

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-C036  
**TITLE:** Repeal of GC2006 B033  
**PROPOSER:** Diocese of Los Angeles  
**COMMITTEE:** World Mission

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A161      On the Topic of Contributing to Strains on the Communion (Rejected)  
2006-B033      Exercise Restraint in Consecrating Candidates  
1985-B013      Express the Mind of the House on Gender and the Episcopate  
1979-A053      Recommend Guidelines on the Ordination of Homosexuals

**Indirectly Related:**

2006-A160      Express Regret for Straining the Bonds of the Church  
2006-A165      Commend the *Windsor Report* and Commit to the "Windsor Process"  
2006-A168      On the Topic of Human Rights of Homosexual Persons (Rejected)  
2003-D007      On the Topic of Episcopal Election Reform (Rejected)  
1997-A052      Amend Canons III.8, 16, and 17 [Removing Discrimination on the Basis of Sex]

*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-A161  
**Title:** On the Topic of Contributing to Strains on the Communion  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Rejected  
**Text of the Resolution:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church regret the extent to which we have, by action and inaction, contributed to strains on communion and caused deep offense to many faithful Anglican Christians as we consented to the consecration of a bishop living openly in a same-gender union. Accordingly, we urge nominating committees, electing conventions, Standing Committees, and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise very considerable caution in the nomination, election, consent to, and consecration of bishops whose manner of life present a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.



**Resolution Number:** 2006-B033  
**Title:** Exercise Restraint in Consecrating Candidates  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention receive and embrace The Windsor Report's invitation to engage in a process of healing and reconciliation; and be it further*  
*Resolved, That this Convention therefore call upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 650-653.



**Resolution Number:** 1985-B013  
**Title:** Express the Mind of the House on Gender and the Episcopate  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the majority of the members of this House do not intend to withhold consent to the election of a Bishop of this Church on ground of gender, and we call upon the Presiding Bishop-elect to communicate this intention to the Primates of the Anglican Communion and seek the advice of the Episcopate of the Anglican Communion through the Primates at the earliest possible date.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 198.



**Resolution Number:** 1979-A053  
**Title:** Recommend Guidelines on the Ordination of Homosexuals  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted and Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 66th General Convention receive with gratitude and appreciation the Report and Recommendations of its Standing Commission on Human Affairs and Health with special reference to the requested study of the matter of ordination of homosexual persons; and be it further**

*Resolved*, **That this General Convention recommend to Bishops, Pastors, Vestries, Commissions on Ministry and Standing Committees, the following considerations as they continue to exercise their proper canonical functions in the selection and approval of persons for ordination:**

1. **There are many human conditions, some of them in the area of sexuality, which bear upon a person's suitability for ordination;**
2. **Every ordinand is expected to lead a life which is "a wholesome example to all people" (Book of Common Prayer, pp. 517, 532, 544). There should be no barrier to the ordination of qualified persons of either heterosexual or homosexual orientation whose behavior the Church considers wholesome;**
3. **We re-affirm the traditional teaching of the Church on marriage, marital fidelity and sexual chastity as the standard of Christian sexual morality. Candidates for ordination are expected to conform to this standard. Therefore, we believe it is not appropriate for this Church to ordain a practicing homosexual, or any person who is engaged in heterosexual relations outside of marriage.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-93.

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1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention abide by  
2 the canons of The Episcopal Church; to respect the responsibility of each diocese to  
3 discern prayerfully the will of God in calling leaders; to refrain from restricting the  
4 potential field of candidates on the basis of gender and sexual orientation; and thus to  
5 retract General Convention 2006 Resolution B033.  
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