

A Summary of Public Policy Actions of the 81st General Convention

Report to the Diocese of Maine



Louisville, Kentucky – June 23-28, 2024

Aging

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A019	Create a Task Force on Senior Wellness and Positive Aging	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN Monitor

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A032	Hire a Chief Equity Officer	Took No Further Action	None

Environmental

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A020	Establish a Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism	Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body	MEPPN / Climate
A021	Create a Care of Creation Loan Program for Episcopal Dioceses	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / Climate
A022	Support the Anglican Communion Forest Initiative	Took No Further Action	None
D008	Protection of Water “Ola Ka Wai – Water is Life”	Concurred	MEPPN / Climate
D030	Create a Task Force to imagine a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as a Christian Ministry	Concurred as Substituted and Amended	MEPPN / Climate
D050	Resolution to Complete the Journey to Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030	Concurred as Substituted and Amended	MEPPN / Climate

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A010	Recognition of Apartheid in Israel / Palestine	Rejected	None
A011	Confronting Apartheid	Took No Further Action	None
A012	On Opposing Israel's Apartheid	Took No Further Action	None
C027	Conditioning U.S. Military Aid to Israel	Took No Further Action	None
D003	A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians	Took No Further Action	None
D004	Express Solidarity with Palestinians as Indigenous People	Rejected	None
D005	Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement	Rejected	None
D007	Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel / Palestine	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN / EPF
D009	Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN / EPF
D012	Conditioning U. S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN / EPF
D013	Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / EPF
D056	Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / EPF
D058	Ceasefire in Israel/Hamas War	Took No Further Action	None
D078	Combating Anti-Muslim Bias	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / EPF

Ethical Investing

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A028	Support for Freedom to Consider Ethical Issues in Investing	Concurred as Amended	Trustees
A029	Divest From Fossil Fuels	Concurred	Trustees
A030	No Investment in Certain Weapons	Concurred as Amended	Trustees
A098	Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation	Concurred as Substituted	Trustees
A163	Affirming the Ongoing Work across the Episcopal Church in Consideration of Ethical Issues in Investing	Concurred	Trustees

Global Mission

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A085	Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / Emily
A086	Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN / Emily
A137	Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission	Took No Further Action	None

Guns

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A166	Registration of Firearms; Licensing of Firearms, Buyers and Users, Use of Taggants	Concurred	MEPPN
B004	Commending Safe Gun Storage	Concurred	MEPPN
D011	The Prohibition of Assault Weapons	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN
D014	Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN

HHS / Mental Health

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A073	A Standing Commission for Human Health and Wellness	Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body	MEPPN Monitor
A074	Completing Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for Clergy	Concurred as Amended	
A075	A Directive for Clergy Mental Health Ministry Training	Concurred as Amended	
A076	Strengthening of Churchwide Training in Mental Health First Aid	Concurred as Amended	
A078	Promote Equity to Reduce Differences in Mental Health Outcomes	Concurred	MEPPN
A079	Mental Health Sunday		
D069	Advocating for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Took No Further Action	None

Indigenous Ministry

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A095	Continue the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / CIR
A099	Task Force for Indigenous Justice to Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / CIR
A167	Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands	Concurred	MEPPN / CIR
C009	Petition of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland to Become a Missionary Diocese	Concurred	MEPPN / CIR

International

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
D060	Support For a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN
D062	Support and Solidarity with Armenia	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN

Legislative Process

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
D022	Create a Task Force on the Legislative Process	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN Monitor
D048	Length of Future General Conventions	Took No Further Action	MEPPN Monitor

LGBTQ+

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A017	Creation of a Staff Position for Director of LGBTQI and Women's Ministries	Took No Further Action	None
A116	Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First Reading)	Concurred as Substituted	
C037	Working for Equity, Support, and Protection of All LGBTQIA+ Anglicans	Took No Further Action	None
D066	Creating a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning, and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+	No Action	None

Migration

Number	Title	Final Status (7/25/24)	Next Steps
C013	Migration with Dignity	Took No Further Action	None
C015	Migration with Dignity	Took No Further Action	None
C022	Migration with Dignity	Took No Further Action	None
C031	Migration with Dignity	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN
C035	End the Practice of Labor Trafficking Of Migrant Youth	Concurred	MEPPN
D026	Enable Episcopal Migration Ministries to More Fully Live Out its Mission	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN Monitor
D067	Support Temporary Protected Status	Concurred	MEPPN

Racial Reconciliation

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A015	Owning a Commitment to Reparations	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / Racial
A027	Increase Recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in Church positions	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / Racial
A031	Translate Reconciliation Resources into Spanish	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / Racial
A033	Renew ECCAR	Took NO Further Action	None
A034	Promoting Equitable Formation for Future Church Leaders through Dismantling Racism and Achieving Racial Justice and Healing Education in Seminaries and Schools of Theological Education	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN Monitor

A035	Establish Model Practices for Anti/Racism/ racial Reconciliation Work	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / Racial
A036	Amend Canons to Use Approved Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work	Concurred	
A080	Create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN Monitor
A097	Developing a Common Framework for Anti-Racism Training	Took No Further Action	None
A109	Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery	Concurred as Amended	
A148	Amend Canons to Underscore Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice	Concurred	MEPPN Monitor
D016	Continued Funding of the Beloved Community	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN Monitor
D054	A Resolution to Address the Issue of Black Maternal Mortality Rate	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN / Racial

Religious Liberty

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
C026	Religious Liberty	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN
D043	Support and Advocacy for Iraqi Christians	Concurred	MEPPN

Religious Nationalism

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A081	Combat Rising Religious Nationalism	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN
D006	Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN Monitor
D031	Addressing the Ongoing Harm of Coercive and Abusive Christian Ministries	Concurred	MEPPN Monitor
D059	Addressing Antisemitism in the Church and the World	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN Monitor

Social Justice

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	Next Steps
A089	Address Violence Against Women and Girls	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN
A096	Task Force on Equipping a Church Grounded in Justice as a Christian Ministry	Not Concurred (HOB)	None
C010	Access to Prison Ministries	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN

C030	A Resolution to Create Safe Spaces	Rejected	None
D034	Support and Advocacy for Restorative Justice and a Moral Commitment to Abolition of Prisons and Policing	Not Concurred	None
D039	Condemning Censorship	Concurred as Substituted	MEPPN
D042	Ending Child and Forced Marriage	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN
D057	Advocate for Housing Solutions	Concurred	MEPPN
D061	Creating Space for Difference	Took No Further Action	None
D068	Addressing the Increase in Gambling	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN

War

Number	Title	Final Status (7/26/24)	
A018	Task Force on Pacifism and Just War	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN Monitor
D019	Justice and Peace in Ukraine	Concurred as Amended	MEPPN

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