

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009  
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A018  
**TITLE:** Amending Rules 34 and 36 of the Rules of the House of Deputies  
**PROPOSER:** House of Deputies President's Council of Advice  
**COMMITTEE:** Rules of Order

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

1997-D039      Direct Use of Gender Inclusive Language in all Rules of Order

**Indirectly Related:**

None

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*



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**Title:** Direct Use of Gender Inclusive Language in all Rules of Order  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Submitted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the Secretary of General Convention be and hereby is directed in editing the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and the Joint Rules of the two Houses for inclusion in the book entitled *Constitutions and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as the Episcopal Church*, to use gender inclusive language wherever reasonably possible.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 566.

**03 - Rules of Order**

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TOPIC/TITLE: Rules of Order: Amending Rules 34 and 36 of the Rules of the House of Deputies  
PROPOSER: House of Deputies President's Council of Advice  
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- 1 *Resolved*, That Rule of Order 34 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
- 2       34. When any member is about to speak or to deliver any matter to the House, ~~he~~ *the*
- 3       *member* shall, with due respect, address ~~himself~~ to the President, state his name and his
- 4       Diocese, and confine ~~himself~~ *any remarks* strictly to the point of debate; and be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, that Rule of Order 36 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
- 7       36. When the House is about to rise, every member shall ~~keep his seat~~ *remain seated* until
- 8       the President leaves the Chair. Before putting to a vote a motion to adjourn, the President
- 9       may make any communication to the House, or may cause any notice to be read by the
- 10       Secretary.
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EXPLANATION:  
To render the Rules gender-neutral.