLANATION

It is becoming increasingly common across the Church to invite any person who seeks a deeper understanding of God through Christ to partake of Holy Communion, notwithstanding the explicit provisions of Canon I.17.7. The House of Deputies of the 74th General Convention (2003) called for such a study by adopting Resolution 2003-A089. That resolution was referred by the House of Bishops to its Committee on Theology and was not enacted. Subsequently, Resolution 2006-Do84 of the 75th General Convention called on the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to provide to the 76th General Convention a pastoral and theological understanding of the relationship between Holy Baptism and eucharistic practice. This resolution repeats these calls.

PROPOSER

Diocese of North Carolina

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
- 2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
- 3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
- 4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
- 5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
- 6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
- 7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
- 8 Church's faithful engagement in Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
- 9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
- 10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
- 11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
- 12 further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
- 14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
- 15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
- 16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
- 17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
- 18 1, 2015; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
- 21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

This resolution lends the endorsement of the Diocese of North Carolina to the call of the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Chief Operating Officer of The Episcopal Church, for the creation of the special commission described above.

C031

TOPIC: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Study impact of GC2009-A177

PROPOSER

Diocese of North Carolina

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 request the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to
- 3 appoint a special commission charged with conducting a comprehensive study,
- 4 analysis, and report to the 78th General Convention, having made such report
- 5 available in full to each Diocese of the Church prior to said convention, as to the
- 6 impact of full compliance with Resolution 2009-A177. The study and analysis
- 7 shall include but not be limited to consideration of (1) the financial impact,
- 8 prepared by a third party, of the full implementation of Resolution 2009-A177
- 9 through fiscal year-end 2025; (2) the impact on the employment and work-lives
- 10 of current and prospective employees of the Church; (3) the impact on the calling
- 11 of Clergy and the hiring of employees to serve The Episcopal Church; and (4) a
- 12 survey of Diocese, parishes and institutions of the Church with respect to the
- 13 impact of Resolution 2009-A177 over the next Triennium; and be it further
- 14 *Resolved*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Resolution 2009-A177, no
- 15 diocese shall be required to adopt minimum cost-sharing guidelines for parity
- 16 between clergy and lay employees until the study commissioned by this
- 17 resolution has been presented to and acted upon by the 78th General Convention;
- 18 and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the
- 21 implementation of this Resolution.

EXPLANATION

The Diocese of North Carolina embraces with gratitude the intent of Resolution 2009-A177. It seems clear, however, that its application has far reaching and unanticipated potential consequences. It seems a right, good, proper and responsible thing to subject this well intentioned Resolution to vigorous scrutiny that will more likely ensure its intended result.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Washington

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention
- 2 of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to the Mission Priorities
- 3 established at the 76th General Convention on Growing Congregations and the
- 4 Next Generation of Faith, wherein priority is given to lifelong Christian formation
- 5 with specific support of young adults and underserved populations; and be it
- 6 further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its
- 8 commitment to the Episcopal Church Strategic Planning Survey Report, wherein
- 9 it is stated that “The Church needs to see campus ministry and young adult
- 10 ministry as the most important evangelism and mission area there is. It is where
- 11 our culture is the most dynamic, most committed, most culturally diverse;” and
- 12 be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention support the creation of new campus
- 14 ministries at community and tribal colleges in each of the nine Provinces of the
- 15 Episcopal Church, and provide training for local leaders of these mission
- 16 initiatives; and be it further
- 17 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult and
- 18 Campus Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center, in cooperation with the
- 19 Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry, to oversee a process for application
- 20 for and allocation of grants to fund these new missions; and be it further
- 21 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission
- 22 on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$760,000 for
- 23 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

Endorsing Statehood for the District of Columbia

PROPOSER

Diocese of Washington

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention,
- 2 recognize that the Church has long been a moral voice in support of the civil and
- 3 human rights of all people; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Convention acknowledge the Baptismal promise to “strive for
- 5 justice and respect the dignity of every human being”; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the Convention recognize, as set forth in the Universal
- 7 Declaration of Human Rights, that “all human beings are born free and equal in
- 8 dignity and rights” and that one of the most fundamental of those rights is “the
- 9 right to take part in the government of his country”; and be it further
- 10 *Resolved*, That the Convention recognize that this right to self-determination is
- 11 explicitly stated in the Declaration of Independence’s statement that to secure
- 12 their rights, “Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers
- 13 from the Consent of the governed,” and in the preamble to the Constitution; and
- 14 be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That the Convention recognize that the people of the District of
- 16 Columbia have been denied this right to self-determination for over two hundred
- 17 years; and be it further
- 18 *Resolved*, That the Convention recognize that as a constitutional union of states,
- 19 full rights in United States of America go to citizens of states, and that the people
- 20 of the District of Columbia, in petitioning to hold a statehood constitutional
- 21 convention, electing delegates, writing a constitution and approving that
- 22 constitution for the State of New Columbia, have said that they want the State of
- 23 New Columbia to be admitted to the union; and be it further
- 24 *Resolved*, That the Convention support the right of the people of the District of
- 25 Columbia to enjoy the same rights as every other American, including the right to
- 26 self-determination through statehood, and urge Congress to admit the State of
- 27 New Columbia to the union; and be it further
- 28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the General Convention forward this resolution to
- 29 the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to take such action as is necessary
- 30 to implement this resolution.

EXPLANATION

C034

TOPIC: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Revising Denominational Health Plan Mandate

PROPOSER

Diocese of Ohio

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 remove the mandate that dioceses must participate in the Denomination Health
- 3 Plan by purchasing health insurance through the Medical Trust/Church Pension
- 4 Group. All other requirements of A177 passed by the 76th General Convention
- 5 remain in force.

EXPLANATION

The Denominational Health Plan (DHP) as it was enacted and is in the process of being implemented, does not create a common premium across all dioceses, but has individual premiums for each diocese based upon the particular diocese's demographics, past experience, and local medical costs. In addition, it is expected that each diocese will be self-funding for its insurance costs. Other than a very minimal decrease in administrative costs, there is no financial benefit for dioceses to participate in the DHP because individual dioceses are neither participating in a larger pool of insured individuals from across the Church nor is the cost of insurance distributed across diocesan lines.

The mandate for all dioceses to participate in the DHP through the Medical Trust prevents dioceses from negotiating for equivalent insurance coverage at a lower cost. Congregations and Dioceses cannot afford to relinquish the financial right and responsibility to secure the best insurance at the least expensive cost.

CO35

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of West Tennessee

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, there shall be an ad hoc Special
- 2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy whose representatives shall be
- 3 chosen by each Province, no later than ninety (90) days following the 77th
- 4 General Convention, and that each Province shall select three persons as
- 5 Commissioners, one being a lay person, another a member of the clergy, and the
- 6 third a currently serving active bishop; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission will elect from among its membership a
- 8 Chairperson from the clergy and lay members and a bishop to serve as co-chairs
- 9 of the Commission, and the Commission will meet in joint sessions to determine
- 10 its recommendations to a Special Convention as specified below for its
- 11 consideration; and be it further
- 12 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
- 13 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
- 14 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
- 15 these might be considered by a Special Convention prior to the convening of the
- 16 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, no later than February 1,
- 17 2015; and be it further
- 18 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 19 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$200,000 for the
- 20 implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

WHEREAS, the heart of mission for The Episcopal Church is the mission of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and that this mission should be the basis for every decision that determines the Church's organizational structures; and

WHEREAS, there are issues of efficiency and effectiveness in the use of the time and resources of The Episcopal Church as it is currently configured that result from the existing organizational structures which affect this Church's ability to accomplish its mission; and

WHEREAS, to review, revise and implement organizational changes in the midst of General Convention's business sessions is at best difficult in as much as Convention resolutions about the Church's mission call us to focus on what we are doing rather than on how we are organized to do it; therefore be it resolved.

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget. This begs the question as to whether such an allocation of funds 'at the top' as a way to accomplish the mission of this Church, which is more often done 'closer to home', is the best use of the funds dioceses contribute to The Episcopal Church's mission and ministry. For example, if it costs over a million dollars a day for the General Convention, should we not at least have a 'grassroots' group evaluate whether this is the best use and stewardship of this Church's funds as we seek to focus on our ministries and not on our old structures? It is difficult, if not impossible, for an organization to evaluate itself while focused on many other issues such as General Convention resolutions require. We suggest that this Church's structures need to have a thorough evaluation to ascertain whether they are mission-oriented for today and not just tied to preserving old structures whose time may be passed?

CO36

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Eau Claire

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18) in a way that
11 maximizes the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church;
12 and be it further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

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TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Wyoming

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18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
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PROPOSER

Diocese of Bethlehem

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 commend that the parishes and dioceses of The Episcopal Church form prayer-
- 3 and study-groups to meet regularly for an extended period in order to discern
- 4 what is the Church's call to the homeless and the poor in this present era; to
- 5 discover how our faith in the coming reign of God may be sustained and
- 6 strengthened in these profoundly difficult days; to devise methods for challenging
- 7 and changing systems that now severely limit our society's potential for achieving
- 8 a just distribution of the necessary means of life; to examine government policies
- 9 that either contribute to or reduce unemployment; to plan actions for relief of the
- 10 most vulnerable among us; to raise the quality and dignity of life for the poor and
- 11 the homeless; and to restore compassion to our public and private discourse.

EXPLANATION

Resources:

Disrupting Homelessness, Alternative Christian Approaches by Laura Stivers, Fortress Press, 2011

Just Hospitality: God's Welcome in a World of Difference by Letty Russell and Shannon Clarkson, Westminster John Knox, 2009

Souls in the Hands of a Tender God: Stories of the Search for Home and Healing on the Streets by Craig Rennebohm with David Paul, Beacon, 2008

Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement by Steven Boum-Prediger and Brian J. Walsh, Eerdmans, 2008

Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition by Christine Pohl, Eerdmans, 1999

Making Housing Happen: Faith Based Affordable Housing Models by Jill Suzanne Shook, Chalice, 2009

Untamed Hospitality: Welcoming God and Other Strangers: The Christian Practice of Everyday Life, Brazos, 2007

Creating a Habitat for Humanity by Jonathan Reckford, Fortress Press, 2007

Moral Man and Immoral Society by Reinhold Niebuhr, Westminster John Knox, 2002

On Being: Economics and Faith; On Money, Capitalism and Doing Good, Small Group Discussions with Krista Tippett, Morehouse Education Resources, 2011

C039

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of East Tennessee

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6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 significant reductions in administrative costs and for streamlining of structure,
8 governance and staff to facilitate this Church's faithful engagement in Christ's
9 mission to proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of
10 sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord
11 (Luke 4:18) in a way that maximizes the resources available for that mission at all
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As the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, we encourage Episcopalians across the church to examine their use of all the resources God has given us – and to take bold and faithful action to engage more fully in mission – at national, diocesan, parish and individual levels.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That The Episcopal Church ratify
- 2 the rubrics and practice of *The Book of Common Prayer* to invite all, regardless
- 3 of age, denomination, or baptism to the altar for Holy Communion; and be it
- 4 further
- 5 ~~Resolved, That Canon 1.17.7: be deleted: Sec. 7 No unbaptized person shall be~~
- 6 ~~eligible to receive Holy Communion in this Church.~~ and Canon 1.17.8 be
- 7 renumbered Canon 1.17.7.

EXPLANATION

In recent decades the Episcopal Church, with prayerful consideration and deliberation, has consistently moved to being a more inclusive, open and welcoming member of Christ's Body. Such grace is riveted on the teachings and actions of Jesus and the compassionate embrace he had for all...no matter their creed or race. We believe it essential our Liturgy reflect the unconditional hospitality our Lord employed for his mission.

We believe such an open invitation for all to fully participate in the Eucharist is in keeping with our catechism's teaching of grace: Grace is God's favor toward us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills." (Catechism, p. 858)

We believe appropriate preparation and readiness to receive the spiritual body and blood of Christ is experienced within the unfolding of the Divine Liturgy, providing whatever an individual needs for examination, repentance and forgiveness amid the call to be in love and charity with all people. (Catechism, p. 860)

We know from our strivings within ecumenism and mission that the communion Christ intended for all is perilous and difficult, and that boldness in offering radical hospitality is our calling rather than canonically driven caution.

Attachment to Resolution C040

As Christendom was waning, the Episcopal Church ratified a new identity in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. This new identity brought us to practice baptismal ministry and made the Eucharist the central part of our Sunday worship. Now, after living this theology for over 30 years, we are faced with the growing practice of Open Table in the Episcopal Church. The two are not unrelated. Perhaps we did not anticipate that we would arrive at the place where we are considering the reversal of the traditional order of Sacraments. Yet, as more and more congregations practice Open Table, we are called to confront the incongruity between practice and traditional theological thinking.

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon owes an enormous debt of gratitude to our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington who participated in the Valparaiso Project¹ for their brilliant, reflective work as articulated in Stephen Edmondson's article "Opening the Table: The Body of Christ and God's Prodigal Grace."² We celebrate this work because of its faithful and rigorous theological reflection on the liturgical life of these parishes. We will refer extensively to this article because we find that it conveys an in-depth theological discourse on the practice of Open Table.

First, we hold up that it is indeed "too easy to limit this practice of Open Table to a simple statement about hospitality"³ especially when the implications of this practice constitute such a challenge to our Christian identity. We would, however, expand on this statement by saying that hospitality is never simple. While our instinct of hospitality may be manifest in many of our non-Sacramental, non-liturgical yet traditional practices,⁴ we recognize these same practices to be born out of our call to ministry. To open our boundaries to the beloved children of God means that we first must understand our relationship to God in a way that empowers us to be Christian ministers. Thus hospitality is always a practice of Christian ministry. Indeed many would say it is the heart of Christian ministry.

Second, we enthusiastically affirm the articulation of communal life in Edmondson's article in these words: "the community of Christ's body has integrity in the midst of these open boundaries because it is defined and held together by its bonds, not its boundaries."⁵ Life in Eastern Oregon, as in many rural areas of the Episcopal Church, is one that quite literally is not able to afford the traditional arrangement of parish existence, most notably one priest for each parish. We are a diocese whose people have come to learn the meaning of baptismal ministry through necessity. As such, we have also come to understand these bonds of baptism as powerful and therefore empowering. Yet, instead of yielding a practice of scarcity over the concern that we won't have enough nourishment for ourselves, the norm of baptismal ministry evokes a natural response to offer the Table's gifts because we know ourselves to be servants in response to the grace we experience as baptized members of Christ's Body. We are the Body of Christ and we choose to offer ourselves as sacrament to all the children of God.

¹ The Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith (www.practicingourfaith.org) is a Lilly Endowment project that explores the importance of practices in Christian life and considers how greater attention to practices might contribute to theology and theological education.

² Stephen Edmondson, *Anglican Theological Review*, vol 91:2, Spring 2009.

³ Edmondson, pg 215.

⁴ The list of hospitable Christian customs is endless. Examples are: coffee hour, feeding programs, 12-step groups, etc.

⁵ Edmondson, pg 229.

Third, we hold deep admiration for the interpretation of the parable of the Prodigal Son⁶ expressed by the people of Washington. In particular, we wholeheartedly concur the practice of Open Table helps us to see how the forces that prevent us, as prodigal sons and daughters, from returning to our loving parent are not other people, but rather are “the spiritual and material forces that oppress us and separate us from the love of God.”⁷ We understand these forces not to be found naturally in the heart of another human, but rather in the systemic sin of institution as articulated by Walter Wink.⁸ While we do declare the Church to be Christ’s Body, we also must be able to remind ourselves that it is a human institution, indeed our human endeavor to proclaim God’s profound and radical love for the whole world incarnate in Jesus Christ. And as a human institution, it is prey to the very forces that oppress and separate. Grace as mediated in the Sacrament of Eucharist, is nourishment for our redemptive work in and with human systems, most especially the very one we have been charged with stewarding.

This redemptive work cannot be done only by those within the system but must involve people outside the system. Therefore, when people feel called to our Table we, as stewards of our Table, are called to welcome them so that we might work together towards redemption. This is not to proclaim that all people are “anonymous Christians,”⁹ but it is to say that as Christians, we more than anyone should know that the mystery of our Sacraments is beyond our ability to comprehend and, by implication, beyond our ability to contain. Our location as Christians enables us to identify the Holy Spirit at work, not to own it. Nonetheless, we are wholly responsible for stewarding this Table, not to create boundaries as if we could protect the Sacrament, but to point to it and translate to all who come among us that God is incarnate in the flesh of the Son. And we must not be wary, but faithful that the Holy Spirit is present and guiding those who come, while we bring our ministry of service and hospitality to our most sacred place.

This brings us back to mission. The practice of Open Table does more than extend welcome to those who choose to come to the Table with us. This practice calls us to be more intentional about our ministry. It is no longer the responsibility of the cleric to ensure the people at the railing are baptized Christians. It is now each person’s responsibility to walk with and stand beside the strangers in our midst as they come to our Table with us. If we as baptized people assume there are going to be strangers among us rather than assume everyone at the Table is an insider, then we learn through liturgical action to take responsibility for ministering to one another. ¹⁰ This empowers us to minister to and be in full relationship with all of God’s children and leads us to realize more tangibly and more extensively the vows of our Baptismal Covenant. These vows not only guide us in our common life as the Body of Christ, but uphold us in our relationship with all of creation and, indeed, become the very vehicle for mission. If all are invited to the Table where we as baptized members are called to be stewards, then that

⁶ The people of the Diocese of Washington understood the grace of Eucharist through the parable of the prodigal son where the father does not expect his long-lost son to overcome hurdles in order to receive the grace of his love. In this reading, Christ is identified as the elder son.

⁷ Edmondson, pg 223.

⁸ Walter Wink’s book *The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium* (Galilee Doubleday, 1998) discusses the sin inherent in the systemic nature of institutions “when a particular Power becomes idolatrous – that is, when it pursues a vocation other than the one for which God created it and makes its own interests the highest good...” pg 29.

⁹ Karl Rahner’s theory as found in *Introducing Theologies of Religions* by Paul F. Knitter, Orbis Books, 2002, pgs 72-74.

¹⁰ This is especially true as the 1979 Book of Common Prayer designates Eucharist as the regular Sunday worship.

stewardship necessarily extends beyond the walls of the church building into creation. There is no more powerful foundation for working together than the shared experience of Sacrament.

We see this time as a cross roads where the practice of Open Table is asking more of us than we are accustomed to giving. It is not easier to have an Open table. On the contrary, it requires much more of us as baptized Christians than the traditional ordering of Sacraments. Open Table asks us to take our baptismal vows more sincerely because we now see ourselves, not the clergy, as stewards of our Table. While we ask the priest to preside at the Table on our behalf, our participation at the Table shifts dramatically when we assume we will be meeting strangers there. Therefore, the practice of Open Table requires a more intentional catechumenate in order to prepare all the baptized to be both stewards of the Table as well as recipients of its grace.

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TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

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Diocese of Louisiana

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9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
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19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
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EXPLANATION

C042

TOPIC: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Extend implementation period for Lay Employee Pension Plan (LEPP)

PROPOSER

Diocese of Louisiana

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 shall amend Title I Canon 8 of the Canons of the General Convention of the
- 3 Episcopal Church so as to allow each Diocese to extend the timetable of full
- 4 implementation on a case by case basis of the LEPP until January 1, 2018; and be
- 5 it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That with an extended implementation period, each vestry, school
- 7 board, or appropriate governing body will submit an implementation plan to the
- 8 Ordinary for approval no later than January 1, 2013.

EXPLANATION

CO43

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

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Diocese of North Dakota

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Diocese of East Carolina

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EXPLANATION

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Diocese of Pennsylvania

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CO46

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Diocese of Olympia

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Suspend and Reconsider GC2009-A177

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Diocese of Olympia

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 suspend the January 1, 2013 deadline for the implementation of Resolution
- 3 GC2009-A177; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That future modifications in the Denominational Health Plan lead
- 5 toward the equitable provision of health insurance to lay employees and clergy
- 6 while giving dioceses the ability to develop practices that are just and feasible in
- 7 their respective contexts.

EXPLANATION

The Mission Priorities established by the 76th General Convention include “Growing Congregations and the Next Generation of Faith” and “Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Ministry.” The Diocese of Olympia wholeheartedly supports these priorities and asks for the suspension of Resolution A177 because its implementation will inhibit the Church in its attempt to realize them.

In the Diocese of Olympia full implementation of Resolution A177 could benefit a few lay employees and clergy who are scheduled to work “full-time” (at least 1,500 hours per year) and do not presently have medical coverage paid for by their congregation. However, given the precariousness of funding in all congregations, the approach to parity which is mandated by Resolution A177 would likely make this benefit for a few short-lived while distracting the laity and clergy of all the congregations of the Diocese with multiple full-time employees from their Ministry.

Resolution A177 requires that each Diocese establish a minimum level of paid coverage for lay employees and clergy and mandates that any paid coverage offered to lay employees must be offered to clergy, and vice versa. One unintended consequence of Resolution A177 would be that vestries would tend to see the minimum level established by the Diocese as an “accepted standard” and reduce existing paid coverage to this level. Then clergy and lay employees presently receiving more than this minimum would see their benefits package reduced. In the case of clergy whose congregations presently pay premiums for dependents this reduction could be devastating. Yet any attempt by a vestry to transfer lost benefits to another category of remuneration would go against the principle of equity.

Another unintended consequence of Resolution A177 would be that financially hard-pressed congregations would tend to reduce the hours of lay employees and clergy so that they fall under the threshold of eligibility. Ensuring just healthcare benefits for all church employees is a goal that the Diocese of Olympia shares with the drafters of Resolution A177. However, this Resolution threatens to undermine the morale and financial viability of the very ministry vocations on which “Growing Congregations” and “Strengthening Governance and Foundations of Ministry” must depend.

We request therefore that Resolution A177 be suspended, and that any future mandates issued to the Dioceses

and congregations across the United States be designed to aid and encourage diverse Dioceses and congregations to progress on their own terms toward the goals of parity and justice, rather than imposing mandates which lead in the opposite direction.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Albany

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days (30) following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention.
6 The Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church
7 for reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate
8 this Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission "To preach good news to
9 the poor ..., to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight to the
10 blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor [Lk.
11 4:18(NIV)] in a way which maximizes the resources available for mission at all
12 levels of this Church; and be it further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor timely to issue its report
14 and recommendations, along with resolutions necessary to implement them,
15 including but not limited to proposed amendments to the Constitution and
16 Canons of this Church, so that they might be considered by a Special General
17 Convention prior to the convening of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in
18 any event, not later than February 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the work of the Special Commission during the next triennium.

EXPLANATION

CO49

TOPIC: DISCIPLINE

Study and Revise Title IV

PROPOSER

Diocese of Albany

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; not yet reviewed; not yet reviewed

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of the Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Constitution and
- 3 Canons to make recommendations for the revision of Title IV (Accountability and
- 4 Ecclesiastical Discipline) of the Canons of the General Convention of The
- 5 Episcopal Church (cf. Article IX) and to simplify disciplinary procedures
- 6 mandated by Title IV. The Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
- 7 shall make its recommendations no later than the 78th General Convention.

EXPLANATION

The latest revision of the Title was adopted at the 76th General Convention and went into effect on July 1, 2011. This revision was undertaken to make this Title more pastoral in relationship to both the accused cleric and the alleged victim.

It has been noted by a number of experts on Canon Law throughout The Episcopal Church that there are several clauses within the latest revision of Title IV which appear to be in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church met in March 2011 and discussed the uses and applications of the new Title IV. They also acknowledged that there were many questions and concerns over the changes and their possible conflict with the Constitution of the Episcopal Church.

It would be most helpful to the entire Episcopal Church if the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church were to begin the process of proposing changes that are found to be necessary or beneficial to the implementation of canons for clerical discipline and to bring them into clearer compliance with the Constitution of the Episcopal Church.

PROPOSER

Diocese of New Jersey

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 reaffirm our commitment to the Episcopal Church Strategic Planning Survey
- 3 Report’s statement that “The Church needs to see campus ministry and young
- 4 adult ministry as the most important evangelism and mission area there is. It is
- 5 where our culture is the most dynamic, most committed, most culturally diverse”;
- 6 and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recognize the increasing importance of
- 8 community colleges as critical places for evangelism and Christian formation,
- 9 particularly among racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse
- 10 populations; and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That to respond to this pastoral need, the General Convention support
- 12 the creation of two new campus ministries at community colleges in each of the
- 13 nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church, and provide training for local leaders of
- 14 these mission activities; and be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult &
- 16 Campus Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center, in cooperation with the
- 17 Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry, to oversee a process for application
- 18 for and allocation of grants to fund these new missions; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$760,000 for
- 21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

In the current economy, a four-year college education is increasingly expensive and is financially accessible to fewer people. At the same time, there is a trend toward higher enrollments at community colleges, which offer broader access to higher education for socioeconomically and ethnically diverse populations. It is important for The Episcopal Church to take note of such trends, and respond boldly by starting new ministries at community colleges as the focal point of accessibility for higher education.

PROPOSER

Diocese of West Texas

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

C052

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Spokane

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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further

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16 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
17 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
18 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
19 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
20 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
21 1, 2015; and be it further

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25 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
26 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
27 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

Add Dr. Artemisia Bowden to Liturgical Calendar

PROPOSER

Diocese of West Texas

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
2 call upon the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include Dr.
3 Artemisia Bowden in the Calendar of the Church Year, and in Holy Women, Holy
4 Men, and to authorize for trial use for the triennium 2012-15, a day
5 commemorating this educator.

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7 Proposed Collect: Dr. Artemisia Bowden

8 O God, by your Holy Spirit, you give gifts to your people so that they might
9 faithfully serve your Church and the world: We give you praise for the gifts of
10 perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in your servant, Artemisia
11 Bowden, whom you called far from home for the sake of educating the daughters
12 and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We thank you for blessing and
13 prospering her life's work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever
14 mindful of the call to serve where you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
15 who with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

16 Proposed Readings:

17 Wisdom 7:7-14

18 Psalm 119:97-104

19 I Corinthians 3:5-11

20 Matthew 11:25-30

EXPLANATION

The Rt. Rev. James Steptoe Johnston, Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Texas (1888-1916) desired to provide education and skill development for newly emancipated blacks in the mission field. Bishop Johnston traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina, in search of a young, black, female teacher who was gifted with strong faith, spirit, vision, and leadership to make St. Philip's School a success. In 1902, Ms. Artemisia Bowden courageously accepted Bishop Johnston's invitation and assumed leadership of the St. Philip's Vocational Day School for Colored Children in San Antonio, Texas.

She began with less than ten students. She led the school for 52 years, and her efforts resulted in the transformation of a small day school into a fully accredited junior college offering over 100 degree and certificate programs. Today, St. Philip's College has an enrollment of 19,685. St. Philip's College carries the dual designation of being a Historically Black College and a Hispanic Serving Institution. It is one of five Colleges in

the Alamo Community College District and on March 1, 2012 celebrated its 114th anniversary. Her work began 110 years ago, and continues to be an essential piece of the educational system in South Texas. Ms. Bowden earned her Bachelor's degree from St. Augustine's College and was awarded an honorary Master's degree from Wiley College and an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree from Tillotson College.

Her participation in various social causes included the Texas Commission on Interracial Relations, the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, the City Federation of Clubs, the Southern Conference of Christians and Jews, the Coordination Council of Juvenile Delinquency in the Texas Social Welfare Association, the American Friends Service Commission, the Texas T.B. Association of Bexar County and the National Association of College Women's Clubs.

Her visionary leadership at St. Philip's, as well as in the community, earned her recognition as one of ten outstanding women in the field of education by the National Council of Negro Women in 1946 and she was honored as the Zeta Phi Beta's Woman of the Year in 1955. Bowden Elementary School of the San Antonio Independent School District was named in her honor in 1971.

Dr. Bowden died in 1969, after a full and rich life of faith in Christ and fidelity to Christ's Church, having served both the School and St. Philip's Church in the Diocese of West Texas for over sixty-seven years.

As racial reconciliation remains a high priority for this Church in our own day, it is highly appropriate to honor the life, courage, and ministry of this faithful lay woman by including her in the Calendar of the Church.

C054

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Tennessee

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies in direct proportion to where the membership of the Episcopal Church
5 resides, at least by Province, and the members of which shall be appointed jointly
6 thereby not later than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General
7 Convention. The Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to
8 the Church for reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to
9 refocus and energize the Episcopal Church in proclaiming the Good News of God
10 in Christ - bringing hope to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to
11 the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke
12 4:18) in a way that engages membership at every level of the church and
13 maximizes the resources of the Church for those purposes; and be it further
14 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
15 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
16 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
17 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
18 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
19 1, 2015; and be it further
20 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
21 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
22 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Dallas

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the definition of “Conference
2 Panel” in Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 **Conference Panel** shall mean a panel of one (*unless otherwise provided by*
5 *Diocesan Canon*), two or three members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the
6 president of the board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by
7 Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which an informal conference is held
8 as provided in Canon IV.12, provided, however, that no such member may serve
9 as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case.

10 And be it further

11 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.6.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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13 **Sec. 7.** If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would
14 constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report
15 to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary
16 Board, by lot or by other ~~random~~ means *provided by Diocesan Canon*, a
17 Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each
18 Panel. A Conference Panel may consist of one or more persons *unless otherwise*
19 *provided by Diocesan Canon*. A Hearing Panel shall consist of not less than three
20 persons and shall include both clergy and lay members. The president shall be
21 ineligible to serve on either Panel *unless permitted by Diocesan Canon*.

22 And be it further

23 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.6.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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25 **Sec. 8.** The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the
26 intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no
27 action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8;
28 (b) conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon
29 IV.11 or (d) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding
30 terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the
31 approval of a majority of the Reference Panel *unless Diocesan Canon requires*

32 *unanimous approval.*

33 And be it further

34 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.11.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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36 **Sec. 3.** The Investigator shall present the findings of the investigation in writing
37 to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and
38 shall consider the report to determine whether to (a) take no action other than
39 appropriate pastoral responses pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to
40 the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer
41 the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further
42 investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon
43 IV.12 *or, to the extent permitted by Diocesan Canon, the Hearing Panel*
44 *pursuant to Canon IV.13.* The determination shall be approved by a majority vote
45 of the Reference Panel *unless Diocesan Canon requires a unanimous vote.*

46 And be it further

47 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.13.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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49 Sec. 6. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel the testimony of witnesses shall be
50 taken orally and personally or by such other means as provided by order of the
51 Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be given under oath or solemn affirmation and
52 be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall determine the
53 credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence.
54 The proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

55 (a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full
56 disclosure of relevant facts.

57 (b) The president:

58 (1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;

59 (2) shall exclude privileged evidence;

60 (3) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy
61 or excerpt contains all pertinent portions of the original document;

62 (4) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including
63 records of other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the
64 Hearing Panel's specialized knowledge;

65 (5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay, *unless otherwise*
66 *provided by Diocesan Canon;*

67 (6) shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable
68 opportunity to present evidence, argue and respond to argument, conduct cross-
69 examination and submit rebuttal evidence; and

70 (7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other than the
71 Church Attorney and the Respondent opportunity to present oral or written
72 statements at the hearing.

73 (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by the
74 president in taking measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

75 And be it further

76 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.18. is hereby amended to read as follows:

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78 **Sec. 18.** Except as otherwise provided in this Title, or except for good cause
79 shown as determined by the Hearing Panel, it shall be the duty of all members of
80 the Church to appear and testify or respond when duly served with a notice to do
81 so from any Panel in any matter arising under this Title; *provided that Diocesan*
82 *Canon may provide that no Respondent may be compelled to testify in any*
83 *matter arising under this Title, but any statement voluntarily made by a*
84 *Respondent may be used against such Respondent in any matter arising under*
85 *this Title.*

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this proposed amendment to Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention is to accommodate those Dioceses wanting to exercise greater flexibility in adapting Title IV to the particular circumstances of their Diocese. This greater flexibility is consistent with Article IX of Constitution of the General Convention which provides that Clergy canonically resident in a Diocese are to be “tried by a Court instituted by the Convention thereof.” None of the proposed changes would be mandatory. Dioceses may adapt alternative provisions should their Conventions so choose, as the Constitution of the General Convention already contemplates. In fact, Title IV itself already expressly provides for many instances in which each Diocesan Convention may provide in its own way for the implementation of Title IV. These amendments would simply add additional areas in which the Title IV would expressly permit such local variations, as the Constitution already contemplates.

Specifically, under the proposed amendment, a Diocesan Convention could implement Title IV in that Diocese to provide for the following additional local variations: (a) a Conference Panel might be required under some circumstances to consist of more than one member of the Disciplinary Board, e.g. upon request of the Respondent; (b) selection of Panel members from among the Disciplinary Board could be done by means other than casting lots, allowing the President to use his or her discretion to select the best suited members to assume the most appropriate roles; (c) allow the President of the Disciplinary Board to serve on a panel; (d) requiring that the Reference Panel act by unanimous vote rather than by majority vote; (e) allow the Reference Panel to refer a matter directly to a Hearing Panel in some circumstances, e.g. upon request of the Respondent; (f) alter the rule that hearsay is always admissible, e.g. by providing that hearsay is only admissible if the panel permits its introduction; and (g) alter the rule that would require all members to testify to permit Diocesan Canon to provide that Respondents will not be compelled to testify.

Each Diocesan Convention would then decide whether any of these additional local variations would be advisable to provide for greater flexibility in administering Title IV in that Diocese or to restore some fundamental due process protections for Respondents.

C056

TOPIC: CANONS

Amend Canon IV.6.3

PROPOSER

Diocese of Massachusetts

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.6.3 be amended as
- 2 follows:
- 3 Sec. 3 Any person other than the Intake Officer who receives information
- 4 regarding an Offense shall promptly forward the information to the Intake
- 5 Officer. A Bishop Diocesan ~~may~~ *shall* forward information to the Intake Officer
- 6 whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may indicate
- 7 conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

EXPLANATION

Canon IV.4.1(f) requires that "a Member of the Clergy shall ... report to the Intake Officer all matters which may constitute an Offense ... except for matters disclosed to the Member of the Clergy as confessor within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent." The existing language in Canon IV.6.3 grants a Bishop Diocesan the option of not reporting a possible Offense. This change makes clear that a Bishop Diocesan must meet the same requirement as all other Members of the Clergy. The unacceptable perception that a Bishop Diocesan might have the option of "covering up" a possible Offense is thus eliminated. In effect, this amendment simply requires that a Bishop Diocesan inform the Intake Officer whenever he/she believes that an Offense may have occurred.

PROPOSER

Diocese of San Diego

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article XII of the Constitution is hereby amended to read:
- 2 No alteration of amendment of this Constitution shall be made unless the same
- 3 shall be first proposed at one regular meeting of the General Convention and be
- 4 sent to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to
- 5 the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General
- 6 Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops,
- 7 excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to
- 8 vote in the House of Bishops, and by an affirmation vote by orders in the House
- 9 of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Section 5, except that concurrence by the
- 10 orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the
- 11 Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.
- 12 Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing paragraph, the adoption of any
- 13 alteration or amendment of this Constitution which inserts or repeals an Article,
- 14 or a Section or Clause of an Article, shall effect the necessary change in numbers
- 15 or letters of Articles or Sections or Clauses of an Article, that follow, and in
- 16 references made in this Constitution to any other part, without the necessity of
- 17 specific provision therefor in the alteration or amendment.
- 18 Each duly adopted alteration or amendment to this Constitution, unless
- 19 otherwise expressly stated therein, shall take effect on the first day of January
- 20 following the adjournment of the General Convention at which it is finally
- 21 adopted.
- 22 *A call for a Constitutional Convention may be issued by the Presiding Bishop*
- 23 *with the concurrence of ten Bishops with jurisdiction or by the President of the*
- 24 *House of Deputies with the concurrence of the majority of ten Deputations.*
- 25 *Such a call must then receive concurrence from a majority of all Bishops with*
- 26 *jurisdiction and a majority of all Deputations voting by orders. The result of*
- 27 *these votes will be conveyed respectively to the Presiding Bishop and the*
- 28 *President of the House of Deputies according to a manner they determine,*
- 29 *within thirty (30) days of the issuance of a call.*
- 30 *If a majority of Bishops with jurisdiction and Deputations voting by orders is*
- 31 *received, the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, in*
- 32 *consultation with the Executive Council, shall set a date for a Constitutional*

33 *Convention.*

34 *A Constitutional Convention is empowered to change all, some, or none of the*

35 *Constitution. Such changes shall take effect at the conclusion of the*

36 *Constitutional Convention.*

EXPLANATION

This resolution is submitted pursuant to Resolution 12-13 of the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, which passed on February 11, 2012. This resolution facilitates a more timely and thorough restructuring of the Church by allowing for a Constitutional Convention to be called. Such a Convention would be authorized to make immediate changes to the Constitution of the Episcopal Church.

C058

TOPIC: STRUCTURE

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of San Diego

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, The House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
- 2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
- 3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
- 4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
- 5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
- 6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
- 7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
- 8 Church's faithful engagement in Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
- 9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
- 10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18) in a way that
- 11 maximizes the resources available for that mission at all levels in this Church;
- 12 and be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
- 14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
- 15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, not later
- 16 than February 1, 2015; and be it further
- 17 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 18 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
- 19 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

This resolution is submitted pursuant to the passage of Resolution 12-11 of the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego on February 10, 2012. The administration and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the church wide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's engagement in God's mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

C059

TOPIC: BUDGET

Support for Those Studying for Ordained Ministry

PROPOSER

Diocese of San Diego

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of the Episcopal Church and its Standing Committee on Program, Budget and
- 3 Finance (PB&F) extend the funding of Support for Those Studying for the
- 4 Ordained Ministry in the coming triennium for the amounts of \$100,000 in year
- 5 one, \$150,000 in year two, and \$200,000 in year three for the purpose of
- 6 providing needs-based scholarships for Episcopal Seminarians; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That said funds continue to be administered and distributed to needy
- 8 seminarians through the Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of
- 9 the Ministry (SIM), said Society having administered funding for seminarians for
- 10 154 years and the funding approved at the 76th General Convention in C013 for
- 11 \$100,000 in year one, \$150,000 in year two, and \$200,000 in year three, but
- 12 pared in PB&F's budget to \$40,000, \$80,000 and \$80,000. The second year of
- 13 funding was further cut by 3% by Executive Council from \$80,000 to \$77,600;
- 14 and be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention direct SIM to report annually to the
- 16 Executive Council on this work in meeting the needs of the future ordained
- 17 leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full
- 18 report to the 78th General Convention.

EXPLANATION

This resolution is submitted pursuant to the passage of Resolution 12-12 of the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego on February 11, 2012. The action to provide funding for seminarians by the 76th General Convention was a modest but historic step for The Episcopal Church to join other major denominations in the United States that have central funding sources to support seminarians in their education, training and formation. While the 76th General Convention's funding of \$200,000 over the triennium combined with SIM's traditional funding from SIM's endowment provided record high levels of SIM scholarships in the triennium ending 2012, the amount per seminarian remained small in relation to the complete costs of seminary, which can be greater than \$40,000 per year at certain seminaries.

Without strong central funding source for persons answering the call to serve The Episcopal Church as future ordained leaders, seminarians without strong parish or diocesan financial support are disadvantaged and often finance theological education with seminary education debt. Disparities exist in seminarian funding depending on the sponsoring diocese or parish.

The now perennial problem of seminarian debt has improved with the actin of the 2009 General Convention

but is far from resolved. The issue of funding theological education dates back to the 62nd General Convention (1970) that called for direct financial support from parishes to the seminaries of the Episcopal Church. The topic of how the Church funds theological education has been the topic of resolutions at subsequent General Conventions.

See Attached Chart

Identifying and nourishing future ordained leaders for The Episcopal Church is necessary for the Church to flourish and grow in these changing times. How the institutional relationship with future ordained leaders begins is an opportunity for a mutually beneficial relationship between a priest and the Church. Realistically funding seminarian education will help newly graduated seminarians answer their calling, parishes afford the newly ordained to minister to parish needs and The Episcopal Church to increase the ministry.

SIM has introduced the Circle of Seminarian Friends as a grass roots monthly giving solution to funding seminarian education in The Episcopal Church. If 5% of the Church's average Sunday attendance gave at SIM's suggested rate of \$18.57 per month, enough revenues would be generated to cover the tuition costs of the annual average of 450 Episcopal seminarians.

Although the Episcopalian in the pew readily grasps the importance of investing and encouraging the Church's future ordained leaders, it will take years to reach the 5% level. Until that milestone is reached, General Convention needs to continue and indeed to grow the funding support for her future ordained leaders.

Attachment to Resolution C059

The following chart shows that over the course of the past three years the number of SIM scholarships to seminarians attending all 10 Episcopal seminaries and other bishop-approved divinity schools has increased while the average amount of support provided has changed little.

SIM Fiscal Year	General Convention Funding	Academic Year	Number of Scholarships Awarded	Number of Diocese Represented	Average Amount Scholarships	Total Scholarships Awards
2010	\$40,000	09/'09 -06/'10	84	49	\$2,431	\$204,200
2011	\$77,600	09/'10-06/'11	86	48	\$2,880	\$247,700
2012	\$80,000(*)	09/'11- 06/'12	99	53	\$2,531	\$250,550

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Diocese of Western North Carolina

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5 triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and
6 resources, including but not limited to the following:
7 - A robust use of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church
8 policies in our nation's capital
9 - Participating in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public
10 corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that
11 do business in illegal Israeli settlements or contribute to the infrastructure of the
12 Occupation
13 - Identifying a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least
14 \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the
15 economic infrastructure of the Territories
16 - Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and
17 distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed
18 consumer choices
19 - an examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and
20 human rights; and be it further
21 *Resolved*, That Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in
22 every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December 2009 by
23 Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living
24 under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians
25 living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of
26 Jewish-Israeli citizens; and be it further
27 *Resolved*, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study
28 plan an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the Presbyterian
29 original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace
30 Fellowship; and be it further
31 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace
32 with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land

33 and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with
34 recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the
35 Holy Land; and be it further
36 *Resolved*, That all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the
37 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
38 to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including
39 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev.
40 Suheil Dawani, including through the sterling work of the Friends of the
41 Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering, and be it further
42 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
43 Program, Budget and Finance provide a budget allocation of \$5,000 to Council
44 and staff in assisting with this work.

EXPLANATION

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 6 utilizing existing policies and resources, including but not limited to the
 7 following:
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 - 9 policies in our nation's capital;
 - 10 -Participating in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public
 - 11 corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that
 - 12 do business in illegal Israeli settlements or contribute to the infrastructure of the
 - 13 Occupation;
 - 14 -Identifying a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least
 - 15 \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the
 - 16 economic infrastructure of the Territories;
 - 17 -Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and
 - 18 distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed
 - 19 consumer choices;
 - 20 -An examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and
 - 21 human rights; and be it further
- 22 *Resolved*, That Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in
 23 every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December 2009 by
 24 Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living
 25 under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians
 26 living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of
 27 Jewish-Israeli citizens; and be it further
- 28 *Resolved*, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study
 29 plan an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the Presbyterian
 30 original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace
 31 Fellowship; and be it further
- 32 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace

33 with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land
34 and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with
35 recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the
36 Holy Land; and be it further
37 *Resolved*, That all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the
38 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
39 to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including
40 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev.
41 Suheil Dawani, including through the sterling work of the Friends of the
42 Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering; and be it further
43 *Resolved*, That Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
44 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$5,000 for the
45 implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

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7 following:

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28 *Resolved*, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study
29 plan an Episcopal version of "Steadfast Hope" (adapted from the Presbyterian
30 original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace
31 Fellowship; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace

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36 Holy Land; and be it further
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38 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
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44 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$5,000 to
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42 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
43 Program, Budget and Finance to provide a budget of \$5,000 to Council and staff
44 in assisting with this work.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has long supported a just peace in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. It has rejected anti-Semitism while affirming the right to be critical of Israeli policies, and has taken clear positions opposing suicide bombings, development of illegal settlements, the building of a separation barrier that violates Palestinian land, and the demolition of Palestinian homes, among other policy positions.

This resolution asks Executive Council to give greater attention to these policies and to develop a high profile and multi-pronged effort throughout the Church to promote a just peace for the two peoples of the Holy Land.

The Christian Church in the Holy Land is struggling to survive as its numbers decline steadily under Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestine and its ensuing negative impacts on the Palestinian people in the form of economic hardships, loss of basic freedoms, and violence. Today, Christians number less than 2% of the population, down from an estimated 15% to 20% in 1968. Their voices, as found in "Kairos Palestine", reflect the oppression not only of Christian Palestinians, but also of all Palestinians living under the Occupation and within the State of Israel, which they decry as a "Sin against God and humanity." (See full text of Kairos Palestine at www.kairospalestine.ps/)

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem shares in that decline as its members face increasing difficulties such as the 2010 cancellation of Bishop SuheilDawani's 'Residency Permit' and the accompanying order for him to leave the country. That is simply a newsworthy example of things regularly confronted by less titled Palestinians.

Most Episcopalians and most Americans are unaware of the extent of the hardships facing Palestinians and need education on the situation to enable our support. In addition to its teaching series on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, entitled Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace, the Presbyterian Church has published a three-part study guide for the Kairos Palestine Document issued by a broad representation of Palestinian Christians in November 2009. In addition, an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope, published in 2011 and based on an updated Presbyterian original, is now available and could be used by Council to develop a study plan for the Church.

Funds of \$5000 to carry out the purposes of this resolution would be for basic materials and resources. Other line items in the budget could be used to assist in this resolution to be determined by staff. Some of the work would be in the office of Communications, the Corporate Social Responsibility committee of Council, and the Economic Justice Loan Committee of Council in addition to work done in Mission Program, both in New York

and Washington.

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 12 international community has ruled illegal, or otherwise contribute to the
 13 infrastructure of the Occupation;
 14 -The identification of a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least
 15 \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the
 16 Palestinian economic infrastructure of the Occupied Territories;
 17 -Assistance for individual Episcopalians so that they can make informed
 18 consumer choices by providing information on products made and distributed
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 20 community has ruled illegal;
 21 -Examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and
 22 human rights; and be it further
 23 *Resolved*, That Executive Council include in its planning for the next triennium a
 24 study in every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December
 25 2009 by Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian
 26 Christians living under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as
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 28 and privileges of Jewish-Israeli citizens, and be it further
 29 *Resolved*, That the Executive Council further consider using as a resource for this
 30 study plan the Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the
 31 Presbyterian original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the
 32 Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and be it further

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43 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering, and be it
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45 *Resolved*, That General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
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47 in assisting with this work.

EXPLANATION

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 15 distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed
 16 consumer choices; and an examination of actions the U.S. might take to support
 17 international law and human rights; to promote the peaceful resolution of
 18 conflict and condemn the use of violence by all parties; and be it further
 19 *Resolved*, That Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in
 20 every Diocese of Kairos Palestine released in December 2009 by Palestinian
 21 Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living under
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TOPIC: CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS

Consent to Election of Susan E. Goff

PROPOSER

Diocese of Virginia

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HD / Consecration of Bishops

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N/A; N/A; not yet reviewed

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution
- 2 and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the
- 3 ordination and consecration of The Rev. Canon Susan E. Goff as Bishop
- 4 Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia.

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Diocese of Hawaii

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / National and International Concerns

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention,
2 mindful of the impasse in reaching a just resolution to the Palestinian/Israeli
3 conflict, call on the Executive Council (using appropriate staff) to develop and
4 implement a strategy of advocacy and education in the Church during the next
5 triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and
6 resources, including but not limited to the following:
7 -A robust use of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church
8 policies in our nation's capital;
9 -Participation in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public
10 corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that
11 do business in Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories that the
12 international community has ruled illegal, or otherwise contribute to the
13 infrastructure of the Occupation;
14 -Identifying a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least
15 \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the
16 economic infrastructure of the Territories;
17 -Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and
18 distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed
19 consumer choices
20 -An examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and
21 human rights; and be it further
22 *Resolved*, That Council include in its planning for the next triennium a study in
23 every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December 2009 by
24 Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living
25 under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians
26 living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of
27 Jewish-Israeli citizens; and be it further
28 *Resolved*, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study
29 plan the Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the Presbyterian
30 original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace
31 Fellowship; and be it further
32 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace

33 with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land
34 and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with
35 recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the
36 Holy Land; and be it further
37 *Resolved*, That all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the
38 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
39 to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including
40 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev.
41 Suheil Dawani, including through the sterling work of the American Friends of
42 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering and be it
43 further
44 Resolved, That General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
45 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget of \$5,000 to Council and staff
46 in assisting with this work.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has long supported a just peace in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. It has rejected anti-Semitism while affirming the right to be critical of Israeli policies, and has taken clear positions opposing suicide bombings, development of illegal settlements, the building of a separation barrier that violates Palestinian land, and the demolition of Palestinian homes, among other policy positions.

This resolution asks Executive Council to give greater attention to these policies and to develop a high profile and multi-pronged effort throughout the Church to promote a just peace for the two peoples of the Holy Land.

The Christian Church in the Holy Land is struggling to survive as its numbers decline steadily under Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestine and its ensuing negative impacts on the Palestinian people in the form of economic hardships, loss of basic freedoms, and violence. Today, Christians number less than 2% of the population, down from an estimated 15% to 20% in 1968. Their voices, as found in "Kairos Palestine", reflect the oppression not only of Christian Palestinians, but also of all Palestinians living under the Occupation and within the State of Israel, which they decry as a "Sin against God and humanity." (See full text of Kairos Palestine at www.kairospalestine.ps/)

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem shares in that decline as its members face increasing difficulties such as the 2010 cancellation of Bishop SuheilDawani's 'Residency Permit' and the accompanying order for him to leave the country. That is simply a newsworthy example of things regularly confronted by less titled Palestinians.

Most Episcopalians and most Americans are unaware of the extent of the hardships facing Palestinians and need education on the situation to enable our support. In addition to its teaching series on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, entitled Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace, the Presbyterian Church has published a three-part study guide for the Kairos Palestine Document issued by a broad representation of Palestinian Christians in November 2009. In addition, an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope, published in 2011 and based on an updated Presbyterian original, is now available and could be used by Council to develop a study plan for the Church.

Funds of \$5000 to carry out the purposes of this resolution would be for basic materials and resources. Other line items in the budget could be used to assist in this resolution to be determined by staff. Some of the work

would be in the office of Communications, the Corporate Social Responsibility committee of Council, and the Economic Justice Loan Committee of Council in addition to work done in Mission Program, both in New York and Washington.

Prior to the 77th General Convention, documents can be accessed at <http://epfnational.org/PIN/bishops-and-deputies-to-gc-only/>

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TOPIC:

Suspension of Denominational Health Plan

PROPOSER

Province VI

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Church Pension Fund

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 instruct the Church Medical Trust that the implementation date of the new
- 3 Denominational Health Plan mandate previously approved by General
- 4 Convention (GC2009-A117) be suspended pending consideration of a more
- 5 equitable and unified Denominational Health Plan that eliminates unfair regional
- 6 differences and dramatic cost disparities between dioceses.

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Province VI

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Evangelism

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
 2 of the Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to the Episcopal Church
 3 Strategic Planning Survey Report's statement that, "The Church needs to see
 4 campus ministry and young adult ministry as the most important evangelism and
 5 mission area there is. It is where our culture is the most dynamic, most
 6 committed, most culturally diverse."; and be it further
 7 *Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church recognize the increasing importance of
 8 community colleges as critical places for evangelism and Christian formation,
 9 particularly among racially, ethnically , and socioeconomically diverse
 10 populations; and be it further
 11 *Resolved*, That to respond to this and missional need, the General Convention
 12 support the creation of two new campus ministries at community colleges in each
 13 of the nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church and provide training for local
 14 leaders of these mission activities, and be it further
 15 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult and
 16 Campus Ministries of the Episcopal Church, in cooperation with the Provincial
 17 Coordinators for Campus Ministry, to oversee a process for application for and
 18 Allocation of grants to fund these new missions; and be it further
 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing
 20 Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of
 21 \$760,000 for the implementation of this Resolution.

EXPLANATION

In the current economy, a four- year college education is increasingly expensive and is financially accessible to fewer people. At the same time, there is a trend toward higher enrollments at community colleges, which offer broader access to higher education for socio-economically and ethnically diverse populations. It is important for the Episcopal Church to take note of such trends, and respond boldly by starting new ministries at community colleges as the focal point of accessibility for higher education.

PROPOSER

Province VI

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 **Resolved**, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention
- 2 add the Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano, known by some as the "Saint of Nebraska and
- 3 Colorado" to the Calendar of Saints as listed in Holy Women, Holy Men, and that
- 4 the date of his commemoration be set on October 24, the date of the end of his
- 5 earthly life.

EXPLANATION

The Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano (1889-1986), an Episcopal priest known by some as the "Saint of Nebraska and Colorado," was an agricultural missionary among Japanese Americans in western Nebraska and a pastor to American soldiers imprisoned for having been AWOL while he himself was a prisoner during the Japanese internment of WWII. Churches in the Dioceses of Nebraska and Colorado observe a Saint's day for Fr. Kano annually.

Fr. Kano, who was from a well-known family in Tokyo, received a Master's degree in agriculture from the State University of Nebraska. In the early 1920's, Bishop George Allen Beecher of the Missionary District of Western Nebraska discerned in farmer and educator Kano, the evangelist he was seeking to call Nebraska's Japanese to be God's people. A lay missionary first, Kano would become Deacon Kano in 1928 and Fr. Kano in 1936. By the spring of 1934 there were 250 baptized and 50 confirmed through Fr. Kano's ministry.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Fr. Kano had just celebrated the Eucharist at Episcopal Church of Our Savior in North Platte, Nebraska, 180 miles from his wife and children at their Scottsbluff home. On that morning he was arrested by the local police and not allowed to notify his family of his detention, but was sent to the district attorney in Omaha. He heard the terrible news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the declaration of war on Japan on the police car radio. Because his family in Japan had connections with the Japanese government, and he was so personally influential with the Japanese Americans as both a minister and a teacher of agriculture, he was rated "Class A – the most potentially dangerous of Japanese Americans." He was the only Japanese of the 5,000 living in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming to receive this rating and to be interned.

Despite his own defense and pleas from his bishop who knew Fr. Kano to be a dedicated Christian and loyal to his adopted country, he spent the next two years in internment camps. He spent time in four different states, always working to help the other internees and those imprisoned AWOL soldiers. He served as dean of a school for the internees and taught many courses in Agricultural Study and English, and he preached the gospel.

After the war, it was determined that Fr. Kano should not return to his ministry in Nebraska. He had been

detained longer than most, and it was feared that folks in Nebraska would be unaware of his loyalty to the U.S. and only remember inflammatory headlines such as, "Alien Pastor Arrested by FBI . . . Admits Writing to Tokyo." He was sent to an Episcopal Seminary in Wisconsin where he earned both Bachelors and Masters of Divinity degrees. He returned to Nebraska and his ministry in 1946.

Fr. Kano and Mrs. Kano earned their citizenship soon after the law permitted it in 1952, and then began teaching citizenship classes so that between 1953 and 1955, nearly 100 percent of the Nebraska Japanese became citizens. Forty years after WWII, when the U.S. government acknowledged that Japanese Americans had been wronged by the internments and offered to pay reparations, Fr. Kano told his bishop, "I don't want the money. God just used that as another opportunity for me to preach the gospel."

PROPOSER

Province V

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Structure

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; N/A; not yet reviewed

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.9.2 is hereby
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 *Sec. 2. The primary purpose of the Provincial system is to provide a structure*
- 4 *which facilitates dioceses' ability to collaborate together in ministry, whether it*
- 5 *be in common projects or through the sharing of resources, assets and*
- 6 *experience.*
- 7
- 8 The current sections 2-11 will be renumbered accordingly.

EXPLANATION

The fundamental unit of the Episcopal Church is the Diocese. Therefore, the primary purpose of Provinces is to support Dioceses in their work, particularly in those areas that because of economies of scale they are not able to do as well or at all by themselves.

While our Constitution and Canons state that we will have Provinces, which Dioceses are in each Province, and the power invested in the Provincial Synods, there is no articulation of the purpose of the Provinces. One of the consequences of this omission is confusion about the need for and/or role of Provinces. A canonical definition of the primary purpose of Provinces provides: 1) a common reference point for initiating, developing, and evaluating Provincial ministries, and 2) a basis for understanding the place of Provinces in the Church's current and future conversations around re-structuring for ministry and governance.

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TOPIC:

Consent to the Election of Jacob Wayne Owensby

PROPOSER

Diocese of Western Louisiana

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Consecration of Bishops

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2 and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution
- 2 and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the
- 3 ordination and consecration of The Very Reverend Dr. Jacob Wayne Owensby as
- 4 IV Bishop of the Diocese of Western Louisiana.

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Diocese of El Camino Real

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Ministry

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 change the canons of the national church so that situations in which a clergy
- 3 person who had reason to suspect the sexual abuse of a minor by another clergy
- 4 person and failed to report these concerns to both secular and clerical authorities
- 5 or did not make a reasonable attempt to assure the safety of the minor which
- 6 resulted in the continued abuse of the minor or other minors be held to the same
- 7 standard in regard to Statutes of Limitation as apply to the actual abuser.

EXPLANATION

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing” - attributed to Edmund Burke
The Episcopal Church has recognized that the sexual abuse of minors is often not brought to light until many years after the date of the abuse and has drawn generous statutes of limitations in such cases (see Canon IV. 14.4 (a) (1) (iii) and (iv).) When a clergy person has reason to suspect that the sexual abuse of a minor is taking place the lack of action can lead to unnecessary continued abuse of the minor or put other minors into danger of abuse. Most states have policies and procedures mandating professionals working with children, including clergy, to report suspected abuse of minors.

Unfortunately the church has at times been badly served by clergy who have covered up the sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy. The negative results of such cover-ups fall into two categories. The first, and most troubling, is that often the abuse has continued, sometimes with multiple victims when the victims could have been protected. The physical, emotional and spiritual damage to the victims of such abuse cannot be overstated. The second, less troubling but still significant, is that when such cover-ups become public the Church loses credibility within the community. It is imperative that the Episcopal Church makes a definitive statement that those who have, perhaps unintentionally, aided and abetted the sexual abuse of minors by the failure to act will be prosecuted by Canon Law.

Co74

TOPIC:

Continued Commitment to MDG as a Mission Priority

PROPOSER

Diocese of El Camino Real

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Stewardship and Development

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 requests that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance
- 3 include in the 2013-2015 General Convention Budget, a line item of no less than
- 4 0.7% of the non-government revenue of the Episcopal Church to support the
- 5 Millennium Development Goals; and that this 0.7% commitment will be a visible
- 6 and prophetic act of leadership in fighting global poverty; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the funds from the 0.7% line item be contributed to a campaign
- 8 for the triennium 2013-2015 to be led and administered by Episcopal Relief &
- 9 Development in support of its programs that are working to achieve the
- 10 Millennium Development Goals.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has been a leader among communities of faith, nationally and globally, in calling attention to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) as one way of responding to God's mission of reconciliation. Countless individual Episcopalians, as well as Episcopal parishes and dioceses, have taken up the challenge to meet the MDG by contributing 0.7% of their annual income to international development as commended by 1998 Lambeth Conference Resolution I.15 and General Convention resolutions 2003-Do66, 2006-Do22 and 2009-Do16.

It is important for the Episcopal Church to provide continued leadership through 2015, which marks the date by which the MDG are to be met.

PROPOSER

Diocese of El Camino Real

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / World Mission

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 commit the whole Episcopal Church to welcome and sustain the Sudanese
- 3 Communities and their individual members in building up the full body of Christ
- 4 through ministries at the parish and diocesan levels.

EXPLANATION

For a decade the Diocese of El Camino Real has been significantly impacted by the deep faith and witness of Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian Sudanese refugees who began arriving in San Jose in 2001. A ministry was established at Trinity Cathedral, but the witness of their faith born out of suffering has been felt throughout the diocese. The Sudanese were fortunate in having so many American friends in many congregations awoken to their presence, to act as mentors and tutors and see to the establishment of the nonprofit scholarship program, Hope With Sudan. In 2004 the Diocese established a Feast Day for the Martyrs of Sudan that was incorporated in the Calendar of Holy Women and Men for the whole Church in 2009.

This resolution is meant to accomplish two things:

- 1) to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the inspiration and witness that the Sudanese have given to hundreds of people in our diocese and for the rich connections that have been made with the struggling Church in Sudan. We celebrate with them the birth of the Republic of South Sudan.
- 2) to join with a coalition of some of the sixty dioceses across the country that have Sudanese ministries to address the critical problem of inadequate support or attention to Sudanese Christians in their midst. A common problem is that Sudanese refugees in many parts of the country have not felt fully welcomed by their own Episcopal Church and as a result are leaving for other denominations. The Presiding Bishop addressed this issue at the September 2011 meeting of the House of Bishops.

To address this problem the Convention commends our the bishop, clergy, and laity across this diocese for their support and encourages other bishops, clergy and laity to welcome their brothers and sister in Christ who have much to offer to communities of faith. The Sudanese are survivors of decades of suffering and genocide. The sharing their faith journeys has been transformative in the congregations of the dioceses, a witness of what humans can bear, even as children and binding us together as one common humanity.

Nationally, the Office of Black Ministry of the Episcopal Church Center assumed shepherding a network work which had begun in the Sudanese Ministry Network of Province VII and the American Friends of the Episcopal Church in Sudan. In 2008 a Sudanese Leadership Initiative Network was formed. The Rev. Jerry Drino, Executive Director of Hope With Sudan, has been an integral part of this development since 2003 along with

Sudanese leaders in San Jose. The following represent the Needs of Sudanese Congregations that we want to communicate to the larger Church:

To help to maintain their belief that God is in their midst and that there are welcoming and inviting Episcopal communities in which they can grow and be integrated more fully into the Church, joining hands to work together for mission; Space for worship and Bible study that recognizes and respects the fact music and prayers of this group requires more than one hour time for their Sunday ministry;

To form leaders to sustain and grow their ministries with the option of support for persons nominated to the ordained ministries and to find shared, culturally sensitive process for ordination;

To choose representatives as voices at the level of the parish and diocese;

To share their own unique faith perspectives with the wider community and to edify and build up the larger church; to receive help from American-born friends to better understand and navigate the American system;

To help plan missions that connect them with other Sudanese and immigrant communities and strategies to reach a self-sustaining level for their ministry support over a five-year period, where the size of the community merits;

Pastorally, to build community and nurture families; To address conflict as it arises interpersonally, communally, and in the public sector between and within linguistic and cultural groups from Sudan and the larger American culture;

PROPOSER

Diocese of El Camino Real

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Social and Urban Affairs

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 respectfully request that the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of
- 3 Deputies jointly appoint a task force of not more than twelve (12) persons,
- 4 consisting of theologians, pastors, and educators, to identify and explore key
- 5 theological and historical dimensions of marriage; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the task force work with Episcopal Church staff, and other experts
- 7 as consultants and coordinators; and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That the Task Force engage with the issues raised by changing social
- 9 norms and legal structures in American and other societies; and be it further
- 10 *Resolved*, That it consult with married couples, lesbian and gay couples living in
- 11 commitment or, where laws permit, in civil marriage - and single adults; and be it
- 12 further
- 13 *Resolved*, That in these discussions it consider perspectives from a variety of
- 14 cultures; and be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That it consult with our partners both in and beyond the Anglican
- 16 Communion; and be it further
- 17 *Resolved*, That it deeply engage with the rich resources of moral theology in our
- 18 Anglican tradition; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That it develop and design tools for theological reflection and norms
- 20 for theological discussion at a local level; and be it further
- 21 *Resolved*, that the Task Force report back to the 78th General Convention with
- 22 annual reports to the Executive Council; and be it further
- 23 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 24 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000.00 for
- 25 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Social and Urban Affairs

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of The Episcopal Church of 2012 condemn the practice of wage theft and urge
- 3 Episcopal congregations to learn more about wage theft in their own
- 4 communities, partner with workers centers and wage enforcement agencies to
- 5 stop and deter wage theft, ask questions of those who provide contracted services,
- 6 and advocate local, state and national policies to strengthen educational outreach
- 7 to workers about and enforcement of wage laws; and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That this Convention encourage individual Episcopalians to support
- 9 initiatives to stop and deter wage theft and be responsible consumers by asking
- 10 questions about how workers are paid when visiting stores and restaurants and
- 11 hiring contracted services; and be it further
- 12 *Resolved*, That this Convention vow, when engaging with outside businesses or
- 13 restaurants, to support ethical businesses that pay workers fairly and legally,
- 14 recognizing that such ethical businesses are placed at a competitive disadvantage
- 15 by employers that cheat workers and commit payroll fraud by calling workers
- 16 independent contractors when they are really employees; and be it further
- 17 *Resolved*, That this Convention vow to support and participate in educational
- 18 programs on worker rights such as Interfaith Worker Justice's Labor in the
- 19 Pulpits program.

EXPLANATION

Every year in the U.S. billions of dollars in wages are taken from millions of workers. Each of these workers is the victim of wage theft. Wage theft occurs when workers are not paid all their wages, denied minimum wage or overtime pay they are due, or are not paid at all for the work they perform. In any economic climate this creates a difficult and unjust burden on the worker. In our current recession the burden becomes almost impossible. Various academic surveys have found that far from being a small, contained issue, wage theft is a national epidemic. A 2009 survey of low-wage workers in New York, Chicago and LA revealed that one in four workers was not paid the minimum wage. Of those who worked overtime, 76 percent were not paid for it. The survey also found 10 percent of tipped workers have their tips stolen. The average low-income worker loses approximately \$2600 per year in unpaid wages: \$2,634 out of total earnings of \$17,616 (Broken Laws, Unprotected Workers: Violations of Employment and Labor Laws in American Cities, 2009). Wage theft does not only affect low-wage workers. Many middle-class workers are victims as well. Payroll fraud, when an employer intentionally lies about having employees and calls workers independent

contractors, is a widespread form of wage theft in particular sectors like residential construction, the back of the house in restaurants (cooks and dishwashers), janitorial services, and driving. Although there are legitimate independent contractors, when the employer decides that a worker is an independent contractor and not the worker him or herself, fraud is usually involved. When businesses commit payroll fraud, they don't pay the employer side of payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, and workers compensation insurance, and they exempt workers from a range of workplace protections. Payroll fraud not only steals from workers, but it also steals from public treasuries. Ethical employers who pay workers fairly and legally are placed at a competitive disadvantage when others commit payroll fraud. Payroll fraud is common practice in many contracted services, which is why congregations and individuals must ask how workers are paid when seeking to hire contracted services. (For more information on payroll fraud and wage theft, read *Wage Theft in America: Why Millions of Americans are not Getting Paid and What We Can Do about It* by Kim Bobo, 2011.)

Episcopalians are concerned about wage theft for several reasons. First, we recognize that "Thou Shalt not Steal" applies to both workers and employers. Workers should be loyal and trusted employees, and thus should never steal from their employers. Employers should treat workers with respect and dignity, including paying them for all their work.

Second, given the widespread nature of wage theft in America, Episcopalians recognize that stopping wage theft will help alleviate poverty, a major concern for The Episcopal Church.

Third, Episcopal congregations are filled with many ethical business leaders. They pay people fairly and legally. Stopping and deterring wage theft makes sure these ethical business leaders are not undercut by businesses that underpay workers.

Fourth, The Episcopal Church cares about the economic health of the nation. There is no better and more direct way to stimulate the economy than to put more money into the hands of low-wage workers. Stopping and deterring wage theft will do just that.

The resolution calls for Episcopal congregations to learn more about wage theft in their own communities, partner with workers centers and wage enforcement agencies to stop and deter wage theft, ask questions of those who provide contracted services, and advocate local, state, and national policies to strengthen educational outreach to workers about and enforcement of wage laws.

There are many ways congregations can learn more about wage theft. If the congregation has an adult study group, consider using the Congregational Study Guide in the appendix of *Wage Theft in America* to learn more about the issues.

Congregations often hire janitorial firms, landscaping firms or construction firms. All these firms should be asked how they pay people before a contract is signed.

Across the nation, states and local municipalities are figuring out how to strengthen outreach to workers about their rights and enforcement of wage laws. Congregations can partner with enforcement agencies and workers centers to reach out to low-wage and immigrant workers. Congregations can also advocate strong policies for enforcing wage laws with appropriate local, state, or national leaders. Connect with a local workers center or Interfaith Worker Justice affiliate to learn more about local opportunities. (Visit www.iwj.org.)

Wage theft can be stopped and deterred by local actions as well as collective congregational actions. If we want to be ethical consumers, we must ask workers how they are paid. If you plan on leaving your tip on a credit card, make sure the worker will get the tip (10 percent of tipped workers don't get their tips). If you hire a firm to mow your lawn, shovel your snow, clean your house, or repair your roof, you should ask how the workers are paid. Are they paid as employees or are they paid as independent contractors (given 1099 tax forms). Generally speaking, you should only hire firms that pay workers as employees.

The Convention has significant purchasing power. Thus it is important that the Convention make sure that hotels and catering firms with which it contracts are paying people fairly and legally. Hotels, restaurants, and catering firms are sectors that are rife with wage theft.

Each Labor Day weekend, Interfaith Worker Justice coordinates a national educational program called Labor in the Pulpits. This program offers worship aids, bulletin inserts and other resources to assist congregations in lifting up labor issues over Labor Day weekend. Episcopal congregations are urged to take advantage of these

free resources by visiting www.iwj.org.

PROPOSER

Province II

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 restore funding for the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (ENEJ) for the
- 3 coming triennium, so that it can continue and increase its mission as it seeks to
- 4 reform unjust structures of society (one of the five Anglican marks) and continue
- 5 to raise awareness of economic justice at every level of the Episcopal Church; and
- 6 be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That ENEJ collaborate with and report to the Diversity, Social and
- 8 Environmental Ministries Team at the Episcopal Church Center; and be it further
- 9 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 10 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$90,000 for the
- 11 implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice carries forward the mandate of the 1988 General Convention entitled "Taking Action for Economic Justice." ENEJ's mandate was affirmed by the 2006 General Convention in the form of Co12, which provided funding for dissemination of a how-to manual on economic justice activities including education, advocacy, community organizing, and community investment. During the current triennium, ENEJ has received \$4,550 per annum plus additional special purpose support from Jubilee Ministries. The 2009 resolution Co49 mandated Executive Council to develop a strategy for promoting economic justice. Our current resolution suggests that supporting the work of grassroots networks is a vital part of such a strategy.

Episcopal Church support for ENEJ is matched by support from 20 member dioceses, 15 parishes and organizations, and individual member donations. ENEJ collaborates with the Episcopal Public Policy Network, the Episcopal Urban Caucus, Interfaith Worker Justice, and the Episcopal Ecological Network (EpEN) as well as the Office of Economic and Environmental Affairs and Jubilee Ministries. It provides financial and activity reports to Executive Council through the block grant reporting process.

Continued funding will be used to strengthen our collaboration with EpEN and to continue to produce resources such as our how-to manual, issue papers, community investing resources, education modules, Twenty Years Later (an analysis of seven national and global issues) and to expand our reach through the internet and provincial conferences.

It is incumbent on the Episcopal Church to respond to the fact that American middle class and working class people are losing ground. Worldwide poverty is decreasing but that is not so in the United States. We are losing ground. In response, ENEJ continues to develop resources to help Episcopalians to engage in concrete efforts to reverse the trend toward increased economic insecurity and related deterioration of individual, family, and

community well-being.

We believe that ENEJ has become an effective vehicle for extending the work of the Diversity, Social and Environmental Ministries Team. It is also an effective partner to other networks which help carry out the Church's mission.

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That The Episcopal Church take
- 2 leadership and oversight in a particular issue of environmental justice, namely
- 3 that the process of extracting natural gas from subterranean locations be done in
- 4 a manner which shall not harm any community near or far from the sites of
- 5 extraction.

EXPLANATION

Very health-sensitive resources such as clean water and clean soils are crucial for the lives of all peoples, and as a result need to be maintained in order to protect especially the most vulnerable — children, the poor, and the infirm — who are particularly dependent on having clean water to drink and clean soils on which to live. Highly toxic substances are regularly used in large quantities to extract natural gas from shale and other earth formations. The Episcopal Church, as a leading religious body, needs to affirm the need for safe and healthy communities.

Co80 TOPIC: Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Mississippi

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Task Force of
2 the General Convention on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of
3 which shall come from each of the nine provinces of The Episcopal Church and
4 shall consist of one Bishop, one clergy person, and one lay person from each
5 Province, selected by the Executive Committee of each Province and shall reflect
6 the full diversity of our church. The selection shall occur not later than 90 days
7 following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The Task Force shall
8 be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for reforming its structures,
9 governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this Church’s faithful
10 engagement in Christ’s mission to proclaim good news to the poor, release to the
11 captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and the
12 acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes the resources
13 available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it further
14 *Resolved*, That while acknowledging the historical legislative function of General
15 Convention, serious consideration should be given to, but not limited by, General
16 Convention missional models that include the following: simplifying the structure
17 of General Convention governance (e.g. Unicameral legislature; training for
18 evangelism, church planting, congregational development, storytelling and
19 community formation; sharing of “best practices” and facilitating “grass roots”
20 networks; being an opportunity for the spiritual revival and renewal of the
21 church; increasing the capacity to impact the host community in the Name of
22 Jesus Christ; and be it further
23 *Resolved*, That the Task Force shall endeavor to issue its report and
24 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
25 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
26 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
27 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
28 1, 2015; and be it further
29 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
30 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
31 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the church wide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

Co81

TOPIC:

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Northwest Texas

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015.

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Diocese of Pennsylvania

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention,
 2 mindful of the impasse in reaching a just resolution to the Palestinian/Israeli
 3 conflict, call on the Executive Council (using appropriate staff) to develop and
 4 implement a strategy of advocacy and education in the Church during the next
 5 triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and
 6 resources, including but not limited to the following:
 7 -A robust use of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church
 8 policies in our nation's capital;
 9 -Participation in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public
 10 corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that
 11 do business in Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories that the
 12 international community has ruled illegal, or otherwise contribute to the
 13 infrastructure of the Occupation;
 14 -The identification of a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least
 15 \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the
 16 Palestinian economic infrastructure of the Occupied Territories;
 17 -Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and
 18 distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed
 19 consumer choices
 20 -An examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and
 21 human rights; and be it further
 22 *Resolved*, That Executive Council include in its planning a study for the next
 23 triennium in every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December
 24 2009 by Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian
 25 Christians living under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as
 26 those Christians living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights
 27 and privileges of Jewish-Israeli citizens, and be it further
 28 *Resolved*, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study
 29 plan the Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the Presbyterian
 30 original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace
 31 Fellowship, and be it further
 32 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace

33 with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land
34 and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with
35 recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the
36 Holy Land, and be it further
37 *Resolved*, That all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the
38 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
39 to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including
40 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev.
41 Suheil Dawani, including through the sterling work of the American Friends of
42 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering, and be it
43 further
44 *Resolved*, That General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
45 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget of \$5,000 to Council and staff
46 in assisting with this work.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has long supported a just peace in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. It has rejected anti-Semitism while affirming the right to be critical of Israeli policies, and has taken clear positions opposing suicide bombings, development of illegal settlements, the building of a separation barrier that violates Palestinian land, and the demolition of Palestinian homes, among other policy positions.

This resolution asks Executive Council to give greater attention to these policies and to develop a high profile and multi-pronged effort throughout the Church to promote a just peace for the two peoples of the Holy Land.

The Christian Church in the Holy Land is struggling to survive as its numbers decline steadily under Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestine and its ensuing negative impacts on the Palestinian people in the form of economic hardships, loss of basic freedoms, and violence. Today, Christians number less than 2% of the population, down from an estimated 15% to 20% in 1968. Their voices, as found in "Kairos Palestine", reflect the oppression not only of Christian Palestinians, but also of all Palestinians living under the Occupation and within the State of Israel, which they decry as a "Sin against God and humanity." (See full text of Kairos Palestine at www.kairospalestine.ps/)

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem shares in that decline as its members face increasing difficulties such as the 2010 cancellation of Bishop SuheilDawani's 'Residency Permit' and the accompanying order for him to leave the country. That is simply a newsworthy example of things regularly confronted by less titled Palestinians.

Most Episcopalians and most Americans are unaware of the extent of the hardships facing Palestinians and need education on the situation to enable our support. In addition to its teaching series on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, entitled Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace, the Presbyterian Church has published a three-part study guide for the Kairos Palestine Document issued by a broad representation of Palestinian Christians in November 2009. In addition, an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope, published in 2011 and based on an updated Presbyterian original, is now available and could be used by Council to develop a study plan for the Church.

Funds of \$5000 to carry out the purposes of this resolution would be for basic materials and resources. Other line items in the budget could be used to assist in this resolution to be determined by staff. Some of the work

would be in the office of Communications, the Corporate Social Responsibility committee of Council, and the Economic Justice Loan Committee of Council in addition to work done in Mission Program, both in New York and Washington.

Prior to the 77th General Convention, documents can be accessed at <http://epfnational.org/PIN/bishops-and-deputies-to-gc-only/>

CO83

TOPIC:

The Bible Challenge

PROPOSER

Diocese of Pennsylvania

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That every Episcopal diocese,
- 2 cathedral, church and mission shall invite their entire membership and people
- 3 beyond their church to read the entire Bible in 2013.

EXPLANATION

Most growing churches have a strong commitment to teaching and reading the Bible. Episcopalians listen to a great deal of Scripture read in worship, but rarely practice daily Bible reading on their own. Biblical illiteracy is growing in the United States. Mainline churches are declining, but interest in Christianity and spirituality is very strong. How can we meet this deep hunger? One way is by encouraging Christians and seekers to read the entire Bible.

Studies note that there is a significantly higher moral code among people who read the Bible four times or more each week and that people who read the Bible for 21 days have an 80% chance of developing a life-long practice of Bible reading.

We believe that daily Bible reading can transform millions lives and countless churches.

In 2011, 180 members of St. Thomas Church in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania and 86 friends from beyond committed to join The Bible Challenge and read the entire Bible using printed Bibles or reading the Bible on iPads, iPhones, Kindles and Nooks or listening on CD.

St. Thomas Church has now created The Center for Biblical Studies to promote The Bible Challenge across the United States and around the world. Ten days after launching the new CBS website, over 2,000 visitors from more than 30 countries around the world had logged on the CBS website at:

www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org

The Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion Kenneth Kearon and the former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Frank Griswold serve on the CBS Advisory Board.

Participants in The Bible Challenge read three chapters of the Old Testament, one psalm and one chapter of the New Testament daily in order to read the entire Bible in a year. The mission of the CBS is to help Christians to develop a life-long daily spiritual practice of reading the Bible in order to know God's love more clearly and to receive comfort, strength and guidance for daily living and to provide Bibles for dioceses, churches and individuals who lack them.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Haiti

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary mission opportunities.

CO85

TOPIC:

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Puerto Rico

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

Co86 TOPIC: Poverty

PROPOSER

Diocese of El Camino Real

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 call on parishes and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to build relationships with
- 3 other faith-based communities and non-profits seeking to address the root causes
- 4 of poverty; to create venues for dialogue and shared stories on the economy
- 5 regarding the factors that contribute to poverty; to develop and train leaders
- 6 within these communities to assist the poor in improving their economic
- 7 condition through effective advocacy which addresses their needs; and to be a
- 8 prophetic voice, seeking and serving Christ in all persons, and loving our
- 9 neighbors as ourselves; and be it further
- 10 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church, as it has in the cases of racism, sexism, and
- 11 other areas of injustice, take concrete steps to achieve justice for the poor,
- 12 address economic justice as part of our gospel message, and continue the work of
- 13 alleviating extreme forms of poverty experienced by so many of our brothers and
- 14 sisters in Christ.

EXPLANATION

Within each of our communities are cycles of poverty that are persistent and systemic. Oftentimes, the response of local parishes and dioceses is to offer assistance in the form of food, shelter, clothing, and health care. While we acknowledge and affirm that such assistance is vital, and a matter of survival in many communities, the Episcopal Church can do more by addressing economic justice as part of our gospel message.

By economic justice, we mean that parishes and dioceses throughout The Episcopal Church begin the process of doing the work necessary, through prayer, discernment, and active listening and engagement at the local level, to uncover in our culture and our economy the systems that keep individuals locked in persistent poverty. We call upon the Church not only to share our values with politicians through local forums, community organizing, and voting, but to do the hard work necessary to define and unmask the local root causes of poverty, and work with communities to advocate for change.

As Episcopalians, and heirs of divine grace, our incarnational theology guides us to be the hands, feet, heart, and voice of Christ in and to our culture. To speak of an American culture is to recognize that each church, each community, is unique and contextual; our culture offers each believer the opportunity to proclaim the good news to the places where we live, work, and worship. This advocacy is unique and contextual; but our common call is the same: that in proclaiming Christ crucified, we are to “do” and “be” Christ to those around us.

As Nelson Mandela has said, “Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.”

PROPOSER

Diocese of Lexington

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 create a Special Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the
- 3 composition of which shall include the chairs of the Standing Committee for
- 4 Structure of the Church, two persons appointed by the Presiding Bishop, two
- 5 persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and one lay and one
- 6 clergy person appointed by each province of The Episcopal Church, keeping in
- 7 mind that the representation of this Special Commission express the diversity of
- 8 persons that make up the Episcopal Church; and be it further
- 9 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission be formed within 60 days following the
- 10 adjournment of this 77th General Convention; and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That the several dioceses of The Episcopal Church hold conversations
- 12 concerning the restructuring of the Episcopal Church with the goal of better
- 13 aligning missional organization and enhancing ministry at all levels of The
- 14 Episcopal Church, and report the findings of these conversations to the Special
- 15 Commission by no later than the end of the calendar year 2013; and be it further
- 16 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission recommend a plan for restructuring the
- 17 administration and governance of The Episcopal Church to be considered at the
- 18 78th General Convention; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the
- 21 implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

This resolution is submitted pursuant to the passage of Resolution R-4 of the 116th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington on February 18, 2012.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Newark

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 call for a delay of the January 1, 2013 deadline for the implementation of
- 3 GC2009-A177.

EXPLANATION

The Diocese of Olympia passed a resolution on October 22, 2011 with near exact wording. As they stated clearly in their supporting information: "One unintended consequence of Resolution A177 would be that vestries would tend to see the minimum level established by the Diocese as an "accepted standard" and reduce existing paid coverage to this level. Then clergy and lay employees presently receiving more than this minimum would see their benefits package reduced. In the case of clergy whose congregations presently pay premiums for dependents this reduction could be devastating.

Another unintended consequence of Resolution A177 would be that financially hard-pressed congregations would tend to reduce the hours of lay employees and clergy so that they fall under the threshold of eligibility. Ensuring just healthcare benefits for all church employees is a goal that the Diocese of Newark shares with the drafters of Resolution A177. However, this Resolution threatens to undermine the morale and financial viability of the very ministry vocations on which "Growing Congregations" and "Strengthening Governance and Foundations of Ministry" must depend." The sponsors of this resolution wholeheartedly support the justice issue behind extending health benefits to near full time (at least 1,500 hours per year) lay employees. However, after research showed that only 1 in 8 churches in the Diocese of Newark (14-16 congregations out of 107) have employees who will benefit, we see this as a congregational issue and believe that diocesan-wide mandates including minimum cost sharing would only serve to adversely affect clergy in the remaining 91-93 churches without full time lay employees. It also may reduce greater benefits than lay employees currently receive voluntarily by churches. The implementation of a cost sharing policy, which is not required from A177, would be devastating to clergy who depend upon this benefit. Thus, replacing one injustice with another is not acceptable in the body of Christ, we ask General Convention to suspend the mandates and implementation date of A177.

Further research has also shown that many of the parishes that have employees that would benefit already provide partial or full coverage for their lay employees' healthcare. Work can begin now, without a mandate, to get parishes up to full coverage in those specific, few instances when that's not already the case, and this should be aided by the Bishop's Advisory Committee on HR, Diocesan Council, the Newark Episcopal Clergy Association and other diocesan committees, in concert with the Bishop.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Upper South Carolina

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RESOLUTION TEXT

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- 2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
- 3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
- 4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
- 5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
- 6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
- 7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
- 8 Church's faithful engagement in Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
- 9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
- 10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
- 11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
- 12 further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
- 14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
- 15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
- 16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
- 17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
- 18 1, 2015; and be it further
- 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
- 21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the church-wide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

Add Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, George W. Foote and Edward N. Goddard to HWHM

PROPOSER

Diocese of Montana

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That application be made to the
- 2 Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to designate May 23 as the annual
- 3 commemoration of the life and work of the Right Reverend Daniel Sylvester
- 4 Tuttle, the Bishop of Montana with Jurisdiction in Idaho and Utah, the Reverend
- 5 George W. Foote and the Reverend Edward N. Goddard in the liturgical calendar,
- 6 Holy Women, Holy Men.

EXPLANATION

On May 23, 1867, newly consecrated Bishop Tuttle and the Reverend Edward N. Goddard left New York for Salt Lake City where they would join the Reverend George Foote, Bishop Tuttle's Brother-in-law, in establishing the Episcopal Church in Utah, Idaho and Montana. Edward N. Goddard worked tirelessly to extend ministry to rail workers and miners which became a foundation for church expansion in the 340,000 square mile missionary district. George W. Foote is credited with initially bringing the Episcopal Church to the Missionary District while Bishop-elect Tuttle awaited consecration. He also spearheaded the development of the church's educational ministry. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle traveled the district extensively establishing multiple parishes, a hospital, and preaching stations and later served as the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church while Bishop of Missouri. All told, Bishop Tuttle served as a bishop for fifty six years. All three clergy raised considerable funds from East Coast donors as well as from those of a variety of faiths to develop the church, fight polygamy and to establish medical and educational institutions and ministries where there were none.

C091

TOPIC:

Consent to Election of Dorsey McConnell

PROPOSER

Diocese of Pittsburgh

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Consecration of Bishops

CURRENT STATUS

Filed

REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution
- 2 and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the
- 3 ordination and consecration of the Rev. Dorsey McConnell as Bishop of the
- 4 Diocese of Pittsburgh.

EXPLANATION

PROPOSER

Diocese of Chicago

ENDORSED BYSPONSORED BYPAGE NUMBER(S) FOR REFERENCE

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / National and International Concerns

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

not yet reviewed; N/A; N/A

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention,
2 mindful of the impasse in reaching a just resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian
3 conflict, calls on the Executive Council (using appropriate staff) to develop and
4 implement a strategy of advocacy and education in the Church during the next
5 triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and
6 resources, including but not limited to the following:
7 - A robust use of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church
8 policies in our nation's capital
9 - Participating in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public
10 corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that
11 do business in illegal Israeli settlements or contribute to the infrastructure of the
12 Occupation
13 - Identifying a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least
14 \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the
15 economic infrastructure of the Territories
16 - Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and
17 distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed
18 consumer choices
19 - an examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and
20 human rights; and be it further
21 *Resolved*, That Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in
22 every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December 2009 by
23 Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living
24 under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians
25 living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of
26 Jewish-Israeli citizens; and be it further
27 *Resolved*, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study
28 plan an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the Presbyterian
29 original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace
30 Fellowship; and be it further
31 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace
32 with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land

33 and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with
34 recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the
35 Holy Land; and be it further
36 *Resolved*, That all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the
37 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
38 to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including
39 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev.
40 Suheil Dawani, including through the sterling work of the Friends of the
41 Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering, and be it further
42 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
43 Program, Budget and Finance provide a budget allocation of \$5,000 to Council
44 and staff in assisting with this work.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has long supported a just peace in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. It has rejected anti-Semitism while affirming the right to be critical of Israeli policies, and has taken clear positions opposing suicide bombings, development of illegal settlements, the building of a separation barrier that violates Palestinian land, and the demolition of Palestinian homes, among other policy positions.

This resolution asks Executive Council to give greater attention to these policies and to develop a high profile and multi-pronged effort throughout the Church to promote a just peace for the two peoples of the Holy Land.

The Christian Church in the Holy Land is struggling to survive as its numbers decline steadily under Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestine and its ensuing negative impacts on the Palestinian people in the form of economic hardships, loss of basic freedoms, and violence. Today, Christians number less than 2% of the population, down from an estimated 15% to 20% in 1968. Their voices, as found in "Kairos Palestine", reflect the oppression not only of Christian Palestinians, but also of all Palestinians living under the Occupation and within the State of Israel, which they decry as a "Sin against God and humanity." (See full text of Kairos Palestine at www.kairospalestine.ps/)

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem shares in that decline as its members face increasing difficulties such as the 2010 cancellation of Bishop SuheilDawani's 'Residency Permit' and the accompanying order for him to leave the country. That is simply a newsworthy example of things regularly confronted by less titled Palestinians.

Most Episcopalians and most Americans are unaware of the extent of the hardships facing Palestinians and need education on the situation to enable our support. In addition to its teaching series on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, entitled Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace, the Presbyterian Church has published a three-part study guide for the Kairos Palestine Document issued by a broad representation of Palestinian Christians in November 2009. In addition, an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope, published in 2011 and based on an updated Presbyterian original, is now available and could be used by Council to develop a study plan for the Church.

Funds of \$5000 to carry out the purposes of this resolution would be for basic materials and resources. Other line items in the budget could be used to assist in this resolution to be determined by staff. Some of the work would be in the office of Communications, the Corporate Social Responsibility committee of Council, and the Economic Justice Loan Committee of Council in addition to work done in Mission Program, both in New York

and Washington.

Prior to the 77th General Convention, documents can be accessed at <http://epfnational.org/PIN/bishops-and-deputies-to-gc-only/>

C093

TOPIC:

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Northern Indiana

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission summarized in the Great
9 Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-
10 40) in a way that maximizes the resources available for that mission at all levels
11 of this Church; and be it further
12 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
13 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
14 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
15 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
16 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
17 1, 2015; and be it further
18 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
19 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
20 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

C094

TOPIC:

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Missouri

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RESOLUTION TEXT

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5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

C095

TOPIC:

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Florida

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

C096

TOPIC:

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Central Gulf Coast

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

C097

TOPIC:

Structural Reform

PROPOSER

Diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That there shall be a Special
2 Commission on Missional Structure and Strategy, the composition of which shall
3 be at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
4 Deputies and the members of which shall be appointed jointly thereby not later
5 than thirty days following the adjournment of this 77th General Convention. The
6 Special Commission shall be charged with presenting a plan to the Church for
7 reforming its structures, governance, administration, and staff to facilitate this
8 Church's faithful engagement of Christ's mission to proclaim good news to the
9 poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the
10 oppressed, and the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk. 4:18) in a way that maximizes
11 the resources available for that mission at all levels of this Church; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the Special Commission shall endeavor to issue its report and
14 recommendations along with resolutions necessary to implement them, including
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, so that
16 they might be considered by a special General Convention prior to the convening
17 of the 78th General Convention in 2015, but in any event, not later than February
18 1, 2015; and be it further
19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for
21 the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The administrative and governance structures of The Episcopal Church have grown over the years so that they now comprise approximately 47% of the churchwide budget and sometimes hinder rather than further this Church's engagement in God's mission. Reform is urgently needed to facilitate this Church's strategic engagement in mission and allow it to more fully live into its identity as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in a world that has changed dramatically over the years but that also presents extraordinary missional opportunity.

C098

TOPIC:

Consent to Election of A. Robert Hirschfeld

PROPOSER

Diocese of New Hampshire

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Consecration of Bishops

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution
- 2 and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the
- 3 ordination and consecration of A. Robert Hirschfeld as Bishop Coadjutor of the
- 4 Diocese of New Hampshire.

EXPLANATION

C099

TOPIC:

Add the Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano to the Calendar

PROPOSER

Diocese of Nebraska

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 authorize Hiram Hisanori Kano for commemoration in the Calendar Year; and be
- 3 it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That appropriate biographical material and suggested Propers
- 5 accompany the above “resolved” as part of the “explanation”.

EXPLANATION

Hiram Hisanori Kano
Pastor, Priest and Missionary 1988

Almighty God, you gave your servant Hiram strength and courage to endure when brought to the time of trial, and the willingness to continue faithful to his people’s trust; give to us a strong will to endure as his example set for us, and to attain at last with the joys of perfect unity in Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Lessons

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Psalm 23
1 Peter 5:1-4
John 21:15-17

Preface of the Apostles October 24

* * *

Hiram Kano was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1889. When William Jennings Bryan came to Japan, the Kanos hosted his visit. The visitor from the west sparked in young Kano an intense desire to travel to the United States and especially to Bryan’s home state.

While young Kano was in school in Japan he nearly died of a ruptured appendix. The doctors told his parents his case was hopeless and he remembers at one point that a nurse took his pulse and announced that it had stopped. Though he was ready and willing to die, there came to him a great sense of calm and he was granted a vision of God. An interior vision of light that was somehow more than light. In his own words he

“surrendered” and his recovery began. One hundred days after the vision he left the hospital. He began to read the bible and became convinced that his vision had been of the risen Christ. In 1910 he was baptized into the body of Christ by a Dutch Reformed Missionary.

In 1916 he heard God calling him to go to America. There his skills could best be put to good use in helping the many young Japanese who were immigrating to the United States to work. He came then to Lincoln, Nebraska where he earned a Masters Degree in Agricultural Economics at the University of Lincoln.

When legislation was introduced in the Unicameral that discriminated against the Japanese in the state, Kano was asked by his fellow countrymen to do what he could to turn aside the disastrous law. He enlisted the aid of Bishop George Allen Beecher then bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Western Nebraska. Together they managed to speak to many of the members of the unicameral. The subsequent law was much less harsh to Asians in Nebraska.

Through this contact with Mr. Kano, Bishop Beecher was impressed enough to ask him to become a missionary to the Nisei (people of Japanese descent) in the North Platte Valley. After many visits to his farm, Beecher finally persuaded Kano to take up this ministry. In 1925 the Kanos moved to Mitchell, NE. Ordination to the order of Deacon took place in 1928 followed by ordination to the Priesthood in 1936.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked Pearl Harbor. American reaction against Japanese immigrants was swift and harsh. Fr. Kano was arrested by agents of the F.B.I. that very afternoon on the steps of the Church in North Platte. His family who were waiting for him at home would not see him for four years while he moved from one prison to another. After his release, Fr. Kano would reflect on those years noting that in the five different prisons he had five congregations to serve and thanking God for the grace to carry out his ministry wherever he went.

No matter where he was in the years following that momentous decision in 1925 to his death on October 24, 1988, Fr. Kano interpreted the events in his life as opportunities for ministry. Among the Nisei in the North Platte Valley, in numerous prisons, even in retirement in Colorado, Fr. Kano was a Pastor who cared for the flock wherever he was.

Taken in part from a sermon preached by Bishop James Krotz in 1991.

C100

TOPIC:

Episcopal Youth Event Funds

PROPOSER

Province IV

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 restore \$300,000 to the Youth Ministries Budget for the Episcopal Youth Event.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Youth Event is a gathering of youth and youth leaders from across our nation and the world. About 1200 individuals travel from their dioceses to enliven their faith, enhance their leadership skills, and prepare for mission work. An event of this size and scope is far too large (financially and logistically) for one diocese to sponsor.

The value of sharing experiences, learning to respect and work with people of diverse cultures, and participating in workshops that equip leaders for ministry are important for the lifelong formation of Episcopalians. This event reflects the Five Marks of Mission: to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; to teach, baptize and nurture new believers; to respond to human need by loving service; to seek to transform unjust structures of society; and to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Young people sending their voices up in praise and thanksgiving are a powerful message of hope not just to our church but to the world.

C101

TOPIC:

Budget Process

PROPOSER

Province IV

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 direct the Presiding Officers, the Executive Staff, the Treasurer's Office, the
- 3 Executive Council, and all other entities that have any connection to the
- 4 preparation and administration of the budget of the Domestic and Foreign
- 5 Missionary Society must conform to the process as set forth in the Constitution
- 6 and Canons of this Church, particularly the Joint Rules of Order of the House of
- 7 Bishops and the House of Deputies, Rule II.10(c).

EXPLANATION

C102

TOPIC:

Consent to Election of W. Nicholas Knisely

PROPOSER

Diocese of Rhode Island

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution
- 2 and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the
- 3 ordination and consecration of The Very Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely as
- 4 Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

EXPLANATION

C103

TOPIC:

Consent to Election of Douglas John Fisher

PROPOSER

Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution
- 2 and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the
- 3 ordination and consecration of The Rev. Dr. Douglas John Fisher as Bishop of the
- 4 Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

EXPLANATION

C104

TOPIC:

Pursuing a Just Peace in Palestinian/Israeli Conflict

PROPOSER

Diocese of Maryland

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention,
- 2 mindful of the impasse in reaching a just resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian
- 3 conflict, calls on the Executive Council (using appropriate staff) to develop and
- 4 implement a strategy of advocacy and education in the Church during the next
- 5 triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and
- 6 resources, including but not limited to the following: a robust use of the
- 7 Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church policies in our nation's
- 8 capital; participating in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and
- 9 public corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment
- 10 portfolio that do business in illegal Israeli settlements or contribute to the
- 11 infrastructure of the Occupation; identifying a project of economic engagement
- 12 through a loan of at least \$200,000 from the Church's Economic Justice Loan
- 13 Fund that strengthens the economic infrastructure of the Territories; assisting
- 14 individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and
- 15 distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed
- 16 consumer choices; and an examination of actions the U.S. might take to support
- 17 international law and human rights; and be it further
- 18 *Resolved*, That Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in
- 19 every Diocese of *Kairos Palestine* released in December 2009 by Palestinian
- 20 Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living under
- 21 military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians living
- 22 within the State of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of Jewish-
- 23 Israeli citizens; and be it further
- 24 *Resolved*, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study
- 25 plan an Episcopal version of *Steadfast Hope* (adapted from the Presbyterian
- 26 original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace
- 27 Fellowship; and be it further
- 28 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace
- 29 with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land
- 30 and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with
- 31 recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the
- 32 Holy Land; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the
34 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
35 to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including
36 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev.
37 Suheil Dawani, and through the sterling work of the Friends of the Episcopal
38 Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering; and be it further
39 *Resolved*, That Convention request the Joint Standing Committees on Program,
40 Budget and Finance to provide a budget of \$5,000 to Council and staff in
41 assisting with this work.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church has long supported a just peace in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. It has rejected anti-Semitism while affirming the right to be critical of Israeli policies, and has taken clear positions opposing suicide bombings, development of illegal settlements, the building of a separation barrier that violates Palestinian land, and the demolition of Palestinian homes, among other policy positions.

This resolution asks Executive Council to give greater attention to these policies and to develop a high profile and multi-pronged effort throughout the Church to promote a just peace for the two peoples of the Holy Land.

The Christian Church in the Holy Land is struggling to survive as its numbers decline steadily under Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestine and its ensuing negative impacts on the Palestinian people in the form of economic hardships, loss of basic freedoms, and violence. Today Christians number less than 2% of the population, down from an estimated 15% to 20% in 1968. Their voices, as found in Kairos Palestine, reflect the oppression not only of Christian Palestinians, but also of all Palestinians living under the Occupation and within the State of Israel, which they decry as a "sin against God and humanity."

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem shares in that decline as its members face increasing difficulties such as the 2010 cancellation of Bishop Suheil Dawani's "Residency Permit" and the accompanying order for him to leave the country. That is simply a newsworthy example of things regularly confronted by less titled Palestinians.

Most Episcopalians and most Americans are unaware of the extent of the hardships facing Palestinians and need education on the situation to enable our support. The Presbyterian Church has published two teaching series on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. One is entitled *Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace*, and the other, a three-part study guide for the Kairos Palestine issued by a broad representation of Palestinian Christians in December 2009. An Episcopal version of *Steadfast Hope*, published in 2011 and based on an updated Presbyterian original, is now available and could be used by Council to develop a study plan for the Church.

Funds of \$5,000 to carry out the purposes of this resolution would be for basic materials and resources. Other line items in the budget could be used to assist in this resolution to be determined by Council and staff. Some of the work would be in the Office of Communications, the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of Council, and the Economic Justice Loan Committee of Council in addition to work done in the Mission Program, both in New York and Washington.

C105

TOPIC:

Marriage Equality

PROPOSER

Diocese of Maryland

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

PAGE NUMBER(S) FOR REFERENCE

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 revise the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church with regard to
- 3 marriage, to reflect the fact that some jurisdictions provide by law, or will provide
- 4 by law, civil marriage or civil unions for same-gender couples.

EXPLANATION

The 75th General Convention of 2006 adopted Resolution A095 which includes in its explanation, “For at least thirty years, and even as debate about the role of gay and lesbian people within the Church has continued, successive General Conventions have recognized the equal claim of gay and lesbian persons to the civil rights enjoyed by all other persons. In 1994, General Convention (1994-DO06) called on all levels of government to support legislation giving same gender couples the same legal protections as other married couples.”

Since the state of Maryland, other states, and the District of Columbia have made civil marriage available to same sex couples and the 75th General Convention Resolution C056 called for generous pastoral oversight and liturgies to bless these unions, it is time for the Episcopal Church to revise its Constitution and Canons.

PROPOSER

Diocese of Maryland

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the addition of
- 3 William "Bowtie Bill" White to the commemorations in Holy Women, Holy Men.

EXPLANATION

This commemoration would celebrate the life of a true Christian man who lived the life our Savior taught us to live, evangelizing those "invisible" people in our society, the homeless, and housing the most vulnerable in our society, the poor single mothers.

Bowtie Bill followed the teachings of Matthew 25, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Bill White lived a truly Christian life and changed Harford County, Maryland in the process. He was the "Traveling Episcopalian" and attended all ten churches in the county and was well known for his love of Christ and righteous living. He was instrumental in starting Holy Family House in Harford County in 1988 as a place that homeless families could have shelter, training, a safe environment, and a way out of poverty.

Bill White was President and then President Emeritus of Holy Family House then Harford Family House for many years. The National Episcopal Church declared Harford Family House as a Jubilee Ministry. Bill White constantly helped the homeless: eating with them in soup kitchens, visiting them in their camps, and bringing them spiritual grace and what food he could. He weekly visited about seven homeless camps. Bill White helped start the Cursillo movement in Maryland, attending Maryland Episcopal Cursillo #1, serving on many teams throughout the years and serving his final team on Maryland Episcopal Cursillo #100 in May 2011 just before his death. Bill was known as a holy man who was quick with prayer and had an unmatched thirst for living and loving and a touch of the Holy Spirit as shown by his spiritual depth and enthusiasm for the holy life.

C107

TOPIC:

Consent to Election of Robert C. Wright

PROPOSER

Diocese of Atlanta

ENDORSED BY

SPONSORED BY

PAGE NUMBER(S) FOR REFERENCE

Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A

HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Consecration of Bishops

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution
- 2 and Canons of the General Convention, the House of Deputies consents to the
- 3 ordination and consecration of the The Very Rev. Robert C. Wright as Bishop of
- 4 the Diocese of Atlanta.

EXPLANATION

DO01

TOPIC: CANONS

Amend Canon III.11.10(b)

PROPOSER

Ambos, Mr. Paul

ENDORSED BY

Zamboni, The Rev. John (Jack); Anders, The Rev. Joan

SPONSORED BY

PAGE NUMBER(S) FOR REFERENCE

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Ministry

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

N/A; N/A; not yet reviewed

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 amend Canon III.11.10(b) to read as follows:
- 3 (b) Bishops Suffragan
- 4 (1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop due to the extent of diocesan
- 5 work, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Suffragan in accordance with this Canon.
- 6 (2) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a
- 7 majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing
- 8 Committees must be obtained.
- 9 (3) (i) A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of
- 10 the Bishop Diocesan.
- 11 (ii) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan
- 12 shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop
- 13 Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.
- 14 (4) The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the
- 15 tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.
- 16 ~~(5) No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector or Member of the~~
- 17 ~~Clergy in charge of a Parish or Congregation.~~

EXPLANATION

The office of Suffragan Bishop was a creation of the Church of England, and it flourished from the mid-13th Century through the 16th Century but was revived in 1870. Under the English practice, the suffragan's commission expired upon the end of the term of the diocesan, and he would have to be reappointed, or not, by the successor. The Episcopal Church largely resisted the establishment of such an office because of the possibility of a suffragan continuing in such a situation without being attached to a diocese. In 1829, a canon specifically prohibiting suffragan bishops was enacted. (Edwin White & Jackson Dykman, *Annotated Constitution and Canons* (1981), pp. 58–60)

Following the revival of suffragans in England in 1870, several proposals were presented to General Convention to authorize them in The Episcopal Church, but no authorization was enacted until 1910. Spurred by a felt need to provide a form of auxiliary bishop for dioceses that "may need this help for special racial conditions," the Constitution was amended in 1910 to provide for suffragan bishops and a new Canon 11 adopted to provide for their election and general terms of service. That canon included as section 5 the provision that "No Suffragan Bishop, while acting as such, shall be Rector or settled Minister in charge of a Parish or Congregation" —

substantially the same text as now appears in Canon III.11.10(b)(5). (Id. pp. 752–54)

"When the canon on suffragan bishops was first being considered in the committee on canons of the House of Deputies, a member of the committee proposed to strike the section prohibiting a suffragan bishop, while acting as such, from having charge of a parish as rector or settled minister thereof, stating that he did so at the request of the bishop of his diocese, who desired to have two clergymen, rectors of parishes in his diocese, elected as suffragans, and for the purpose only of assisting him in administering the rite of confirmation. As one purpose of this section was to prevent any such misuse of the canon, the committee refused to consider the proposition." (Id. p. 760) ¶ In the Church of England, however, both originally and after the revival in 1870, suffragans were supported not by their diocese but by being appointed to parishes or other benefices instead, which made their cost to the diocese "negligible". While centralized funding began in the mid-20th Century, much of the funding of English suffragans comes from nondiocesan sources. (Colin Podmore, *Dioceses and Episcopal Sees in England: A Background Report for the Dioceses Commission (2008)*, pp. 71–74)

Moreover, in 1910 there were little restrictions on how a diocesan bishop might select a suffragan; there only was a requirement that the suffragan be elected by dioceses with the consent of the bishop. Today, Canon III.11.1(a) requires specifically for suffragans (and not for diocesans or coadjutors) that each diocese "shall establish a nominating process either by Canon or by the adoption of rules and procedure for the election of the Bishop Suffragan at a regular or special Diocesan Convention with sufficient time preceding the election of the Bishop Suffragan." Furthermore, before an election can even take place, Canon III.11.10(b)(2) requires that "a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees" give their prior consent, and after that the Bishop Diocesan must give prior consent to the electing convention, specifying "the role and the duties" of the new bishop. Bishops may not merely name candidates and have them rubber-stamped by diocesan convention. These procedural safeguards require deliberation and outside consents, to the extent that the objections raised in the 1910 General Convention should no longer be an issue.

Currently in The Episcopal Church, there is no prohibition on Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, Assistant Bishops, or Missionary Bishops from serving also as priest in charge of a congregation — only Bishops Suffragan. Whatever the historical reasons for this anomaly, there appears to be little reason for its continuation. In these straitened financial days, if a diocese can responsibly extend its episcopal ministry by having a Bishop Diocesan or Coadjutor serve also as a parish rector, why not also a Bishop Suffragan?

DO02

TOPIC: CANONS

Affirming Access to Discernment Process for Ministry

PROPOSER

Lawton, Ms. Sarah

ENDORSED BY

Rushing, The Hon. Byron; Robinson, The Rev.
Carla

SPONSORED BY

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HB / Ministry

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Title III, Canon 1, Sec. 2 of
- 2 the Canons of the Episcopal Church be hereby amended to read as follows: No
- 3 person shall be denied access to the discernment process for any ministry, lay or
- 4 ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex,
- 5 marital status, sexual orientation, *gender identity and expression*, disabilities or
- 6 age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to licensing,
- 7 ordination, or election is hereby established.

EXPLANATION

Title III, Canon 1, Sec. 2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church states "No person shall be denied access to the discernment process for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to licensing, ordination, or election is hereby established." This resolution would revise this canon by adding "gender identity and expression" to this list of protected categories of access, but not of right.

As we continue to grow in our understanding and embrace of all human beings, it is important for us to be specific in our naming of difference. This proposed revision is based upon our increased understanding and practice to respect the human dignity of transgender people - transsexuals, and others who differ from majority societal gender norms. Gender identity (one's inner sense of being male or female) and expression (the way in which one manifests that gender identity in the world) should not be bases for exclusion, in and of themselves, from consideration for participation in the ministries of the Church.

DO03 TOPIC: WEAPONS Gun Free Zones

PROPOSER

Garvey, Canon Victoria

ENDORSED BY

Smith, Mr. Newland; Exner, The Rev. William

SPONSORED BY

HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Social and Urban Affairs

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 calls for every parish and every diocesan place of work to declare their
- 3 establishments as Gun Free Zones.

EXPLANATION

Research indicates that both open carry and concealed carry create significant risk to public safety and do little to provide safety to the gun carrier. In a study funded by the National Institute of Health and published in the American Journal of Public Health, November 2009, epidemiologists at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine found that, on average, guns did not protect those who possessed them from being shot in an assault; people carrying a gun were 4.5 times more likely to be shot in an assault than those not carrying a gun.

In state legislatures across the country, gun activist groups are bringing pressure for laws allowing concealed weapons permits to carry guns into houses of worship. Governor Bobby Jindal of Louisiana signed such a bill into law in 2010. The 22th US Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, Georgia heard arguments in April 2012 to overturn a 2010 law against weapons in religious establishments. In fact, guns can be brought into places of worship in Georgia under current law, with approval of the leaders of the institution, as long as firearms are secured.

In other states, such as Utah, it remains unlawful with or without a permit to carry a firearm in churches if posted. Laws vary from state to state, but posting Gun Free Zone decals is one way for parishes and dioceses to exercise private property rights on behalf of community safety.

Posting of this status shall be easily visible for parishioners, staff and visitors to see as they enter the building.

DO04

TOPIC:

Amend Rule 37 House of Deputies Rules of Order

PROPOSER

Rodgers, Ms. Sharon

ENDORSED BY

Fischer, The Rev. Sara; Sedlacek, The Rev. Wes

SPONSORED BY

HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / Rules of Order

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, That Rule of Order 37 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as
- 2 follows:
- 3 37. Except by leave of the House, no member shall speak more than twice in the
- 4 same debate, nor longer than three minutes at one time. The total time of debate
- 5 on any Resolution or Message shall be a maximum of thirty minutes. *Further, if*
- 6 *after two people have spoken in favor of a Resolution no one rises to speak*
- 7 *against it, the Chair will call the question.*

EXPLANATION

Given the limited time available to consider the business of Convention, this amendment will help to conserve time that can be devoted to matters about which there are differing perspectives, or to bring forward resolutions that might otherwise die for lack of time to bring them to the floor.

D005 ^{TOPIC:} Rule of Law for Terrorists

PROPOSER

Exner, The Rev. William

ENDORSED BY

Langle, The Rev. Susan; Buchanan, The Rev. Susan

SPONSORED BY

HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / National and International Concerns

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 call on the President of the United States to use law enforcement protocols,
- 3 national resources, and international cooperation to apprehend and bring to
- 4 justice individuals and organizations who, having adopted terrorist tactics or
- 5 strategies, commit vicious crimes against humanity; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention direct the Mission Office (or Office
- 7 of Government Relations), in collaboration with the Bishop Suffragan for Federal
- 8 Ministries, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and other interested groups, to articulate
- 9 Christian standards for just responses to the crime of terrorism, standards that
- 10 are grounded in the worth and dignity of every human being and that build on
- 11 existing international law enforcement protocols; and be it further
- 12 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention call on all Episcopalians to respond
- 13 to terrorism through study, prayer, moral leadership that advocates dealing with
- 14 terrorists as the vicious criminals they are, and a courageous passion for justice
- 15 rather than fearfully demonizing and dehumanizing terrorists.

EXPLANATION

This resolution intends to urge the President to advocate for law enforcement protocols to bring terrorists to justice. The resolution also urges the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to articulate Christian standards for just response to the crime of terrorism.

The Church upholds the Baptismal Covenant which acknowledges the dignity of every human being. This resolution insists that terrorists are held accountable for their actions, but are not dehumanized. Our principles must hold even in the most difficult circumstances.

Prior to the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States, like most nations, treated terrorism as a crime. Conventional law enforcement protocols established national and international standards for just responses to terrorist acts. The post 9/11 paradigm shift from law enforcement to waging war on terror has unleashed widespread moral confusion. Many Christians are uncertain about the morality of actions such as preventive wars on states suspected of sponsoring terrorism, military occupation to support regime change, use of torture, secret military tribunals involving suspension or denial of prisoners' legal rights, widespread civilian "collateral damage," and the corrosive impact of the Patriot Act on U.S. citizens' civil rights. Just War Theory, the historic Christian paradigm for understanding when and how Christians may justly wage war,

presumes war occurs between sovereign nations over territorial disputes. That model consequently offers little help in shaping ethical counterterrorism responses. The pacifist perspective opposes war on terror, yet the public knows that some action is necessary; terrorists will strike again unless stopped.

Do06

TOPIC:

Consideration of a Covenant for Communion in Mission

PROPOSER

Tull, Mr. Jack

ENDORSED BY

Ross, Mr. Simon "Pete"; Bartol, Ms. Cynthia

SPONSORED BY

Russell, The Rev. Michael

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HD / World Mission

CURRENT STATUS

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That this 77th General
- 2 Convention declines to adopt the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant; and
- 3 be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That after extensive study within The Episcopal Church on the
- 5 proposed Anglican Covenant at the individual, parish and diocesan levels, The
- 6 Episcopal Church is unable to reach a clear consensus and is therefore unwilling
- 7 to continue expending funds, time and energy on this proposed covenant; and be
- 8 it further
- 9 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church commit itself to continued participation
- 10 in the wider councils of the Anglican Communion and to continue dialog with our
- 11 brothers and sisters in other provinces for the purpose of working together for
- 12 common mission to bring God's word to all people and to help those afflicted by
- 13 poverty, hunger, disease and other disasters; and be it further
- 14 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church commit itself to "A Covenant for
- 15 Communion in Mission" developed by the Inter Anglican Standing Commission
- 16 on Mission and Evangelism (IASCOME) so that provinces of the Anglican
- 17 Communion can be effective in promoting God's presence and healing to those in
- 18 our world that are broken and disenfranchised.

EXPLANATION

The provinces of The Anglican Communion have spent considerable time and effort in assembling, reviewing and offering input to the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant. After extensive study and input from individuals, parishes and dioceses under the guidance of the Executive Council D20 Task Force the task force issued its report called "Executive Council D020 Task Force on the Response to the Anglican Covenant" found on p. 633 of the Blue Book. This report emphasizes that it is clear that the vast majority of those who responded to request for feedback are not in favor of adopting the covenant in its entirety. The task force also states "It has become apparent to this committee in the course of its work that the church requires a new study of the foundations and boundaries of our polity and governance as we seek to deepen our Communion-wide engagement and equip the leadership of the church." The task force goes on to suggest the appointment of a new task force to study how the adoption of the Anglican Covenant would affect the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church as well as issues concerning our identity and what continued engagement with other churches in the communion around issues of unity would be helpful. The Executive Council then submitted Resolution A126 to the 77th General Convention for consideration.

We commend the work of the D20 Task Force but feel it is time that we focus within the Anglican Communion on what is truly important regarding our ministry in this world. We feel that continued litigation regarding the administration of our 38 autonomous, self-governing member provinces is not helpful and consumes our time and energies that would be more effectively channeled to the work of mission. As stated so well by the Diocese of Michigan “The Covenant that binds us together is the mutuality of our ministry and accountability conferred in Baptism.”

We therefore propose that through this Resolution that The Episcopal Church take a leadership role in living out “A Covenant for Communion in Mission “ as developed by the Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism (IASCOME) and that The Episcopal Church urge the other 37 provinces of the Anglican Communion to also adopt this covenant as proposed in the ACC resolution found in Attachment A..

A Covenant For Communion In Mission

This Covenant signifies our common call to share in God's healing and reconciling mission for our blessed but broken and hurting world.

In our relationships as Anglican sisters and brothers in Christ, we live in the hope of the unity that God has brought about through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The preamble recognizes that the world is one that has been graced by God but that God's work through Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is to seek to heal its hurts and reconcile its brokenness. The preamble reminds us that as Christians we are called to share our relationships in the mission of God to the wider world, bearing witness to the kingdom of love, justice and joy that Jesus inaugurated.

The nine points of the covenant are predicated on Scripture and the Sacraments providing the nourishment, guidance and strength for the journey of the covenant partners together.

Nourished by Scripture and Sacrament, we pledge ourselves to:

1. Recognize Jesus in each other's contexts and lives

The nine points begin with Jesus Christ, the source and inspiration of our faith and calls for those covenanting for mission to look for, recognize, learn from and rejoice in the presence of Christ at work in the lives and situations of the other.

2. Support one another in our participation in God's mission

Point two acknowledges that we cannot serve God's mission in isolation and calls for mutual support and encouragement in our efforts.

3. Encourage expressions of our new life in Christ

Point three asks those who enter into the covenant to encourage one another as we develop new understandings of our identities in Christ.

4. Meet to share common purpose and explore differences and disagreements

Point four provides for face-to-face meetings at which insights and learnings can be shared and difficulties worked through.

5. Be willing to change in response to critique and challenge from others

Point five recognizes that as challenges arise changes will be needed as discipleship in Christ is deepened as a result of both experience in mission and encounters with those with whom we are in covenant.

6. Celebrate our strengths and mourn over our failures

Point six calls for honoring and celebrating our successes and acknowledging and naming our sadness and failures in the hopes of restitution and reconciliation.

7. Share equitably our God-given resources

Point seven emphasizes that there are resources to share – not just money and people, but ideas, prayers, excitement, challenge, enthusiasm. It calls for a move to an equitable sharing of such resources particularly when one participant in the Covenant has more than the other.

8. Work together for the sustainability of God's creation

Point eight underscores that God's concern is for the whole of life – not just people, but the whole created order – and so we are called to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth.

9. Live into the promise of God's reconciliation for ourselves and for the world

This last point speaks of the future hope towards which we are living, the hope of a reconciled universe – in which 'God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven' for which Jesus taught us to pray.

We make this covenant in the promise of our mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ.

The conclusion provides a strong reminder that we need each other. We are responsible for each other and we are mutually interdependent in the Body of Christ.

IASCOME proposes that the ACC commend the Covenant for Communion in Mission to the churches of the Communion for study and action and remits it to the next IASCOME for evaluation of its reception in the Anglican Communion. IASCOME further proposes that the ACC advance the Covenant for Communion in Mission to the bodies of the Anglican Communion tasked to continue consideration of covenants for the Anglican Communion as commended by the Windsor Report and the “Communiqué” of the February 2005 Primates’ Meeting. To that end, IASCOME presents the following resolution for adoption by ACC-13:

ACC RESOLUTION - This Anglican Consultative Council:

- 1. Commends the Covenant for Communion in Mission to the churches of the Anglican Communion for study and application as a vision for Anglican faithfulness to the mission of God;**
- 2. Advances the Covenant for Communion in Mission to the bodies of the Anglican Communion tasked to continue consideration of covenants for the Anglican Communion as commended by the Windsor Report and the “Communiqué” of the February 2005 Primates’ Meeting;**
- 3. Remits the Covenant for Communion in Mission to the next Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism for monitoring responses to and evaluating effectiveness of the Covenant for Communion in Mission across the Anglican Communion.**

The covenant is deliberately general in its principles. In its understanding of mission it builds on the Five Marks of Mission of the 1984 and 1990 Anglican Consultative Councils¹. It provides a framework within which those entering into the covenant can identify specific tasks and learning’s that relate to their particular situations.

¹ To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God; To teach, baptize and nurture new believers; To respond to human need by loving service; To seek to transform unjust structures of society; To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

DOO7 ^{TOPIC:} Response to the Anglican Covenant

PROPOSER

Russell, The Rev. Cn. Susan

ENDORSED BY

Hopkins, The Very Rev. Michael; Lee, Ms. Lelanda

SPONSORED BY

Buchanan, The Rev. Susan; Engstrom, The Very Rev. Marilyn; Gracey, Mr. R. Stephen; Hart, Mr. Christopher; Kandt, Mrs. Pamela; Leigh, Ms. Tobyn; Moore, The Rev. Stephen; Russell, The Rev. Michael; Shaw, The Rev. Lee; Williams, Ms. Sandra; Bronson Sweigert, The Rev. Cynthia

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 give thanks to all who have worked to increase understanding and strengthen
- 3 relationships among the churches of the Anglican Communion; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention reaffirm the commitment of this church
- 5 to the fellowship of autonomous national and regional churches that is the
- 6 Anglican Communion; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the General Convention recognizes that sister churches of the
- 8 Anglican Communion are properly drawn together by bonds of affection, by
- 9 participation in the common mission of the gospel, and by consultation without
- 10 coercion or intimidation; and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That the General Convention, having prayerfully considered the merits
- 12 of the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant and believing said agreement to
- 13 be contrary to Anglican ecclesiology and tradition and to the best interests of the
- 14 Anglican Communion, respectfully decline to adopt the same; and be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That the General Convention call upon the leaders of The Episcopal
- 16 Church at every level to seek opportunities to reach out to strengthen and restore
- 17 relationships between this church and sister churches of the Communion.

EXPLANATION

Churches of the Anglican Communion have been asked to adopt the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant. The suggestion for such an agreement was made in the 2004 Windsor Report, which recommended "the adoption by the churches of the Communion of a common Anglican Covenant which would make explicit and forceful the loyalty and bonds of affection which govern the relationships between churches of the Communion."

The Windsor Report was produced at the request of Primates upset with the impending consecration of Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire and the promulgation of a liturgy for the blessing of same-sex unions by the Diocese of New Westminster in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Archbishop Drexel Gomez, of the Anglican Province of the West Indies, was entrusted with leading the

development of the first draft of a covenant. This same Archbishop Gomez was one of the editors of "To Mend the Net", a collection of essays dating from 2001 and advocating enhancing the power of the Anglican Primates to deter, inter alia, the ordination of women and "active homosexuals," as well as the blessing of same-sex unions. Archbishop Gomez's punitive agenda remains evident in the final draft of the proposed Covenant. Despite protestations to the contrary, the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant attempts to create a centralized authority that would constrain the self-governance of The Episcopal Church and other churches of the Communion. This unacceptably inhibits Communion churches from pursuing the gospel mission as they discern it.

The Church of England has already declined to adopt the Anglican Communion Covenant. The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines has indicated that they will not support the Covenant, and the rejection of the Covenant by the Tikanga Maori of the Anglican Church in Aoteroa, New Zealand and Polynesia renders it virtually certain that those churches will also decline to adopt.

The deficiencies of the proposed Covenant would lead to an Anglican Communion further divided rather than more unified. Declining to adopt the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant not only avoids permanent, institutionalized division, it opens the way for new opportunities to build relationships across differences through bonds of affection, by participation in the common mission of the gospel, and by consultation without coercion or intimidation.

PROPOSER

Haller BSG, The Rev. Tobias

ENDORSED BY

Cole, Ms. L. Zoe; Ambos, Mr. Paul

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 Rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted
- 3 in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common
- 4 appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- 5 Thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the
- 6 Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- 7 Call on the leaders of our Church, lay and ordained:
- 8 to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide
- 9 Anglican Communion and to deepen The Episcopal Church's involvement with
- 10 the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the Continuing
- 11 Indaba and Mutual Listening Process); to publicize and promote this work within
- 12 the dioceses of the Church in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm
- 13 for, the Anglican Communion; and to encourage a wider understanding of, and
- 14 support for, the next meetings of the Anglican Consultative Council and Lambeth
- 15 Conference.

EXPLANATION

This resolution is closely modeled upon a resolution adopted in a number of dioceses of the Church of England following their vote against a motion to adopt the Anglican Covenant. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his efforts to encourage unity in the Anglican Communion, had given his support both to the Anglican Covenant proposal, and to the pilot phase of the Continuing Indaba and Mutual Listening

Project.<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/continuingindaba/>

While the former has garnered little support, the Continuing Indaba has borne significant fruit even in its initial phase. Like the proposed Covenant, it recognizes the reality of strong differences of opinion within the family of autonomous churches that make up the Communion, but rather than attempting to regulate or suppress these differences, the Continuing Indaba develops a practical way to use them as the opportunity for deeper engagement. The goal of the program is "Conversation across difference to empower mission." This resolution graciously recognizes Archbishop Williams' efforts as he retires; commends the Continuing Indaba as a principal way forward in dialogue and building and fostering relationships, and urges us to make use of the existing structures of the Anglican Communion — not as means of regulation but as forums for dialogue and engaging in mission with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Do09

TOPIC:

Amend Canon IV.16.2

PROPOSER

Ambos, Mr. Paul

ENDORSED BY

Duncan, Mrs. Noreen; Haller BSG, The Rev. Tobias

SPONSORED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.16(A)(2) is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:
3 Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop, or the presiding officer, shall forthwith give notice
4 to the Bishop of the certification and restriction on ministry. Unless the restricted
5 Bishop, within sixty days, makes declaration by a verified written statement to
6 the Presiding Bishop, that the facts alleged in the certificate are false or utilizes
7 the provisions of Canon III.12.7, the Bishop will be liable to Deposition. If the
8 Presiding Bishop is reasonably satisfied that the statement constitutes (i) a good
9 faith retraction of the declarations or acts relied upon in the certification to the
10 Presiding Bishop or (ii) a good faith denial that the Bishop made the declarations
11 or committed the acts relied upon in the certificate, the Presiding Bishop, with
12 the advice and consent of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, shall terminate the
13 restriction. Otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to present the
14 matter to the House of Bishops at the next regular or special meeting of the
15 House. If the House, by a majority *of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not*
16 *present*, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote, shall give its consent,
17 the Presiding Bishop shall depose the Bishop from the ministry, and pronounce
18 and record in the presence of two or more Bishops that the Bishop has been so
19 deposed.

EXPLANATION

Canon IV.16(A) provides procedures for formally deposing a Bishop who has renounced or otherwise abandoned the doctrine, discipline, or worship of The Episcopal Church. Last Convention's revision of Title IV carried over the last sentence of Section 2 from the prior Canon IV.9.2, which dates back to 1904. In 1904, suffragan bishops were not entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, nor were any retired bishops unless their resignation was from "advanced age or bodily infirmity". (Edwin White & Jackson Dykman, *Annotated Constitution and Canons* (1981), pp. 19–20, 1078–1082.) Today, however, the classes of bishops and retired bishops entitled to vote have been expanded to those now specified in Constitution Art. I.2. Even in 1904, however, "Bishops who have resigned their jurisdictions" and foreign missionary bishops were excluded from the number required for a quorum (White & Dykman, p 20).

A supermajority of "a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote" —rather than a majority of those present, if a quorum — was required by the Constitution in 1904 for amendments to the Book of Common Prayer and for amendments to the Constitution (Id. pp. 134, 140–41). Since then, these two requirements have

been tempered by replacing that clause by "a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote".

These three instances are the only requirements in the Constitution and Canons for a vote of a majority "of the whole number of bishops", and the Title IV section is the only one that has not yet been amended to require that retired bishops not present be included in the count for action by a majority. As it stands, retired absent bishops are not required for a quorum of the House of Bishops, but their number is required for action by that House under the language of the Canon as it stands.

The present language has been interpreted by the Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop and ruled by the Presiding Bishop in the case of the deposition of Bishop Robert W. Duncan to require the vote of a majority of those present, if a quorum. While this ruling was based on the unquestioned practice of the House of Bishops in prior such cases, it would be better to remove ambiguity and formally amend the canon in question.

PROPOSER

Perfater, Canon Charles (Chuck)

ENDORSED BY

Bruckner, Ms. Ellen; Miller, Canon Richard

SPONSORED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That should a Special Commission
- 2 on Missional Structure and Strategy be approved, at least two Provincial
- 3 Leadership Council members - a President or a Vice President and one Provincial
- 4 Coordinator - be appointed to serve on the Commission with full voice and vote;
- 5 and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That should the matters dealing with the evaluation and
- 7 recommendations referring to the future structure of The Episcopal Church be
- 8 referred to the Standing Committee on Structure or any other Standing
- 9 Committee, at least two Provincial Leadership Council members - a President or
- 10 a Vice President and one Provincial Coordinator - be appointed to serve on such
- 11 Standing Committee.

EXPLANATION

The prospect that the 77th General Convention will authorize some form of structural reform commission to evaluate and recommend a process for restructure of The Episcopal Church begs the need for the current Provincial leadership to have direct representation on that commission, or any other such evaluative body. There is more than a casual chance a new structure will need to include use of provincially-based field operations; hence, it would be wise to have the existing Provincial experience formally represented.

PROPOSER

Lawton, Ms. Sarah

ENDORSED BY

Diehl, Mr. Jeff; Fischer, The Rev. Sara

SPONSORED BY

Wong, Mr. Warren; Barlowe, The Rev. Canon Michael; Grossman, The Rev. Stacey; Ota, The Rev. David; Dugliss, Dr. Roderick; Gaines, Ms. Carolyn; Glass, The Rev. Vanessa; Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Ruth; Jennings, The Rev. Gay C.

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None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
 2 urge enactment of legislation to permit same-gender legal domestic partners and
 3 spouses of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to seek lawful
 4 permanent resident status in the same manner as different-gender spouses of
 5 citizens and lawful permanent residents; and be it further
 6 *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention encourage dioceses and
 7 congregations to pray for, support, and advocate for the immigrants, refugees,
 8 and strangers in their communities, including lesbian and gay families facing
 9 unwanted moves, deportation or being split apart due to unequal treatment of
 10 same-gender couples under federal immigration law.
 11

EXPLANATION

Under current U. S. law, a U. S. citizen or legal permanent resident is permitted to sponsor his/her spouse, child, or parent for immigration, but U. S. citizens and legal permanent residents are not permitted to sponsor their same-gender partners. In part because of federal restrictions in the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) enacted in 1996, immigration spousal benefits are not recognized even for same-gender couples who are married or joined in civil unions or domestic partnerships in states where those relationships are legally recognized. Nineteen other countries do allow gay/lesbian citizens to sponsor their partners in the immigration process, including Canada, Brazil, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Spain. There is legislation (“Uniting American Families Act,” Senate Bill 821 and House Bill 1537) pending in Congress in both houses that would allow a citizen or legal permanent resident to sponsor his/her same-gender domestic partner or spouse for immigration (source: <http://immigrationequalityactionfund.org/legislation/>).

Approximately 36,000 bi-national gay and lesbian families live in the United States, and they are raising more than 17,000 children (source: www.immigrationequality.org/about). The inability of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents to sponsor their same-gender partners forces many families to move abroad or live apart, uprooting children, disrupting careers, and breaking ties with family, co-workers, communities, and places of worship, including Episcopal congregations across the United States. The Episcopal Church has rightly stood

in solidarity with immigrants over many years; this resolution would extend the General Convention's explicit support and prayerful concern to lesbian and gay immigrants and their families who are facing unequal treatment under the law.

D012

TOPIC:

Amend Canon IV.18.5

PROPOSER

Wirth, The Rev. Canon Bradley

ENDORSED BY

Benkelman, Ms. Cynthia; Fay, The Rev. Mike

SPONSORED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Title IV.18.5 is hereby
- 2 amended to read
- 3 In the case of any Order deposing a Member of the Clergy for abandoning the
- 4 Church, *or was deposed by reason of renunciation of or release from the*
- 5 *exercise of the Office*, no application for remission shall be received by the Bishop
- 6 Diocesan until the deposed person has lived in lay communion with the Church
- 7 for not less than one year next preceding application for the remission.
- 8

EXPLANATION

This merely restores language from the 2006 Canons which would specifically include those who renounce the ministry or obtain release from the exercise of the office to included in this remission process.

D013 ^{TOPIC:} Amend Title III.5.2(b)

PROPOSER

Wirth, The Rev. Canon Bradley

ENDORSED BY

Benkelman, Ms. Cynthia; Fay, The Rev. Mike

SPONSORED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.5.2(b) is hereby
- 2 amended to read
- 3 (b) Testimonials required of the Standing Committee by this Title ~~must~~ *may* be
- 4 signed by a majority of the whole Committee, at a meeting duly convened, except
- 5 that testimonials may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed
- 6 an original. *Testimonials may also be signed by one or more clergy Members*
- 7 *acting as power of attorney for other Members of the Committee provided that*
- 8 *said notarized power of attorney was initially executed in person at a meeting*
- 9 *duly convened and that said certificates of power are part of the permanent*
- 10 *records of the Standing Committee. Testimonials signed by those acting as*
- 11 *power of attorney may be thus signed if the meeting is held telephonically or*
- 12 *through other real time media means and only if the vote to sign is voiced in a*
- 13 *roll call vote, the results of which are recorded in the minutes of the meeting by*
- 14 *the Secretary or Clerk of the Committee.*

EXPLANATION

Standing Committee Meetings are often held telephonically or through computer link up. Because of great distances some have to travel in adverse conditions due to hazardous weather, the signing of testimonials is often delayed. This amendment gives a means for those Standing Committees to meet telephonically, vote on, and then sign testimonials. Having clergy member(s) serve as the power of attorney meets the objection that there could be extraordinarily remote intentional fraudulent signing as such activity could be actionable through Title IV.

Financial impact on budget: None

Create an Office of Technology, Resources and Networking (TRaN)

PROPOSER

Voorhees, The Rev. Canon Cindy Evans

ENDORSED BY

Snook, The Rev. Susan; Schatz, The Rev. Stefani

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the Episcopal Church Center's
2 Office of Communications, by reallocating funds in their existing budget, create
3 an Office of Technology, Resources, and Networking, (TRaN), whose
4 responsibility it shall be to gather, vet, and promote relevant, successful, creative,
5 innovative, and entrepreneurial ministry models and resources for the 21st
6 century church to be shared churchwide, so as to encourage and inspire
7 individuals, local parishes, dioceses, and Episcopal institutions, to begin new and
8 contemporary forms of ministry, mission, and outreach that can be adapted to
9 the local context; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That TRaN shall moderate one common intranet* platform and
11 consistently renew and update it to keep its content fresh and current; and be it
12 further
13 *Resolved*, That the areas of ministry the Office of TRaN shall focus on shall
14 include, but not be limited to, the Anglican 5 Marks of Mission:
15 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
16 2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
17 3. To respond to human need by loving service
18 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society
19 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life
20 of the earth;
21 And be it further
22 *Resolved*, That the Office of TRaN shall develop a centralized TRaN website that
23 provides access to diverse models of contemporary ministry and resources within
24 but not limited to the 5 Marks of Mission, and that within these contemporary
25 ministry models the use of social media, video, apps, film, websites, Skype or
26 ooVoo capabilities, and cloud technology shall be actively demonstrated by
27 example; and be it further
28 *Resolved*, That the Office of TRaN shall have a budget that will provide grants to
29 “connect” *all* churches, diocese, or institutions in The Episcopal Church that lack
30 computers, internet access, or other means of utilizing TRaN’s resources, so that
31 these entities may be outfitted with at least one computer within 3 years to insure

32 that each entity, especially the underserved and underrepresented, have access to
33 technology and information, so that TEC is fully bound together via the internet;
34 and be it further
35 *Resolved* That an additional goal of TRaN is to make sure each church or
36 Episcopal Institution has at least a home page website and Skype to further
37 ministry effectiveness and outreach in the 21st century; and be it further
38 *Resolved*, That the Office of TRaN have an Advisory Board consisting of 8
39 members, one from each Province, with at least 4 of its members under the age of
40 35, to be appointed by the president of each Province for a 3 year term.

EXPLANATION

In an age of technology and rapid communication, the church needs to network, collaborate and share ideas, become more nimble, and have the ability to respond quickly to 21st century ministry opportunities. Much expertise for new and innovative ministry is already being done on the local level but needs broader exposure to show successful models of ministry to the rest of the church. By creating a centralized deposit point, information and resources can be shared in seconds instead of years. The Church Center structure is uniquely positioned to gather that information, organize it, and give it churchwide exposure. It can also vet and give grants to technologically “connect” the entire church and its institutions, especially the underserved and underrepresented constituents. It is the intention of the proposer not to put a dollar amount on this, as the Office of Communications already has a budget and should use existing funds to implement this resolution by reallocating their funds.

Case Example:

The Abundant Table www.theabundanttable.org founded in 2009 by Ms. Sarah Nolan and the Rev. Julie Morris, in partnership with local DeBusschere Family Farms and a ministry of the Diocese of Los Angeles, developed the Abundant Table Farm Project (ATFP), a one to two year internship for young adults to work on an organic farm, live in intentional community, and engage in community justice building.

Organic food and farming has become a national interest of returning to the land and living a more intentional lifestyle. Working the land is a spiritual experience to many who feel that it feeds their spirit and allows them to grow closer to God. The Abundant Table has creatively found a ministry that serves its farming community while seamlessly providing it as a spiritual experience. ATFP actually encompasses all 5 Marks of Mission.

Under the TRaN model The Abundant Table could be a featured ministry for one month with a video, website and contact information. Interested parties would then become aware of the existence of this ministry model and then network with ATFP and possibly other farming projects on how to start a similar project thus shortening their learning curve based on others expertise. ATFP would then be listed under the “farming” category or where ever it makes sense so that it becomes a churchwide resource. Other farming projects would also get listed as time goes on.

*Wikipedia: The term intranet is used in contrast to internet, a network between organizations, and instead refers to a network within an organization. Sometimes, the term refers only to the organization's internal website, but may be a more extensive part of the organization's information technology infrastructure, and may be composed of multiple local area networks.

PROPOSER

Snook, The Rev. Susan

ENDORSED BY

Michell, The Rev. Canon Dr. Neal; Schatz, The Rev. Stefani

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
2 reaffirm its commitment to the Anglican Communion, and accordingly reaffirm
3 the Anglican Five Marks of Mission as an appropriate statement of mission in this
4 church; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Five Marks of Mission are (1) to proclaim the Good News of
6 the Kingdom, (2) to teach, baptize and nurture new believers, (3) to respond to
7 human need by loving service, (4) to seek to transform unjust structures of
8 society, and (5) to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and
9 renew the life of the earth; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That this Convention affirm the following categories of ministry as
11 further important Components of Mission of this Church: (6) to build Religious
12 Relationships, including such ministries as ecumenical relations, Anglican
13 Communion relations, and Federal Ministries, and (7) to develop Stewardship
14 and Leadership; and be it further
15 *Resolved*, That The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
16 be directed to center the churchwide budget on these seven priorities, clearly
17 delineating which costs are attributable to each category, and ensuring that at
18 least sixty percent of the budget for the 2013-2015 triennium be directly allocable
19 to these priorities; and be it further
20 *Resolved*, That expenses not attributable to the Mission categories described
21 above be reduced so that they comprise no more than thirty percent of the
22 churchwide budget by the 2016-2018 triennium.

EXPLANATION

The Anglican Communion has recognized the Five Marks of Mission as examples of how God works in each culture. According to the explanation of the Five Marks on the Anglican Communion website:

Mission: Announcing good news

The first mark of mission, identified at ACC-6 with personal evangelism, is really a summary of what all mission is about, because it is based on Jesus' own summary of his mission (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18, Luke 7:22; cf. John 3:14-17). Instead of being just one (albeit the first) of five distinct activities, this

should be the key statement about everything we do in mission.

Mission in context

All mission is done in a particular setting - the context. So, although there is a fundamental unity to the good news, it is shaped by the great diversity of places, times and cultures in which we live, proclaim and embody it. The Five Marks should not lead us to think that there are only five ways of doing mission!

Mission as celebration and thanksgiving

An important feature of Anglicanism is our belief that worship is central to our common life. But worship is not just something we do alongside our witness to the good news: worship is itself a witness to the world. It is a sign that all of life is holy, that hope and meaning can be found in offering ourselves to God (cf. Romans 12:1). And each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes (1 Cor. 11:26). Our liturgical life is a vital dimension of our mission calling; and although it is not included in the Five Marks, it undergirds the forms of public witness listed there.

Mission as church

The Five Marks stress the doing of mission. Faithful action is the measure of our response to Christ (cf. Matt. 25:31-46; James 2:14-26). However, the challenge facing us is not just to do mission but to be a people of mission. That is, we are learning to allow every dimension of church life to be shaped and directed by our identity as a sign, foretaste and instrument of God's reign in Christ. Our understanding of mission needs to make that clear.

Mission as God-in-action

"Mission goes out from God. Mission is God's way of loving and saving the world... So mission is never our invention or choice." (Lambeth Conference 1998, Section II p121). The initiative in mission is God's, not ours. We are called simply to serve God's mission by living and proclaiming the good news.

This resolution calls The Episcopal Church to reaffirm its commitment to the Anglican Communion and to doing mission in a characteristically Anglican way. It calls the churchwide structure away from over-spending on administrative and governance costs, toward refocusing on empowering the people of The Episcopal Church for mission, by requiring that administrative and governance costs be contained and that costs of mission become the priority of this church. This resolution recognizes that current levels of administrative and governance costs are too high, and requires that these costs be contained over a reasonable period of time.

PROPOSER

Houghton, Mr. Neil

ENDORSED BY

Johengen, Dr. Carl; Tobin, The Rev. Florence "Kit"

SPONSORED BY

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 call upon the planners of the 78th General Convention to make all materials
- 3 available electronically, both prior to and during the convention, and to make
- 4 WiFi available on the floor of both houses. In addition, planners are called upon
- 5 to make electrical outlets available on the floor of both houses for participants
- 6 who wish to use laptop computers or other electronic devices to access these
- 7 materials.

EXPLANATION

The actions outlined above would provide a number of important benefits. The transmission of information (resolutions, amendments, announcements, etc.) via electronic means could streamline the convention process dramatically, allowing for faster and more accurate dissemination of up-to-date materials.

Significant reductions to printing and paper costs would offset the expense of providing access to electrical outlets on the convention floor.

In order to be responsible stewards of the earth's resources, it is our duty to drastically reduce the amount of paperwork generated by Convention. The potential for cost savings and greater efficiency provides added incentive to plan for a "paperless" convention.

PROPOSER

Russell, The Rev. Cn. Susan

ENDORSED BY

Engstrom, The Very Rev. Marilyn; Hopkins, The
Very Rev. Michael

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 urge members of the United States Congress to pass legislation that would repeal
- 3 the Defense of Marriage Act and allow the U.S. federal government to provide
- 4 benefits to couples in a same-sex marriage.

EXPLANATION

According to the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO), there are 1,138 statutory provisions in which marital status is a factor in determining benefits, rights, and privileges. These rights and responsibilities apply to only male-female couples because the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) defines marriage as only between a man and a woman. Currently there are seven states and jurisdictions representing thirteen dioceses where civil marriage is equally available to both opposite and same-sex couples. And a number of federal courts have ruled that DOMA is unconstitutional for failing to provide equal protection and unfairly disadvantaging legally married same-sex couples.

The Episcopal Church has a long history of supporting equal civil protections for same-sex couples, including opposing federal or state constitutional amendments prohibiting same-sex marriage (GC2006-A095). Urging Congress to end discrimination against same-sex marriages is not only in alignment with prior actions of General Convention, it is in alignment with our baptismal promise to strive for justice and to protect the dignity of every human being.

DO19

TOPIC:

Amend Canon I.17.5 - Extending the Rights of Laity

PROPOSER

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HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HB / Ministry

PAGE NUMBER(S) FOR REFERENCE

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Title I, Canon 17, Sec. 5 of the
- 2 Canons of The Episcopal Church be hereby amended to read as follows: No one
- 3 shall be denied rights, status or access to an equal place in the life, worship, and
- 4 governance of this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin,
- 5 marital status, sex, sexual orientation, *gender identity or expression*, disabilities
- 6 or age, except as otherwise specified by Canons.

EXPLANATION

This resolution would revise Title I, Canon 17, Section 5 by adding "gender identity and expression" to this list of protected categories. This resolution is submitted as a companion to DO02 ("Affirming Access to Discernment Process for Ministry") because it makes sense to change the Canons in Titles 3 and 1 at the same time. As with DO02, this proposed revision is based upon our increased understanding and practice to respect the human dignity of transgender people - transsexuals, and others who differ from majority societal gender norms. Gender identity (one's inner sense of being a man, a woman, or something more complex) and expression (the way in which one manifests that gender identity in the world) should not be bases for exclusion from the life of the Church at any level. As transgender people and their families increasingly come out within or find their way to congregations, their specific naming in our Canons, along with other groups who historically have experienced discrimination, will encourage congregations to deepen their understanding and widen their welcome, that we all might be empowered "to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves."

D020 ^{TOPIC:} Ecumenical Gathering for Reconciliation

PROPOSER

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REVIEW STATUS (PB&F, CONSTITUTION, CANONS)

None required

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention
- 2 of the Episcopal Church recognize and encourage the elders of Christ Episcopal
- 3 Church, Red Shirt Table and the Tribal Council in the Oglala Lakota District of
- 4 the Oglala Sioux Tribe in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota in their
- 5 preparation and planning of a reconciliation event to be held on the Pine Ridge
- 6 Indian Reservation in partnership with the Taize' Community and others in 2014.

EXPLANATION

In creating relations with the Taize' Community, the ELCA, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Church of Christ and others, a vision has emerged from the elders and youth of Christ Episcopal Church, Red Shirt, and the Oglala Lakota in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota, for a meeting of diverse young adults across the spiritual/cultural spectrum.

With song and silence, three days of peace and prayer as a sign of God's presence and the possibility of reconciliation is envisioned.