

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A168
TITLE: Annual Data Gathering About Gender Parity in Diocesan Leadership
PROPOSER: Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-D024 Support Equal Participation of Women and Men on Committees and Commissions
1988-A074 Request a Balance of Women and Men on Appointed Church Bodies
1985-A140 Request Dioceses to Establish and Report on Affirmative Action Procedures

Indirectly Related:

1997-A053 Implement Mandatory Rights of Women Clergy under Canon Law

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.



Resolution Number: 2006-D024
Title: Support Equal Participation of Women and Men on Committees and Commissions
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse, ratify, and implement Resolution 13/31 adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council at its meeting in Nottingham, England in June 2005, stating that there should be equal participation of women and men on all decision-making bodies of the Anglican Consultative Council and that all Provinces of the Communion should work to achieve that goal; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge and encourage all provinces, dioceses, and congregations of The Episcopal Church to work toward the same goal of equal participation of women and men on all their decision-making committees, commissions, agencies, and boards; and be it further

Resolved, That a reporting mechanism be developed in order to record the achievement of such gender equality, reporting those achievements annually to the Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 661.



Resolution Number: 1988-A074
Title: Request a Balance of Women and Men on Appointed Church Bodies
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That this 69th General Convention request the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to strive to achieve a balance of women and men appointed to all interim bodies, committees, commissions, boards and agencies of the Church so that the demographics of the worshipping community will be reflected in those appointed bodies; and be it further**

Resolved, **That bishops, clergy, and appointing officers in dioceses and congregations be requested to work toward a similar balance of women and men appointed to local and diocesan church bodies, so that women's gifts for leadership may be raised up within the whole Church alongside those of men.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 705.



Resolution Number: 1985-A140
Title: Request Dioceses to Establish and Report on Affirmative Action Procedures
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the several Dioceses of the Church be requested to establish Affirmative Action procedures, using as a basis those procedures adopted by the 67th General Convention for the Executive Council, the General Convention, and the interim bodies of the General Convention; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the several Dioceses be requested to report annually their participation in such procedures to the Executive for Administration and to the Committee on the State of the Church, using a form prepared by the Personnel Committee/Department of the Executive Council.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 162.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
- 2 Episcopal Church add the following to the annual Diocesan Report Form:
- 3 *Part 3: Data Concerning Gender Parity in Diocesan Leadership*

Diocesan Body (include clergy and lay)Female Representatives	Male Representatives	Total Persons		
Standing Committee				
Commission on Ministry				
Trial Court				
Court of Review				
Delegates to Diocesan Convention				
2009 Deputies to General Convention				
Chancellor				

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