



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Dear Diocesan Bishops and Secretaries to Diocesan Convention,

It is a requirement of Canon I.1.1 (e) that I give notice to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church in every Diocese, as well as to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, whenever any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer or of the Constitution is proposed. The 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention proposed nine resolutions with changes to the Constitution. It is your duty to make known such proposed alterations to the Convention of your Diocese and to certify that such action has been taken.

To facilitate this, I am sending the following:

- Proposed revisions to the Constitution to be read by the Secretary to his/her Diocesan Convention preceding a final vote by the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.
- The complete texts of “Actions of the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention Referred to Dioceses and Congregations.” These are concurred resolutions referred to dioceses, diocesan bodies or congregations for action, consideration and information.
- A two part response form to be returned to the Secretary of the General Convention. Part One is to be returned once the proposed revisions of the Constitution have been read at Diocesan Convention. Part Two is to be returned when all referred legislation has been considered.

The deadline for submission is **December 1, 2020** so that responses may be reported to the Executive Council and included in their Blue Book report to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention. We offer the option of responding online. If you wish to do so, you can complete Part One here: -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AmendConst18> and Part Two here: -  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ResDiocese18>

If you prefer to complete the form manually or electronically, please return by mail to Secretary of General Convention, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017, by fax to 212 972-9322 or by e-mail to [gcsecretary@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:gcsecretary@episcopalchurch.org). All information and links will be available on the General Convention website, [www.generalconvention.org](http://www.generalconvention.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Conboy, Deputy for Legislation, at [mconboy@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:mconboy@episcopalchurch.org) or by telephone at 212 716-6205.

Thank you for your cooperation in completing this important reporting requirement.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe  
Secretary of General Convention

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER

DIOCESE \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

*The following Constitutional amendments shall be read by the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention preceding the final vote at the 80th General Convention in 2021, such reading to be certified by the Diocesan Convention with the Secretary of the General Convention.*

<b>RES. #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE READ AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION</b>
A063	Amend Article X	
A089	Amend Articles VI and VIII regarding Full Communion	
A122	Amend Article IX to change Removal to Admonition	
A150	Amend Article I.2	
A151	Amend Article I.4-8	
A152	Amend Article III	
A153	Amend Article IV	
A176	Amend Article V	
A183	Amend Article IX	

Report prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form should be completed and returned to the Executive Office of the General Convention after the next Diocesan Convention. It should be returned no later than **December 1, 2020**.

The Secretary of the General Convention  
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New York, NY 10017  
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DIOCESE \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR ACTION OR CONSIDERATION***To be reported to Executive Council before December 1, 2020*

<b>RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR ACTION</b>				
<b>RES. #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ACTION COMPLETED</b>	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b>	<b>NO ACTION</b>
A072	Provincial Geographic Boundaries			
A144	Diocesan Missional Review			
A221	Collaboration and Networking			
A223	Family Leave Policies			
A225	On the Importance of Ecumenism for Becoming Beloved Community			
A238	Admit Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church			
B006	Amend Canon I.17			
B009	Civil Discourse			
B025	Water as a Human Right			
B027	Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action			
C022	Supporting Transgender Access			
C037	Call to Respond to Opioid Epidemic			
C041	Repair America's Safety Net			
C049	Support Producers of Locally Grown Food			
C063	Advocate for Ocean Health			
D047	Compassionate Care of Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy			

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR ACTION				
D050	Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution			
D053	Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land			

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR CONSIDERATION OR INFORMATION				
RES. #	TITLE	CONSIDERED (COMPLETED)	ONGOING	NOT CONSIDERED
A010	The Planting of "Paris Groves"			
A018	Episcopalians Participating in Paris Climate Agreement			
A029	Commend the Evangelism Charter for the Church to All Episcopalians			
A035	Commend "The Church Towards a Common Vision"			
A039	Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations			
A058	Encourage Use of Asset Map			
A081	An Episcopal Theology of Evangelism			
A145	Urging Adoption of Local Canons Relating to Episcopal Elections			
A207	Encouraging Mission as Part of the Beloved Community			
A215	Solidarity with the People of Venezuela			
A222	Against Caste-Descent-Based Discrimination			
B002	Anti-Corruption			

<b>RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR CONSIDERATION OR INFORMATION</b>				
<b>RES. #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CONSIDERED (COMPLETED)</b>	<b>ONGOING</b>	<b>NOT CONSIDERED</b>
B004	Encouraging the Language of Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation			
B008	Stewardship in Communities of Color			
B022	Support for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Joint Efforts to Continue the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program			
B024	Police Killings and Mental Illness			
B028	Continue Commitment to Growing Financial Generosity Within the Church			
B031	Commend Global Episcopal Mission Network			
C008	Advocacy for Creation Care			
C009	Becoming A Sanctuary Church			
C020	Carbon Tax			
C032	Against Human Trafficking			
C054	Inclusion of Transgender People			
D006	Just Transition: Automation and New Technology			
D007	Disaster Resilience Policy			
D009	Christian Principles for Responding to Human Migration			

<b>RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR CONSIDERATION OR INFORMATION</b>				
<b>RES. #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CONSIDERED (COMPLETED)</b>	<b>ONGOING</b>	<b>NOT CONSIDERED</b>
D024	Support for The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Their Efforts to Foster Peace			
D031	Recognizing and Ending Domestic Violence in our Congregations			
D043	Welcoming the Church of South India			
D046	Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources			
D054	Expand YASC and EVIM Support			
D061	Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program			
D067	Bias-Free and Expansive Language for God and Humanity			
D077	Reduce Death Penalty Sentence			
D093	Representative Planning Teams			
D096	Support for Good Governance			
A065	Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018			
A115	Adopt and Implement the Charter for Safety			
A178	Halt the Intensification and Implementation of Immigration Policies and Practices that are Harmful to Migrant Women, Parents and Children			
A282	Amend Canon III.11.3(b)			
B012	Marriage Rites for the Whole Church			

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR CONSIDERATION OR INFORMATION				
RES. #	TITLE	CONSIDERED (COMPLETED)	ONGOING	NOT CONSIDERED
Co64	Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe In Opposing Enbridge Line #3			
D014	Addressing Maternal Mortality			
D074	Amend Canon IV.6.4			
C078	Authorize Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Expansive Language) for Trial Use			

Report prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FROM THE 79<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CONVENTION

### Proposed Constitutional Amendments, First Reading

*The following Constitutional amendments shall be read by the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention preceding the final vote at the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention in 2021, such reading to be certified by the Diocesan Convention with the Secretary of the General Convention.*

#### **A063: Amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church (First Reading)**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church as follows

#### ARTICLE X

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the authority of this Church, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the same shall be first proposed in one regular meeting of the General Convention and by a resolve thereof be sent within six months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5, except that concurrence by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies. But notwithstanding anything herein above contained, the General Convention may at any one meeting, by a majority of the whole number of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies, voting by orders as previously set forth in this Article:



- (a) Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.
- (b) Authorize for trial use throughout this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to the established Book of Common Prayer or to any section or Office thereof, a proposed revision of the whole Book or of any portion thereof, duly undertaken by the General Convention.
- (c) *Authorize for use throughout this Church, as provided by Canon, alternative and additional liturgies to supplement those provided in the Book of Common Prayer.*

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

### **A089: Amend Articles VI and VIII Regarding Full Communion**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Articles VI and VIII to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE VI

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

#### ARTICLE VIII

No person shall be ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church until the person shall have been examined by the Bishop and two (2) Priests and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons in that case provided may direct. No person shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop, or ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church, unless at the time, in the presence of the ordaining Bishop or Bishops, the person shall subscribe and make the following declaration:

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

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

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

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

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

#### **A122: Amend Article IX to Change Removal to Admonition**

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Resolved, That the Article IX of the Constitution be amended as follows:

#### ARTICLE IX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **A150: Amend Article 1.2 of the Constitution**

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Resolved, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

##### Article I

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

#### **A151: Amend Article I.4-8 of the Constitution**

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Resolved, That Article II.4-8 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

##### ARTICLE II

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than two ~~Suffragan~~ Bishops *Suffragan*, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. A ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* shall be eligible for election as Bishop *Diocesan* or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop *Suffragan* in another Diocese.

Sec. 5. It shall be lawful for a Diocese to prescribe by the Constitution and Canons of such Diocese that upon the death, *removal or deposition* of the Bishop or ~~if the Bishop resigns, or is removed from office pursuant to Canon III.12.12(7)~~, a ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop *Suffragan* of that

Diocese may be placed in charge of such Diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof ~~servicing as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore~~ until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated; or that during the disability or absence of the Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof ~~servicing as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore of the Diocese.~~

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

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan, ~~or~~ Bishop Coadjutor or ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop Suffragan of a Diocese.

Sec. 8. A Bishop Diocesan or Coadjutor who has ~~for at least five years next preceding exercised jurisdiction as the Ordinary, served as the Bishop Diocesan~~ nor as the Bishop Coadjutor, of a Diocese ~~for any period of time~~, may be elected as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or ~~Suffragan~~ Bishop Suffragan of another Diocese ~~only if five or more years have passed since the Bishop first served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese in which the Bishop is currently or last served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor~~. Before acceptance of such election a resignation of jurisdiction in the Diocese in which the Bishop is then serving, conditioned on the required consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church to such election, shall be submitted to the House of Bishops, and also, if the Bishop be a Bishop Coadjutor, a renunciation of the right of succession. Such resignation, and renunciation of the right of succession in the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, shall require the consent of the House of Bishops.

### **A152: Amend Article III of the Constitution**

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Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE III

Bishops may be consecrated for foreign lands upon due application therefrom, with the approbation of a majority of the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, certified to the Presiding Bishop; under such conditions as may be prescribed by Canons of the General Convention. Bishops so consecrated shall not be eligible to the office of Diocesan or of Bishop Coadjutor of any Diocese in the United States or be entitled to vote

in the House of Bishops, nor shall they perform any act of the episcopal office in any Diocese or Missionary Diocese of this Church, unless requested so to do by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof. If a Bishop so consecrated shall be subsequently duly elected as a Bishop of a Missionary Diocese of this Church, such election shall then confer all the rights and privileges given in the ~~Canon~~ *Canons* to such Bishops.

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**A153: Amend Article IV of the Constitution**

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*Resolved*, That Article IV of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV

In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof, except that provision for filling vacancies between meetings of the Convention may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or *Bishop Suffragan Bishop* canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention. The rights and duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

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**A176: Amend Article V – Second Reading (Note: this is actually a first reading, because there was a floor amendment in 2018 and therefore must be read again in 2021)**

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*Resolved*, That Article V, Section 1 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1 A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the ~~Ecclesiastical Authority~~ Bishop for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the

General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

### **A183: Amend Article IX – First Reading**

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Resolved, That the Constitution Article IX be amended to read as follows:

#### Article IX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR ACTION

*The following resolutions adopted by both Houses of the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention call for appropriate action by dioceses, diocesan committee(s) or congregations.*

### **A072: Provincial Geographic Boundaries**

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Resolved, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, each diocese of this Church review its involvement in and relationship to its current province, and faithfully discern whether, based on its identity, gifts and needs, it may wish to explore established constitutional and canonical paths toward becoming a constituent diocese of a different province.

### **A144: Diocesan Missional Review**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention finds it to be in the best interests of The Episcopal Church that all dioceses and other jurisdictions of the Church engage in the process of a missional review periodically but no less often than prior to engaging in an episcopal search process; and be it further

Resolved, That the missional review will seek to look thoroughly into the vitality and viability of the congregations and ministries of the diocese, seeking at all times to ask the deep discernment question “what is God calling us to be and do at this time and in this place.”

Topics for the missional review include but are not limited to

- Worship and spiritual life;
- Formation for all ages;
- Engagement with the wider community, concern for neighbors and stranger, care for creation;
- Stewardship of financial resources, property, and people;
- Care for clergy and lay staff, policies and practices which seek equality and justice, recognizing the dignity and inherent worth of every human being;
- Fellowship and collegiality among and between congregations, clergy, and ministries;

- Areas of, and possibilities for, collaboration and networking, including with other dioceses and communion partners;
- Opportunities for new communities of faith and redevelopment work;
- Hopes, fears, and dreams.

A thorough review will seek examples of robust engagement and creative expressions in the various foci of review as well those places where increased time and attention must be paid in order to become more vital, dynamic and sustainable; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the diocese undertaking the missional review shall seek assistance from the Office of Pastoral Development for the process of review and possibilities for consultants.

### **A221: Collaboration and Networking**

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*Resolved*, That after the 79th General Convention, The Episcopal Church commit to equipping and strengthening the work of networking and affinity groups of The Episcopal Church; including but not limited to: visioning for the kinds of collective aspirations for dioceses and articulating how these aspirations and efforts support The Episcopal Church in the mission of Jesus Christ; building the capacity for idea and resource sharing among dioceses and other networks; articulating the funding issues associated with collaboration; and finding ways to fund ministry; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this work be initiated by affinity groups, networks, members of dioceses, and the wider Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That diocesan leadership be attentive to and supportive of these networks, collaborations, and affinity groups which demonstrate and encourage vitality within and among dioceses; sharing the fruits and learnings with the Office of Communications such that others may participate in such learnings.

### **A223: Family Leave Policies**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention acknowledges the need for a well-defined, comprehensive family leave policy, paid and/or unpaid; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the appropriate joint standing committee of the Executive Council be directed to study and distribute model policies for paid and unpaid family leave for dioceses and their congregations and institutions to consider, with such models to be distributed to the dioceses by June 30, 2019; and be it further



Resolved, That General Convention urge every diocese to review such model policies and to implement comprehensive policies on family leave that fit their respective needs; and be it further

Resolved, That in view of the time required for study and actions by diocesan conventions, dioceses report their specific policies to the Office of General Convention no later than December 31, 2020.

### **A225: On the Importance of Ecumenism for Becoming Beloved Community**

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Resolved, That, whereas the Presiding Bishop has articulated three foci for the work of Becoming Beloved Community—care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism—the 79th General Convention recognizes that we cannot do this work alone, and that we have much to offer other church traditions and much to learn from them in the work of the three above named areas; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage all Provinces, Regional Consultative Groups, Dioceses, Episcopal Communities, and Parishes to seek ecumenical partners for mutual up-building in the areas of care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That they be encouraged to seek ecumenical partners that reflect the racial, ethnic, national, linguistic, and cultural diversity of their context.

### **A238: Admit Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, accepting with joy the request of the sisters and brothers of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*, and welcoming the prospect of restoring the relationship between The Episcopal Church and *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*, admit it to The Episcopal Church and recognize it as a Diocese in union with General Convention, to be effective as set forth in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledges that, while Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution does not expressly provide for creation of a new Diocese from an existing Anglican Communion Diocese, neither does it expressly limit or forbid General Convention from doing so; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention laments the actions of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church in 1966 that led to the precipitous and painful separation of The Episcopal Church and *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention commends the diligence of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* in completing the following actions set forth by The Episcopal Church Task Force on Cuba, established by Resolution 2015-B003: drafted changes to the Constitution and Canons of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*; sent the changed Constitution and Canons to the Metropolitan Council; pledged in writing to conform with these expectations (submit an annual Diocesan Parochial Report to the Office of The Episcopal Church, pay an Assessment to The Episcopal Church, and provide a complete accounting of the financial assistance received from The Episcopal Church); provided education for clergy and laity about The Episcopal Church, Constitution and Canons, and the workings of General Convention; provided a proposed annual budget to The Episcopal Church; provided Church Pension Fund with accurate reporting about active clergy and years of service, and retired clergy who are already in the Pension Fund; convened an Extraordinary Synod on May 11, 2018 to designate the choice of a province; and sent members to visit at the 79th General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention recognize that *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* has agreed to undertake all responsibilities pertaining to diocesan membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, fully conforming its constitution and canons to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; submitting annual diocesan parochial reports; contributing annually to the assessment for the budget of The Episcopal Church; and reporting fully on any financial assistance it receives from the such budget; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention express its deep gratitude to the Anglican Church of Canada for its long and continuing support for *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention call upon the dioceses, congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to acquaint themselves with the ministries of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*, to work in harmony and companionship with *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* for evangelism, mutual understanding, and the full expression of God's mission, and to consider ways in which they can be in relationship and partnership with *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* going forward; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the acceptance of the Diocese of Cuba into union with the General Convention shall become effective on such date as the Executive Council adopts a resolution accepting and approving a certification to it by the Secretary of the General Convention that he has received from the Diocese of Cuba the following:

(1) A certified copy of the Constitution of the Diocese that contains an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and otherwise conforms in essential part to such Constitution and Canons;

- (2) A certified copy of the Canons of the Diocese that conform in essential part to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church;
- (3) An annual diocesan parochial report as required by Canon I.6 for the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution;
- (4) A commitment by the Diocese to a contribution to the budget of The Episcopal Church for the year in which the Diocese is to come into union with the General Convention;
- (5) An accounting of any funds received by the Diocese from the General Convention budget in the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution; and
- (6) Evidence that all clergy in the Diocese have complied with the requirements of Canon III.10 and Article IX of the Constitution;

And be it further

Resolved, That, following such effective date,

- (1) The Diocese of Cuba shall take such steps as shall be required by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church for the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Cuba to be received as a Bishop of The Episcopal Church;
- (2) The General Convention designates the Diocese of Cuba to be added to the Second Province of The Episcopal Church;
- (3) The Diocese of Cuba shall be entitled to all rights pertaining to membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, seat, voice, and vote in the House of Bishops and in the House of Deputies, in accordance with the rules of those Houses;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Bishop Diocesan of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* upon passage of this Resolution be eligible to participate in the House of Bishops consistent with its rules of order; and be it further

Resolved, That immediately upon the close of business of the 79th General Convention, the active clergy of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* shall become eligible to participate going forward in the International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP) and its related plans, which will be administered by The Church Pension Fund (CPF) consistent with the terms of the ICPP, an administration agreement between *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and CPF, and applicable law, including the receipt of any necessary licenses from the Office of Foreign Assets Control or any other applicable governmental authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct The Episcopal Church, together with *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and other potential ministry partners, in consultation with CPF, to collaborate on a plan to fund the past service liability accrued by the active clergy of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support the formation of a 3-year interim body to accompany *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and The Episcopal Church as they fully reunify; said body would consist of eight members, four from *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and four from The Episcopal Church jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, to facilitate complete reunification of life, ministry, and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm the principle that dioceses of this church that are not located within the United States may seek autonomy according to the procedures set forth in Resolution A235 of the 1991 General Convention or may join other provinces of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance to consider a Budget allocation of \$400,000 for ministry and mission of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and \$50,000 for the interim body's work for the implementation of this resolution.

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#### **Boo6: Amend Canon I.17**

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Resolved, That every diocese and ministry organization, in recognition of the guidelines included in The Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs, be requested to include a letter of agreement as part of a transparent hiring process for any church employee. Such letter of agreement may describe the duties and responsibilities of the position, including details about salary and benefits. The letter may also include provisions for an annual performance evaluation, procedures for the reconciliation of disagreements, and articulate policies concerning dissolution.

Notes:

Title I, Canon 7, "Of Business Methods in Church Affairs", and Resolution D147 (1979 GC):  
"Accounting Principles and Practices for Dioceses, Parishes, and Other Congregations"

[https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/full\\_manual\\_updated\\_012815\\_0.pdf](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/full_manual_updated_012815_0.pdf)

[https://www.episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/acts/acts\\_search.pl](https://www.episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/acts/acts_search.pl)

### **Bo09: Civil Discourse**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention calls on all Episcopalians to practice civil discourse in our political life, while not making peace with evil and injustice; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention urge individual Episcopalians, parishes, dioceses and seminaries to use the Civil Discourse Curriculum developed by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations as a resource to guide discussions about politics, policy, and legislation, while strengthening our relationships with one another; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention direct The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations to work with bipartisan efforts in Congress, when possible, and intentionally engage with elected and career government officials from all political parties.

### **Bo25: Water as a Human Right**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the Church to learn about the watersheds and aquifers in the regions in which our faith communities and institutions are located; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recognize the public trust that protects the waters and community uses in the watersheds and aquifers of the communities and regions that make up the Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recognize water and sanitation as human rights and water as a commons (a publicly held natural system); and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church urge the phase out and eventual ban, by 2021 the sale or distribution of bottled water in Church-related facilities and at Church events except when local water supplies are deemed unsafe; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church promote and advocate for publicly financed, owned, and operated safe water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

### **Bo27: Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call on our Office of Government Relations to support international and domestic efforts to encourage and advocate for gender inclusive approaches within climate change disaster response and

management, recognizing that climate change profoundly and differently impacts people according to their gender; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention urge congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to act in their own contexts in recognition that women are at the front line of climate impact and need to be involved in decisions affecting their lives, and those of their families and communities in response to disasters and humanitarian emergencies; and be it further

*Resolved*, That institutions and providers in The Episcopal Church, such as Episcopal Relief and Development, whose ministries are associated with disasters, climate refugees, maternal health, poverty alleviation, and addressing inequalities be urged to continue to lift up and advocate for women's leadership on climate justice, support gender inclusive approaches to climate resilience and make themselves available as resources to congregations and dioceses for this work; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church 1) commit to the revision of previous materials, development and circulation of educational resources to be used in both diocesan and congregational formation and 2) encourage faith communities and dioceses to recommit to allocating 0.7% of their operating budgets in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## **Co22: Supporting Transgender Access**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its support for the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one's gender identity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church support legislative, educational, pastoral, liturgical, and broader communal efforts that seek to end the pattern of violence against transgender people in general and transgender women in particular, calling attention especially to the rising violence against transgender women of color and gender non-conforming people; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church oppose all legislation that restricts public restroom, locker room and shower access for transgender and gender non-conforming people, recognizing that such bills disproportionately impact and contribute to a pattern of violence against transgender women and non-binary identified people; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church ask dioceses and parishes to remove barriers to full participation in congregational life by making their gender-specific facilities and activities fully accessible to all, regardless of gender identity and expression; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for passage of federal legislation that protects transgender and gender non-conforming persons from discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge dioceses, parishes, and Episcopalians to advocate for passage and enactment of similar legislation at the local and state level.

### **C037: Call to Respond to Opioid Epidemic**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to respond to the opioid epidemic with training, pastoral care, advocacy, and liturgy; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and parishes be urged to: partner with First Responders and others in the medical community to host trainings on how to administer naloxone in the event of an overdose; partner with other faith communities and recovery programs in their local contexts to offer pastoral care to those affected by this epidemic; partner with other faith leaders to advocate with local and state government regarding policies and laws to promote healing and wholeness for those affected by this epidemic; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to advocate for the federal government of the United States to address this as public health crisis, affirming that opioid use disorder is a disease, which needs adequate resources for treatment options; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop additional liturgical resources to address the needs and concerns of those whose lives have been profoundly affected by this epidemic; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention concurrently acknowledge the purpose and value of prescription opioid medications in appropriately treating chronic, intractable, pain; or acute pain resulting from curable, short-term medical conditions; and affirm the work of the medical community to create established medical guidelines supporting people living with pain; and call all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to partner with the medical community and health nonprofit organizations to understand the realities, risks, and barriers to access to care and effective treatments and cures for people living with chronic conditions and otherwise untreated or undertreated pain; and be it further

Resolved, that the Church recognize that issues of substance use disorders, access to diagnosis and effective treatment, and lack of appropriate treatment for untreated or undertreated pain affect all communities, but especially those marginalized in poverty,

racial, gender, and ethnic discrimination, persons with disabilities, and other minority communities; and be it further

*Resolved*, that congregations be urged to include in the Prayers of the People intercessions for patients, families, and communities affected by substance use disorders and also by untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention to authorize the Presiding Officers to create a task force to assist in the curation and creation of resources for education, prevention, pastoral care, recovery, advocacy, and partnering with community organizations to be use by dioceses and parishes for the purpose of responding to the opioid epidemic and substance use disorders; and be it further

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

*Resolved*, That the membership of this task force will be appointed by the Presiding Officers and consist of no fewer than 8 nor more than 14 members; and that the task force be made up of bishops, priests, deacons, and laity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the task force will complete this work within two years.

#### **Co41: Repair America's Safety Net**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct The Office of Government Relations to advocate unflaggingly for the federal government of the United States to close gaps in the safety net which cause millions of Americans to suffer eviction, homelessness, inability to access health care, medical debt, and hunger; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Episcopalians, Dioceses and The Episcopal Church advocate at the federal, state, and local level for adequate nutrition, healthcare, and housing as human rights which should be provided to all residents of this country, and for which eligibility is determined only by the applicants' current financial need, and all eligible people receive the aid for which they qualify; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church oppose federal cuts in tax credits that benefit low-income families including the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax



Credit, and Child Care Credit, and advocate for similar tax credits at the state level; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church oppose health care proposals 1) to limit public benefit funding to block grants, or 2) to cut off new enrollment of income-eligible people at a future date irrespective of their needs, or 3) to stipulate that people who lose eligibility when their income rises cannot re-enroll if their income falls again in the future due to loss of income, and be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopalians and dioceses in the 19 states that did not accept the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion advocate with their state legislators and governors to accept this benefit and federal funding for their constituents; and be it further 31

*Resolved*, That Episcopalians, dioceses and The Episcopal Church call on Congress to make the cost-sharing provisions of the Affordable Care Act an entitlement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Episcopalians, dioceses and The Episcopal Church call on Congress to cap the mortgage interest deduction for wealthy taxpayers and direct the increased revenue to low-income housing assistance programs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$83,750 for 1/4 FTE staff person at the Office of Government Relations to track federal and state legislative proposals on public benefit funding and eligibility, and to provide timely action alerts to dioceses, and Episcopal Public Policy Network

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Dioceses and congregations provide networking relationship for housing and employment to refer homeless people to assist in getting employment and housing.

#### **Co49: Support Producers of Locally Grown Food**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request the staff of faith communities, dioceses, camp and conference centers and other Episcopal institutions to consider allocating a defined percentage of their total annual food expenditure to food locally grown or freshly processed, using resources such as or similar to the Diocese of Delaware's 2017 convention resolution, Support Producers of Locally Grown Food; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention urge Episcopal Church institutions, schools and faith communities, as they provide, prepare and serve meals and distribute food at events and ministries, to make every effort to use locally grown and processed foods.

### **Co63: Advocate for Ocean Health**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention affirm any and all work and projects being carried out across the Church to protect and restore the Global Ocean to ecological health and to advocate for ocean health through the adoption of appropriate public policies, including, without limitation, projects, programs, and public policies and advocacy designed: (1) to establish and protect areas of the ocean from human interference or to limit human interference through the establishment of marine sanctuaries, reserves, and similar protected areas; (2) to protect, preserve, and restore all species that live in ocean habitats; (3) to prevent and remediate ocean pollution from all sources and of all kinds, including plastics, petroleum products and wastes, fertilizers, and hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, solid wastes, and toxic materials as defined in environmental laws; (4) to mitigate ocean acidification and to assist with adaptation to ocean acidification; (5) to mitigate ocean warming and sea level rise and to assist with adaptation to ocean warming and sea level rise; (6) to prevent or limit adverse effects to species and ecosystems from offshore oil, gas, and mineral exploration, drilling, and extraction; (7) to support sustainable fisheries and to prevent illegal fishing, over-fishing, and by-catch; (8) to prevent migration of invasive species through ocean-going vessels and, where invasive species have taken hold, to restore native ecosystems to health; and (9) to minister to people and human populations adversely affected by declines and secondary impacts from declines in ocean health, especially those whose livelihoods are lost or put at risk and those who are forced to migrate due to sea level rise (“Ocean Health Work”); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention authorize on the Office of Government Relations to advocate for public policies that support and advance Ocean Health Work nationally and internationally; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our understanding of and commitment to Ocean Health Work as Christian communities through prayer and study and to then act to support and advance Ocean Health Work including, when appropriate, in partnership with ecumenical, interfaith, and non-governmental organizations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to respond to the needs, safety and well-being of environmentally displaced gees in our own communities who have had to leave their homes due to sea level rise, pollution of Global Ocean and coastal areas, and other ocean health concerns; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention call on the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to partner with extra-provincial maritime diocese already impacted by climate change e.g.

those located in the Pacific Ocean or on the Pacific Rim and the Caribbean together for oceanic health; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention embody the teachings of Jesus to welcome the stranger and love your neighbor, and to particularly embody these teachings in the acceptance and welcome of those environmentally displaced from all over the world.

#### **Do47: Compassionate Care of Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon all members of dioceses, congregations, institutions, and all affiliated organizations, individually and in community, to acknowledge that:

- reporting clergy misconduct is a courageous and sacrificial act, demonstrating love for and trust in the church;
- such reporting is an act of service to the church;
- a victim has a right to expect our faith communities to respond with the love and compassion of Christ.

*Resolved*, That persons who have been subjected to clergy misconduct often suffer significant psychological, spiritual and emotional injuries, as well as injuries to relationships of family and community. The Church's response to these persons should include a range of resources and assistance from highly qualified professional providers; and be it further

*Resolved*, That guided by current resources of The Episcopal Church and in consultation with local professional providers, each diocese is encouraged to assemble an array of service providers with appropriate skills for meaningful responses to the needs of the reporters of clergy misconduct and those affected by clergy misconduct, which resources shall include trauma-informed approaches; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Canon IV.8.1 be amended to read as follows:

#### **CANON 8: Of Pastoral Response**

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

### **D050: Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to the freedom of all people in all places to profess and practice their religious beliefs as a universal human right; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention express its concern that adherents of religious minorities in many nations and cultures are persecuted by religious majorities and by governments hostile to religion through gratuitous criticism, legal strictures, social exclusion, economic discrimination, sanctuary desecration, and physical violence; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to include outreach to persecuted religious minorities in their international mission work; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish in their international mission work relationships of solidarity with Christians experiencing persecution by reason of their faith in Jesus Christ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request congregations to include in the Prayers of the People intercessions for persecuted Christians and other persecuted religious minorities on the second Sunday of each of the following seasons of the Church Year: Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage congregations and dioceses to support reputable organizations that help those who are victims of religious persecution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Episcopal Church's Office of Governmental Relations to advocate on behalf of legislation and international appeals to protect religious freedom; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention Office communicate this resolution to the United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom and to the bipartisan United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

### **D053: Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recommend that all dioceses, faith communities and institutions create partnerships enabling the use of church-owned land for regenerative

agriculture and biodiversity conservation projects in order to sequester carbon and to mitigate climate change; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council to appoint a body to gather information from the Church Pension Group, dioceses and other sources in order to create an inventory of all church-owned properties; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request that each Diocese consider the potential for utilization of church-owned property for new ministries integrating the care of Creation, particularly in situations where properties are no longer regularly utilized; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the body appointed by Executive Council develop model processes by which dioceses, faith communities and institutions may collaborate with partner agencies to care for creation and sequester carbon through regenerative agriculture, biodiversity conservation, green burial, and habitat restoration; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the appointed body report back to the 80th General Convention.

## **RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR CONSIDERATION**

*The following resolutions adopted by both Houses of the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention call for appropriate consideration by dioceses, diocesan committee(s) or congregations.*

### **A010: The Planting of “Paris Groves”**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention affirm the importance of Episcopal Schools, Camps and Conference Centers in educating generations of Episcopalians, especially in matters of stewardship and relationship with Creation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention, recognizing the timely importance of these conversations, commend all Episcopal Schools, Camp and Conference Centers, or other

church-owned properties in making environmental stewardship and care of creation key components of formation in the 2019-2021 triennium; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention, as part of The Episcopal Church's response to stand with international partners in affirming the Paris Climate Accord, commend each of the eighty-five (85) camp and conference centers in the Episcopal Church to establish "Paris Groves," plantings of trees at the camp and conference centers or other church-owned properties that will serve as a visible witness to the significance of the Paris Accord and do the practical work of sequestration of carbon from the atmosphere; and be it further

*Resolved*, that each camp and conference center determine both the tree species and appropriate timing for their ecosystem and plant those species; and be it further

*Resolved*, that each Episcopalian be encouraged to donate for the establishment of Paris Groves or the maintenance of an existing forest; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the General Convention invite each Confirmand, person received into the Episcopal Church and each person reaffirming his or her Baptismal vows to plant a tree in gratitude and to cherish the wondrous works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.

#### **A018: Episcopalians Participating in Paris Climate Agreement**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recognize that there is an important shift toward renewable energy which will help protect God's good creation. Supporting this shift is part of the Church's call to being part of The Jesus Movement in the world; and be it further

*Resolved*, That climate change be recognized as a human-made threat to all God's people, creatures and the entire created order, while particularly placing unjust and inequitable burdens and stresses on native peoples, those displaced by environmental change, poor communities and people of color; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention adopt the House of Bishops' 2011 Pastoral Teaching on the Environment commitment as the official position of the church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That through our ongoing role as observers at the United Nations, we will continue to fully and completely "advocate for a fair, ambitious, and binding climate treaty," and participate in future meetings of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as an active, faithful and engaged voice for all of God's good earth; and be it further

Resolved, That as individuals and communities of faith, The Episcopal Church set an example, in the spirit of the Paris Climate Accord, by making intentional decisions about living lightly and gently on God’s good earth, for example, through energy conservation, renewable energy, sustainable food practices and gardening; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, communities of faith and individuals committing to the Paris Climate Accord consider reporting on their commitments, actions and successes to the Executive Council.

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**A029: Commend The Evangelism Charter for the Church to All Episcopalians**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention adopt the Evangelism Charter for the Episcopal Church as a framework for joining with our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in expanding the loving, liberating, and life-giving Good News of Jesus through evangelism of the church, by the church, and for the church; and be it further

Resolved, that the 79th General Convention urges dioceses and congregations to read and study its principles and integrate them into their life of faith as part of living into The Way of Love.

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**A035: Commend “The Church Towards a Common Vision”**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend to every Episcopalian for study both the 2013 convergence statement published by the World Council of Churches, *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*, and the draft response from The Episcopal Church, which can be found on the website of The Episcopal Church.

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**A039: Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church rejoice together in being granted Economic and Social Council consultative status at the United Nations, which status provides the opportunity for representatives and delegates of The Episcopal Church to provide input to decision and policy makers of the United Nations, such input provided being in accordance with resolutions passed by the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage Executive Council and its committees be in closer dialogue with the official representatives of The Episcopal Church to the United Nations; and be it further

*Resolved, That this Church encourage all Episcopalians to educate themselves about the work of the United Nations, through resources provided by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church and the United Nations, and to explore the many ways in which our collective call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” links with the work undertaken at the United Nations, and to partner with the United Nations and its related funds and programs to achieve these goals; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations to provide access to educational materials, resources, and information in English, French, and Spanish regarding opportunities presented by this status on The Episcopal Church website, Episcopal News Service, and at diocesan conventions; *and be it further**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to avail themselves of the resources and opportunities provided by the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations and encourage those who participate as delegates representing The Episcopal Church to share their experiences as broadly as possible in their parishes, dioceses, and beyond with the support of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society; *and be it further**

*Resolved, That our representatives continue to work in partnership with the representatives of the Anglican Communion, and actively seek to collaborate as far as possible with representatives of other faith-based organizations; *and be it further**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church rejoice together in the relationships built between the delegates of The Episcopal Church and the representatives of the Anglican Communion, deepening understanding and sharing stories.*

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#### **A058: Encourage Use of Asset Map**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention challenge all congregations to fully complete their profile on the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief & Development.*

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#### **A081: An Episcopal Theology of Evangelism**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend to Provincial and Diocesan leadership the White Paper, “A Practical Theology of Episcopal Evangelism: Face-to-Face and in*



Cyberspace” written by the General Convention Task Force for Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism.

### **A145: Urging Adoption of Local Canons Relating to Episcopal Elections**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention urges each diocese and jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church, prior to the call for the election of its next bishop, to adopt policies and procedures that are consistent with the principles and values presented in the Diversity Section (Section III) of the Task Force on the Episcopacy's Blue Book Report to the 79th General Convention, to foster diversity across the Church's leadership, including its bishops; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the policies, procedures and best practices address the following subjects:

An outline of the procedure to be followed by the diocese in its search and election process beginning with the initial call for an election and ending with the ordination of the new bishop;

Identify specific actions to be taken to encourage a diverse applicant pool and follow a search and election process that reduces the likelihood of discrimination based on the criteria contained in Canon III.1.2

Ensure that the process is transparent throughout the entire search and election process;

Provide accountability for all involved in the search and election process;

Require, prior to nomination, the collection of pertinent data on candidates being considered for nomination using the most current means available for background checks, financial information, and interviews of all bishops and transition officers having knowledge of a person being considered for nomination; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, develop and provide to the dioceses examples of policies, procedures, and best practices that are consistent with fostering diversity.

### **A207: Encouraging Mission as Part of the Beloved Community**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm that “being a beloved community” means being members of a global community honoring our full name: The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention affirm that in baptism we are called to companionship, which means standing with, traveling with, and sharing bread with another; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention continue to repent of colonialism and recognize that the work of mission is a Christ-centered, mutual undertaking, which is most effective when the traditional roles of “giver” and “receiver” are discarded, and the gifts of all are accepted, welcomed, and utilized; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish productive, mutual relationships with other outreach communities that have similar intent, but may not be part of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention urge dioceses, congregations, and individuals to pray regularly for specific dioceses and congregations and individuals with whom they are in companionship; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals to form one-to-one relationships through social media with individuals and congregations with whom they are in companionship.

#### **A215: Solidarity with the People of Venezuela**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge the difficult circumstances the nation of Venezuela faces; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention express its solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Venezuela as it continues to further the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to pray regularly and advocate for a peaceful resolution of the crisis facing our sisters and brothers in Venezuela, and urge continued support for all Venezuelans, including those who have migrated to other countries; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to designate the first Sunday in October as a day of prayer throughout The Episcopal Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela and the people of Venezuela.

#### **A222: Against Caste-and Descent-Based Discrimination**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Dioceses of New York and Rochester in taking the lead in addressing the human rights violation of discrimination associated with caste and descent; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention condemn the human rights violation of discrimination based on caste and descent wherever it occurs and support its elimination particularly as it occurs within the United States and other countries both within and outside the Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention call on congregations throughout the Church to acknowledge the fundamental injustice of caste-and descent-based discrimination, a clear human rights violation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to engage in legislative advocacy and education at national, regional, and local levels to raise awareness of the pervasive nature of this human rights violation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention encourage all Episcopalians become familiar with the India Network and other organizations addressing caste-and descent-based discrimination in their local areas.

## **Boo2: Anti-Corruption**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that corruption – including bribery, collusion, fraud, coercion, and obstruction – inhibits the transparent and proper functioning of institutions to serve their constituencies, limits public confidence and undermines trust, and can negatively impact education, health, security and human rights; and be it further

*Resolved*, That 79th General Convention urge Episcopal clergy, laypeople, and institutions to advocate for transparency in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, recognizing the unique voice religious institutions have in addressing this societal ill, and ensuring transparent finances in all of its institutions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That 79th General Convention urge all local, state, and national governments in the jurisdictions in which The Episcopal Church exists to address their role in contributing to domestic and international corruption, including by ending facilitation of shell companies that can enable money laundering and illicit financial flows, while also partnering with foreign governments, multilateral institutions, and multinational corporations to minimize corruption and encourage transparency.

#### **Boo4: Encouraging the Language of Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation**

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*Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention affirms that we condemn racism in all its forms, institutional, systemic, and personal, and we encourage all task forces, commissions, committees, parishes, centers and individuals in The Episcopal Church involved in the work of dismantling racism and seeking to foster racial healing, justice, and reconciliation to expand the language used to designate or describe that work; and be it further

*Resolved*, there continues to be important work needed to confront institutional and systemic racism in many settings and communities before there can be further work in healing, justice and reconciliation, and be it further

*Resolved*, there is also important work being done to begin such healing, justice, and reconciliation, and be it further

*Resolved*, we recognize and affirm that the language around such work is critical to our ability to communicate our purposes with others engaging in this work within the Church and across other organizations, therefore be it further

*Resolved*, That the terms to be utilized to describe such work should include Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation.

#### **Boo8: Stewardship in Communities of Color**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that The Episcopal Church has not historically articulated, recognized or appreciated the particularities and uniqueness of stewardship and fundraising practices among congregations and faith communities of color; nor is there denominational or ecumenical research and data available on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention commends the initiative of the ecumenical Collective Foundation in their project to research and collect data on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color called: “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color,” and its goal to support communities of color in their ongoing stewardship programs and initiatives; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention urges the offices of The Episcopal Church Center, dioceses, and congregations to cooperate with, and support the efforts of, the Collective Foundation in the “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color” project in partnership with other denominations.

## **B022: Support for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Joint Efforts to Continue the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge with great thanks and strongly commend the continued efforts of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) to bring about greater understanding and cooperation in theological education in Asia and the Pacific regions of the Anglican Communion by the creation of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP) which has helped to strengthen regional partnerships; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention heartily commend the continued efforts of the ECP/TEC Joint Committee on Provincial Companionship (JCPC) and the many Anglican dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the ECP and its dioceses to provide formation of lay and clergy leaders in Asia and the Pacific at Saint Andrews Theological Seminary (SATS); and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses of the Episcopal Church to seek new opportunities to provide support for the work of the ECP and the JCPC, with the assistance of church-wide leadership and staff, to locate resources to strengthen the efforts of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP); and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention urge dioceses and congregations in the Episcopal Church to make it a specific mission priority to reach out to Anglican partners in Asia and the Pacific, inviting them to seek opportunities for lay and clergy exchange visits and seminary formation, by exploring resource development to assist the ECP/JCPC in their efforts to foster appreciation and greater understanding about theological education, through ongoing support and additional resource development for the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program by 2021.

## **B024: Police Killings and Mental Illness**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as followers of Jesus Christ, recognize the increase in the number of law enforcement encounters with our brothers, sisters, and siblings suffering from mental illness; and be it further

*Resolved*, That abiding in His call to serve Him through the care and service of the least among us (Mt. 25:40). As His followers we

Strongly encourage state and local law enforcement departments to seek and utilize alternatives to deadly force when dealing with unarmed citizens, especially those in mental health crisis and distress; and

Urge elected officials, governmental agencies and other relevant law enforcement entities to train and educate law enforcement officers and to implement reforms which mandate that law enforcement departments provide mandatory mental health crisis intervention and de-escalation training for all officers who may be called to respond to such situations; and

Urge all Episcopalians to advocate for mental health crisis intervention training and utilization for all law enforcement officials in local communities.

### **Bo28: Continue Commitment to Growing Financial Generosity Within the Church**

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrate and strategically support enhanced transformational giving among its members through a commitment to proportional giving to church ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the church continue to embrace the biblical tithe of 10% as a standard for faithful generosity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continue its support of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) and request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$150,000 for the years 2019-2021.

### **Bo31: Commend Global Episcopal Mission Network**

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the global dimension of God's mission that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church has carried out since 1835 through deploying missionaries, developing mission companionships with Christians around the world, and engaging globally in educational, healthcare and justice work; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention commend the networking, mission education and mobilization for global mission that the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) has carried out since 1995 through the annual Global Mission Conference, the Mission Formation Program, and online resources; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations, freestanding mission organizations, individuals, and seminaries to strengthen their global engagement through membership in the Global Episcopal Mission Network.

### **Co08: Advocacy for Creation Care**

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention in keeping with the House of Bishops' 2011 commitment to combat climate change urge that the members of The Episcopal Church strive to transform our individual and communal lives towards sustainability; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians be encouraged to use a web-based tool to support healthy, sustainable choices; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate \$30,000 to be devoted over the triennium 2019-2021 to make a web-based carbon tracking tool such as "Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home" available to all Episcopalians.

#### EXPLANATION

We acknowledge the important economic contribution many people have made by working in the fossil fuel industry, while we also recognize that there is an important shift toward renewable energy which will protect God's good creation. Supporting this shift is part of the Church's call to being part of the Jesus Movement in the world and;

Climate change is recognized as a human made threat to all God's creation, including people, creatures and the entire created order, while particularly placing unjust and inequitable burdens and stresses on Native Peoples, poor communities and people of color.

"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Receive the new mind appropriate to this moment, for the Beloved Community is at hand.'" Matthew 4:17 with

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds." Romans 12:2

Ethicist Larry Rasmussen has said that the most difficult transformation that humanity has ever faced is the shift from an industrial culture, based on extractive practices and objectification, to a sustainable, integrated life. Christians, since the earliest days of our faith have recognized the value, even the necessity of spiritual practice in order to receive the new life God desires for us.

The Episcopal Diocese of California has been at work in developing a web-based carbon tracking tool that has been designed to allow individual Episcopalians to make healthy life choices that support a sustainable life. The stakes for successfully accomplishing this work are particularly high for Native Peoples, members of subsistence cultures, and communities of the poor. Like popular applications that help people track what they eat and their exercise, this web-based carbon tracking tool will help Episcopalians live into their commitments to sustainability.

Called “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home,” the new web-based carbon tracking tool can be previewed at [www.diocal.org/climate](http://www.diocal.org/climate) One feature of this web-based tool it allows Episcopalians to support each other’s commitments. With this tool one can track not only how he or she is living into sustainable life commitments, but also to see how the congregation, Episcopal institution, diocese, and the whole Episcopal Church is moving forward towards transformation. Another feature of “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” is that it will be available across the Church – both the United States and in the countries and territories of the Episcopal Church outside the United States.

“Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” will be fully functional in the Spring of 2019. Data about local energy costs, for instance, is being loaded for the diverse geographic and political areas of the Episcopal Church. Such background data will make “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” more user-friendly, as compared with needing to look this up oneself. The initial cost of development and adaptation, up to the Spring 2019 launch is being borne by the Diocese of California, several parishes of the diocese, and by individual Episcopalians within and outside the diocese. The requested \$30,000 for the triennium 2019-2021 will ensure that the background data will be kept fresh and up-to-date, and will provide “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” without cost to users.

### **Co09: Becoming a Sanctuary Church**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in obedience to the many biblical injunctions imploring us not to wrong or oppress the alien in our midst and Jesus' own mandate to extend care for the stranger, and in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant, reaffirms resolution 2015-D057 supporting the New Sanctuary Movement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church urge its members, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledge to challenge and question any unjust immigration law, policy, or practice that is inconsistent with our biblical mandate to "not wrong or oppress a resident alien" (Exodus 22:21); and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recommend that its institutions and congregations become places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for those targeted for deportation due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference, and that we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church encourage its members to connect with local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, faith-based coalitions, and immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, and



other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety, security, and due process for immigrants, with a focus on keeping families together of the undocumented community, and to assist in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in such work, appropriate to local contexts, capacity, and discernment; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church affirm our Church's support for U.S. executive policies that deemphasize immigrant enforcement action against those who have not committed felony crimes, and reaffirm our church's support for congressional action for comprehensive and just reform of the broken U.S. immigration system as called for in General Convention resolution 2009-Bo06: "to allow undocumented immigrants who have established roots in the United States and are often parents and spouses of U.S. Citizens to have a pathway to legalization and to full social and economic integration in to the United States."

### **Co2o: Carbon Tax**

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*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church shall work with people of good will to materially reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in order to stabilize our climate; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support public policy which may include Carbon Fee and Dividend model or other means accounting for greenhouse gas emissions from carbon based fuels to mitigate further irreversible climate change; and be it further

*Resolved*, That in implementing any such policies, the church will advocate for appropriate measures to reduce the economic impacts on poor people and people of modest income, which means might include use of a trust fund paid for with carbon fees and distributed to the poorest people first.

### EXPLANATION

As Christians and members of a faith community, we have a responsibility to care for the earth and for the peoples of the earth. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

General Convention has previously adopted resolutions urging support for measures approving of efforts to reduce global warming, including Resolution GC2006-Bo02, "Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming." While local, regional, and state actions are important and necessary, they are not sufficient to solve this global problem which is accelerating ever more rapidly. The United States must take significant steps to participate fully in the international effort to preserve a livable world.

The non-partisan non-profit Citizens' Climate Lobby offers a scientifically-based proposal with bipartisan appeal. This climate solution, known as Carbon Fee and Dividend, is a national, revenue-neutral carbon fee- and-dividend system (CF&D) that would place a predictable, steadily rising price on carbon, with all fees collected minus administrative costs returned to households as a monthly energy dividend.

In just 20 years, studies show, such a system could reduce carbon emissions to 50% of 1990 levels while adding 2.8 million jobs to the American economy.

The benefits of a fully-rebated revenue-neutral carbon tax are clear to and endorsed by leaders of faith, business associations, national security leaders, and energy and healthcare industry leaders. This market-based solution will save lives, create jobs, and boost our economy while reducing the risks associated with climate change.

### **C032: Against Human Trafficking**

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*Resolved*, That consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which "calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking," the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism ("The Code") adopted by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not signed The Code when they are used for arrangement for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge all dioceses, parishes within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code, which can be found at:

<http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/>; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recommends that information describing human trafficking, and training for identification of possible cases of human trafficking be added to the Safe Church Policies of The Episcopal Church.

#### **C054: Inclusion of Transgender People**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender and non-binary people and urge that the dioceses of The Episcopal Church prayerfully consider adopting and implementing the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender and non-binary people in their parishes, missions, schools and camps:

Guiding Principles for the Inclusion of Transgender and Non-Binary People in Dioceses, Parishes, Missions, Schools and Camps:

We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that all people are beloved children of God. Because this is true,

We will protect the rights and respect the dignity of transgender and non-binary persons, refusing to reject, judge, abuse, belittle or in any way dehumanize them.

We will engage the complex realities for transgender and non-binary persons in our churches, schools, and camps, and not yield to the temptation to ignore those realities.

We will recognize and accept our responsibility to protect the privacy of transgender and non-binary persons.

We will make decisions about how to support transgender and non-binary minors in our schools and camps in sensitive and appropriate communication with their parents.

We will provide a safe environment for transgender and non-binary persons, for those who support them, and for those who do not understand our commitment to these principles.

We will stay flexible in response to the complex and changing ramifications of this work by being open to relevant stories, to emerging information, and to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

And be it further

Resolved, That materials to help promote the Guiding Principles of this resolution be developed and curated by the Office of Formation through partnerships with organizations such as Integrity and TransEpiscopal.

## **D006: Just Transition: Automation and New Technology**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge our members, Office of Government Relations and other agencies, congregations, and dioceses to address the needs and opportunities of local and global economic transition, as such change affects the capacity and dignity of human beings and the welfare of God's children. As participants in local and global economies, as citizens, and as advocates, The Episcopal Church urges faithfulness to these principles:

Preparing and investing in people so that society as a whole, including workers and local communities, are ready for the economic transition; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church supports public investment in education and skills necessary to help individuals, families, and communities transition to new industries as some sectors experience contraction while opportunities that require specialized skills grow in other fields; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support a transition to a clean-energy economy that meets goals for climate change mitigation and also includes support for good jobs (i.e., jobs with living wages and benefits that can support a family) in new clean-energy industries as well as strong implementation of new technologies to meet new energy standards, recognizing that carbon-based jobs have often been union jobs; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the principle and goal of public funding for Universal access to community college programs that are preparing students with skills to meet the workforce needs of the present and future, as well as apprenticeship programs, or similar models, that are well articulated with community college programs, labor unions and other worker organizations, and employer workforce development programs, to provide sustainable wages and educational experience on the job; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support public policies such as community benefit agreements and local-hire agreements in public works projects and publicly supported industrial development in order to encourage democratic and local control over development and pathways to jobs for underserved local residents; the rights of workers everywhere to organize, whether in traditional labor unions or new forms of worker organization, in order to have a voice in their workplaces and in sectoral policy development and national industrial policies as technological change continues to create deep and fast changes within the labor market both within the United States and globally.

## **D007: Disaster Resilience Policy**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention commend the efforts of Episcopalians to support their families and neighbors in times of disaster, both individually and collectively, especially the leadership of Episcopal Relief & Development in coordinating immediate response and supporting long-term recovery; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and commend Episcopal Relief & Development's work with dioceses in providing life-saving assistance such as water, food, housing assistance, medical supplies, gift cards, gas and other emergency supplies and pastoral care to the people of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands (both United States and United Kingdom), Texas, Florida, and California in the aftermath of a devastating series of hurricanes, floods, fires, and mudslides in 2017; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention urge the U.S. federal government to fund and support not only immediate, but also long-term community and economic recovery from human-caused and natural disasters in the 50 States and U.S. Territories in equal treatment, recognizing that full recovery for a community and economy can require decades of investment at a scale only feasible through the collective action of all Americans through our federal government, and that material poverty exacerbates the effects of natural disasters and lengthens the time to recover from them; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention urge the United States government in concert with state, regional, and local governments to invest in large-scale preventative disaster and resilience planning for the effects of climate change on the scale of natural disasters in the future, and to coordinate these planning efforts with other nations as appropriate (for example, in the Caribbean region, with the United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, and Caribbean governments, and with regional and global agencies); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to prepare and plan how they will respond to disasters, how their parishes and dioceses can serve, and how to best partner with Episcopal Relief & Development to respond to local, regional, and national disasters as necessary, including using the Episcopal Asset Map and other tools to facilitate local partnerships between Episcopal Relief & Development and local dioceses and congregations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage all diocese and congregations to create emergency preparedness and response plans that are inclusive of people with disabilities.

### **Doog: Christian Principles for Responding to Human Migration**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that human migration has always been part of the human condition, and that human migration will continue in future, and will likely increase due to any number of variables including the

effects of climate change on human habitat, economic instability, or ongoing war and conflict, and remembering the call in both Hebrew and Christian Scriptures to welcome the stranger, building stronger and more diverse community: “You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19) and “I was a stranger, and you welcomed me; ... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25: 35, 40); and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention set forth these principles to guide our church’s response to human migration, including internal migration, in the future:

1. We recognize the fundamental human rights of all people as expressed in our Baptismal Covenant and we reaffirm that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights applies to all refugees and both regular and irregular migrants;
2. We remember that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were refugees, as they were forced to flee into a foreign land to escape violence;
3. We call on all governments to keep their commitments and legal obligations to respect the rights and dignity of all people, including access to justice and social services, while recognizing the complexity of developing just immigration policies in any country, and the legitimate need to protect borders and address security threats to sovereign nations;
4. We commit the church to learning and engaging migration issues as part of the Jesus Movement, sacredly holding the voices and leadership of migrants themselves and honoring their leadership in this process;
5. We will endeavor to learn and address root causes of migration and advocate for just solutions with Anglican/Episcopal, ecumenical, and interfaith partners;
6. We acknowledge the connection between U.S. policies, and the policies of other states, and the root drivers of migration, including climate change, armed conflict, and disruption of local economies through global trade policies;
7. We stress the importance of demonstrating hospitality and welcome as Christian values at the local level, preaching hospitality and positive storytelling to overcome xenophobia;
8. We insist that the United States of America and other powerful, wealthy nations, and all nations to the best of their ability, contribute to resettlement, establish and maintain safe and orderly humanitarian protection for refugees, internally displaced persons, and other migrants seeking long-term solutions and safety;
9. We call on all nations to maintain family unity and safety during migration;

10. We insist that economic and foreign relationships among governments should not increase the need of migration due to economic hardships, persecution, and violence;
11. We insist that governments strive to maintain conditions which are conducive to internal stability and employment opportunity;
12. In the event that people are forced to migrate, we insist that our governments address the drivers holistically, without racial, ethnic, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, health status, or religious prejudice;
13. We insist that our governments adhere to the internationally accepted principle known as non-refoulement, that stipulates that countries should not return migrants and refugees to unsafe conditions in their home countries or other countries;
14. We recognize the links between migrants in vulnerable transit situations and human trafficking and other dangers, and will seek to establish and maintain robust, safe, and orderly routes for refugees;
15. We urge governments to expand refugee resettlement as a humanitarian response that offers individuals safety and opportunity;
16. We recognize that displacement due to climate change already happens and will increase, and we insist that our governments and the international community must commit to development of long-term protection solutions for persons displaced by climate change; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize the process underway at the United Nations to establish a Global Compact on Refugees and a Global Compact on Migration, processes that have included advocacy by The Episcopal Church Representative to the UN and by the Office of Government Relations Refugee and Immigration Policy Advisor and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention urge the Office of the Presiding Bishop to ensure continued representation of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations and other multinational consultations with faith communities on refugee and migrant issues, alongside the Anglican Communion Office, Lutheran World Federation, and other ecumenical and interfaith partners in responding to the global refugee crisis; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention encourage all congregations and dioceses to learn about the intricacies of migration, including root causes through the resources provided by Episcopal Migration Ministries and its Partners in Welcome network and engage in aiding migrants to the best of their ability.

See the UNHCR website for information on the 2016 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration: <http://www.unhcr.org/>

#### **D024: Support for The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Their Efforts to Foster Peace**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention gratefully acknowledge and commend the continued heroic efforts of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to bring about a cessation of the civil war which erupted in December 2013 and which has killed tens of thousands, and displaced several million people; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention commend the continued efforts of Episcopal Relief & Development and the many dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and its dioceses to provide humanitarian relief, sustainable development, training of lay and clergy leaders in South Sudan, and Scriptural translation into tribal languages; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses to seek new opportunities to support the work of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and their Primate to form partnerships that strengthen their efforts to bring a sustainable peace to their respective nations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention urge all dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church observe with special prayers, awareness, and support of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Episcopal Church of Sudan the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of the Martyrs of Sudan (May 16th); and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention urge that dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church make it a specific mission priority to reach out to people from the South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora who have emigrated to the United States and elsewhere, inviting them into our congregational lives and exploring appropriate efforts to assist their efforts to foster peace in South Sudan and Sudan and among its disparate tribes; and be it further

*Resolved*, That General Convention authorize the Office of Governmental Relations to continue its advocacy with the United States Government for a cessation of the civil war in South Sudan and armed conflict by the Government of Sudan with marginalized communities in the Nuba Mountains and Darfur.

#### **D031: Recognizing and Ending Domestic Violence in Our Congregations**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue to speak out clearly against all forms of domestic violence as it has done in the past; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages Episcopal clergy and congregations to educate themselves on the widespread problem that domestic violence is in their churches, neighborhoods and beyond; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge all Episcopal Bishops and other clergy and lay leadership to familiarize themselves with the international and multi-lingual resources provided by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, White Ribbon, and other local resources, as well as existing trainings developed for domestic violence prevention, and create procedures for supporting domestic violence survivors in their dioceses and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church at every level to examine its response to domestic violence, especially its response to survivors of domestic violence.

#### **D043: Welcoming the Church of South India**

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Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention send warm greetings to the Moderator of the Church of South India (CSI), an Anglican communion partner United Church, and all CSI congregations within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention welcome with affection and seek fellowship with congregations of the Church of South India within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That all Dioceses, Parishes, and other Episcopal communities be encouraged to seek fellowship with CSI communities within their geographical area of ministry.

#### **D046: Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize continuing use of Enriching Our Worship 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Eucharist; Enriching Our Worship 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying and Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 3: Burial Rites for Adults together with a Rite for the Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor; and Enriching Our Worship 5: Liturgies and Prayers Related to Childbearing, Childbirth, and Loss; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop principles for the use of inclusive and expansive language in liturgical texts, to report these principles to the 80th General Convention, and to follow these principles in all revisions of liturgical resources and in the development of any new liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage each diocese to identify an individual or body to encourage the development of liturgical texts to provide expansive language resources, particularly resources that reflect the breadth of cultures, languages, and ancestral contexts already represented in The Episcopal Church; and to report on their work to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for inclusion in its report to the 80th General Convention.

#### **D054: Expand YASC and EVIM Support**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the Anglican and ecumenical mission consensus that incarnational and personal presence is important in global mission alongside funding and program initiatives and that therefore the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society should continue to send missionaries to serve in companionship with others around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, seminaries, and congregations to recruit and support both Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (EVIMs) and Young Adult Service Corps members (YASCers); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention increase its commitment to EVIM and YASC programs by increasing the budget to meet the escalating costs of travel and insurance for missionaries and to strengthen the promotion of both programs across the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance increase the Mission Personnel budget by \$250,000 from \$4,740,900 to \$4,990,900 for the 2019-21 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

#### **D061: Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, especially the Office of Global Partnership and the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries, to conduct a pilot development of an

Episcopal Gap Year Program in international mission for young adults, ages 18-23, who are between high school and other educational or vocational pursuits; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the program be guided by innovative models of such programs, including but not limited to the Young Adult Service Corps, and that it ensure accessibility to racial and ethnic minorities, to persons from non-U.S.-domestic dioceses, and to persons of limited financial means; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage dioceses and congregations to recruit young adults to participate in the Gap Year Program and to support them with fund-raising assistance; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$90,000 for the 2019-2021 triennium in order to develop the Episcopal Gap Year Program.

#### **Do67: Bias-Free and Expansive-Language for God and Humanity**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention acknowledges as has the Society of Biblical Literature Book of Style, that “bias-free language respects all cultures, peoples, and religions” and encourages the use of inclusive and expansive language for both God and humanity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention in the spirit of effective evangelism and proclamation of the Gospel affirm the use of “bias-free language” defined by the principles below:

Eliminate the perception of conscious or unconscious bias by the distracting use of biased language when not central to the meaning of the text.

Avoid the generic use of masculine nouns and pronouns which is increasingly unacceptable in current English usage.

Avoid the use of language that perpetuates stereotypes based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

Avoid the assignment of gender to God, except when required by the text.

Respect all cultures, peoples, and religions by sensitivity to the uncritical use of biblical characterizations such as “the Jews” or “the Pharisees” that can perpetuate religious and ethnic stereotypes.

Structure sentences to communicate clearly while using gender-neutral language, for example:

Omit the pronoun.

Repeat the noun.

Use a plural antecedent.

Use an article instead of a pronoun.

Use the neutral singular pronoun “one.”

Use the relative pronoun “who.”

Use the imperative mood;

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention urges that the Executive Council, the Office of General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society give priority to using these guidelines in all published communications; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention exhort dioceses, congregations, institutions, and organizations affiliated with the Church to follow these guidelines in all published communications.

### **Do77: Reduce Death Penalty Sentence**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms the longstanding principle espoused by The Episcopal Church that the Death Penalty in the United States of America should be repealed; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all persons who have been sentenced to Death in the United States of America have their Death Sentences reduced to a lesser Sentence or, if innocent, granted exoneration; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church transmit, forward or send this Resolution to the Governors in all States where the Death Penalty is legal and to the President of the United States of America, encouraging them to reduce the Death Sentence to a lesser Sentence for all persons who are on Death Row in each of their jurisdictions and to submit and support legislation to repeal and abolish the Death Penalty; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this 79th Convention of The Episcopal Church transmit, forward or send this Resolution to all Bishops in States and Federal Jurisdictions where the Death Penalty is legal, encouraging them to appoint task forces of clergy and lay persons within each of their jurisdictions to develop a plan to repeal the Death Penalty, to be witnesses in the name of Jesus Christ, and to request that these Bishops report on their actions to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church annually prior to the 80th General Convention, on or before June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, all of which reports shall be available to lay communicants and clergy of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The 79th General Convention urges Dioceses, congregations, and Episcopalians to advocate for passage of legislation in state legislatures that would abolish the Death Penalty and commend those Governors who have suspended the Death Penalty in their states.

### **D093: Representative Planning Teams**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church that all liturgical and worship planning teams for church-wide programs, events and meetings, including but not limited to General Convention, be representative in membership and that worship and worship leadership reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses be encouraged to ensure that all liturgical and worship planning teams, worship, and worship leadership for diocese-wide events be representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the diocese.

### **D096: Support for Good Governance**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention be concerned about a worldwide surge in autocratic governments; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm that governments function best when they are responsive, participatory, and transparent, and ensure adequate protection for minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Office of Government Relations to partner with Anglicans and Anglican provinces globally to support one another in

advocating for good governance and free and fair participation of its citizens in civic processes; and be it further

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage individual Episcopalians, parishes and dioceses in all provinces of The Episcopal Church to engage their own governments and civic institutions to be responsive, transparent, and participatory, and urge their governments to promote these principles of good governance globally.*

### **RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES FOR INFORMATION**

*The following resolutions adopted by both Houses of the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention contain important information for dioceses, diocesan committee(s) or congregations, but do not require specific action.*

#### **A065: Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018**

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*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the continued use of Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend the continued availability of Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015 for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the new commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 proposed by the SCLM be authorized for trial use and be included in the calendar for the 2018-2021 triennium, under Article X(b); and be it further*

*Resolved, That the SCLM provide the 80th General Convention with a clear and unambiguous plan for a singular calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.*

#### **A115: Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety**

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*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention join the 2012 Anglican Consultative Council in adopting the following "Charter for Safety of People Within the Churches of the Anglican Communion" noting that it summarizes The Episcopal Church's policy regarding maintaining the safety of all who come to or work for our churches:*

1. Pastoral support where there is abuse — We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organizations by

listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns; offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.

2. Effective responses to abuse — We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel that include: making known within churches the procedure for making complaints; arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse; the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry; providing support for affected parishes and church organizations.
3. Practice of pastoral ministry — We will adopt and promote, through education and training, standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other church personnel.
4. Suitability for ministry — We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church, including checking their background.
5. Culture of safety — We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organizations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel, and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse."

### **A178: Halt the Intensification and Implementation of Immigration Policies and Practices that are Harmful to Migrant Women, Parents and Children**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the specific vulnerabilities and needs of immigrant women, parents and children in the current immigration crisis, both in the United States and globally; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention acknowledge that the U.S. government's intensification of and implementation of punitive immigration policies and practices, such as the detention and separation of children from parents and the practice of housing children in military bases, is inhumane and unjust, and only serves to traumatize the vulnerable, especially women and children; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church decry and call for a halt to the implementation and intensification of inhumane and unjust immigration policies and practices such as detaining and separating children from parents; ignoring the reproductive health needs of women and girls in detention centers and converting military bases to immigration detention centers for children, and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and urge all Episcopalians to advocate for our governments to address the specific needs of women and children migrants and others with special vulnerabilities, by:

Keeping babies and children together with their parents and other responsible family members, and releasing families from immigration detention as a priority policy;

Providing access to physical and mental health care to all in immigration detention, including to the full range of reproductive health care and sanitary products for women and girls;

Ensuring the safety of all immigrants from sexual harassment, exploitation, and sex and labor trafficking, including women, children, youth, and elders; people with disabilities; and lesbian, gay, transgender and gender non-conforming persons;

Deprioritizing immigration enforcement when deportation would mean parental separation from children and loss of needed family income, with exceptions for those with violent felony convictions;

Preventing the release of immigration information from local law enforcement to ICE, except in cases of violent crime, so that people, including women, are not afraid to call local police to report domestic violence and other criminal activity, for fear of themselves or other family members being deported; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urge Episcopalians and Episcopal Church-related agencies and organizations to support ministries in states that provide vulnerable migrants with basic needs, legal support, and advocacy.

**A282: Amend Canon III.11.3(b)**

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Resolved, That Canon III.11.3(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of \_\_\_\_\_, and having been duly convened at \_\_\_\_\_, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_.



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

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

## **B012: Marriage Rites for the Whole Church**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize for continued trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage” and “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize for trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage 2” and “An Order for Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention), beginning the first Sunday of Advent, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend until the completion of the next comprehensive revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM monitor the use of these rites as part of their work of revising the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the material prepared by the TFMSM with regard to paragraph one of “Concerning the Service” of Marriage, the proper prefaces for Marriage and the Catechism be referred to the SCLM for serious consideration as they engage in the process of revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That all of this material be authorized for publication as part of Liturgical Resources 2 (as appended to the report of the TFMSM) and be made available electronically in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole at no cost by the first Sunday of Advent, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, provision will be made for all couples desiring to use these marriage liturgies in their local congregation or worshipping community, provided that nothing in this Resolve narrows the authority of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge (Canon III.9.6(a)); and be it further

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace

marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshipping community, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or worshipping community in order to fulfill the intention of this resolution that all couples have convenient and reasonable local congregational access to these rites; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the provision of Canon I.18.7 applies by extension to these liturgies, namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage”; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies; and be it further

*Resolved*, That bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same sex couples, shall in the case of remarriage after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Marriages, as provided in Canon I.19.3(c); and be it further

*Resolved*, That bishops continue the work of leading the Church in comprehensive engagement with these materials and continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Church continue to honor theological diversity in regard to matters of human sexuality; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange with Church Publishing for the publication (in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole) of the material contained in “Liturgical Resources 2” as approved by the 79th General Convention; the General Convention Office to make these materials available electronically at no cost no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2018.

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**Co64: Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe In Opposing Enbridge Line #3**

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*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the work of previous General Conventions regarding the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, such as 2009-D035 and 2012-A128; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention support and encourage the Presiding Bishop and Staff, the Executive Council and its Committees and each of the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to continue that repudiation with actions, statements, prayers and witness that are consistent with the recognition of Tribal/First Nation Sovereignty in their stewardship of water, land and mineral resources found within their various historic and treaty territories; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this General Convention add its voice to echo the concerns of Faron Jackson, Sr., Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman, who expressed his opposition to any placement of crude oil pipeline known as Enbridge Line #3, which in the judgement of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe threatens the land, water and minerals, “The Lake Reservation will always be our home. Unlike a house, however, we can never rebuild or move if a disaster were to happen.”; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church provide its historic moral standing among the indigenous peoples of Minnesota to stand with our congregations St. John’s in Onigum and St. Peter’s in Cass Lake, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, our ecumenical partners and tribal governments to oppose the threat of pollution to sacred lands and the manoomin (wild rice) that has been given to these people to sustain them and provide a sovereign food source that nourishes body and soul; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church encourage the State of Minnesota to develop and maintain a continued open dialogue with Tribal Authorities, Church Leaders and leaders of any Camps established along the proposed route of Line #3 and to protect the First Amendment Rights to petition for redress of grievances, to assemble peaceably, to speak freely, and to freely exercise religious rights; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church learn from its engagement as allies of the Standing Rock Nation, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Gwich’in People of Alaska, the Inupiaq Community of Kivalina and other times of solidarity with indigenous people by collecting and examining our history, theology, tradition, liturgy, and financial commitments. This examination will be conducted by the appropriate committee of the Executive Council, the Presiding Bishop’s Staff of Ethnic Ministries, the Office of Government Relations and those diocesan bodies and faith communities that are relevant to the work. This reflection is to strengthen the good that has been done and to bring our beliefs and actions into closer alignment with the values of the Jesus Movement.

#### **D014: Addressing Maternal Mortality**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm its commitment in Resolution 2006-B018 to work to “Ensure quality pre-natal care is available for all”; and views with alarm that the incidence of maternal mortality and morbidity has been increasing in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That Convention support the advocacy efforts of our dioceses for all women to have the right to safe and available pre- and post-natal health care that enables healthy pregnancies, births, post-partum recovery, and mental health care; and overall maternal wellbeing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations articulates our vision that safe and respectful maternal health care is a recognized human right throughout the U.S., and urges state governments to adopt a human-rights based approach to ensuring safe pregnancy and childbirth; and be it further

Resolved, That as we live out the call of our Presiding Bishop to be the Beloved Community, we acknowledge the tragic disparity in maternal health care that has resulted from discrimination in pre- and post-natal maternal health care for impoverished women and women of color.

#### **D074: Amend Canon IV.6.4**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 as follows:

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may ~~make such preliminary investigation~~ *undertake such initial inquiry* as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. The Intake Officer shall provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

And be it further

Resolved, That the descriptive caption adjacent to Canon IV.6.4 shall be amended as follows:

~~Investigation.~~ *Initial Inquiry.*

#### **D078: Authorize Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Expansive Language) for Trial Use**

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Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) for trial use throughout this church as

a proposed revision within pages 355-382 of the Book of Common Prayer pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend until the completion of the next comprehensive revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C, be referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for possible revision for trial use; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) into the Spanish, French and Haitian Creole languages; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$12,500 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the ongoing use of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, *including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D*, (Expansive Language) among the dioceses and congregations of this church.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
(Expansive Language)

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

or

*Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*People:* And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

*People:* God's mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The rubrics of the Prayer Book (p. 356) provide that when appointed, the Gloria in Excelsis or "some other song of praise" may be used. Supplemental canticles (*Enriching our Worship* 1, pp. 25-41) or canticles from the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 85-96) are among the appropriate alternatives.

On other occasions the following is used

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy

*or this*

Kyrie eleison.

*Christe eleison.*

Kyrie eleison.

*or this*

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you. Or The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

*People:* Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_ .

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*or the Reader may say* Here ends the Reading (Epistle).

Silence may follow.

A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_ .

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.



He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*Prayer is offered with intercession for*

*The Universal Church, its members, and its mission*

*The Nation and all in authority*

*The welfare of the world*

*The concerns of the local community*

*Those who suffer and those in any trouble*

*The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)*

See the forms beginning on Book of Common Prayer, page 383, and the additional rubrics concerning the Prayers of the People found in Enriching Our Worship 1, pages 54-55. If there is no celebration of the Communion, or if a priest is not available, the service is concluded as indicated in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

Confession of Sin

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

One of the sentences from the Penitential Order or Enriching Our Worship 1 may be said.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Alternative forms will be found on page 10 and following.

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you or God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior As our Savior Christ  
Christ has taught us, has taught us,  
we are bold to say, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

During the ministrations of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the provided form in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

or the following

Almighty and ever living God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. The Deacon, or the Celebrant,  
dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

or this

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve *Jesus Christ* our Savior.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

or this

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

or this

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost “Alleluia, alleluia” is added to any of the dismissals.

Alternative Forms of the Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*



The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Continue with the Lord's Prayer on page \_\_\_\_.

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. Or God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners,

freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,

we give thanks to you,

and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember \_\_\_\_\_.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them

and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

Continue with the Lord's Prayer on page \_\_\_\_.

Proper Prefaces

Preface of the Lord's Day

To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays

*1. Of God the Father*

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

or this

*2. Of God the Son*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

or the following

*3. Of God the Holy Spirit*

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Prefaces for Seasons

To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions

### *Advent*

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

### *Incarnation*

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

### *Epiphany*

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

### *Lent*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

### *or this*

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

### *Holy Week*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

### *Easter*

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

### *Ascension*

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to the apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

### *Pentecost*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of Christ's true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

### *Prefaces for Other Occasions*

#### *Trinity Sunday*

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### *All Saints*

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

#### *A Saint*

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

#### *or this*

Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

#### *or this*

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only begotten.

### *Apostles and Ordinations*

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after the resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

*Dedication of a Church*

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

*Baptism*

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

*Marriage*

Because in the giving of two people to each other in faithful love you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

*Commemoration of the Dead*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.