

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C020
TITLE: Condemnation of Torture
PROPOSER: Diocese of Newark
COMMITTEE: National and International Concerns

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-C033 On the Topic of Condemnation of the Use of Torture (Rejected)
2006-D028 On the Topic of the Closure Guantanamo Prison (Rejected)

Indirectly Related:

1997-D009 Call for an End to US Military Training That Violates Human Rights
1994-D010 Request Moratorium on Construction of Maximum Control Prisons
1994-D015 Reaffirm Support for Human Rights

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-C033
Title: On the Topic of Condemnation of the Use of Torture
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishop concurring, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church condemns the use of torture (and the practice of extraordinary rendition); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the United States gGovernment to renounce and cease its use in order to be in compliance with the Geneva Convention and United Nations' declarations regarding Human Rights and the administration of justice, "The United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane and Degrading Treatment or Punishment," to which the United States is a signatory, and to enact policies to prevent its use both domestically and abroad, as well as; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention calls on the United States government to provide just compensation for the victims of torture; and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That members of The Episcopal Church, including military chaplains, commit themselves to supporting U.S. military and civilian personnel who refuse to obey orders to practice torture or engage in extraordinary rendition or who face discipline for exposing such illegal conduct.



Resolution Number: 2006-D028
Title: On the Topic of the Closure Guantanamo Prison
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention call on the United States government to close the ~~for the U.S.~~ military prison at Guantánamo Bay ~~to be closed~~; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call on the United States government to oppose the use of secret detention centers around the world, and to cease the practice of “extraordinary rendition,” in which terror suspects are sent without judicial review to ~~states~~ nations where they may be tortured; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Secretary of the General Convention to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to appropriate members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Human Rights: Condemnation of Torture

PROPOSER: Diocese of Newark

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention condemn
2 the use of torture and the practice of extraordinary rendition by the United States and any
3 government, individual or organization in any location in the world; and, be it further
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5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention call upon the United States government, and all
6 governments, individuals and organizations in any location in the world to comply with
7 Geneva Conventions and the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and
8 the administration of Justice, enacting policies to prevent its use both domestically and
9 abroad.

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