

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A088
TITLE: Enriching our Worship 5
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

Directly Related: (attached)

2003-D047 Develop Liturgies on Pregnancy Loss and Childbirth
2000-D083 Express Concern for and Support Ministry to Those Suffering from Post Abortion Stress

Indirectly Related:

1988-A089 Promote Use of Materials on Human Sexuality and Abortion for All Age Groups
1985-A085 Request Dioceses to Study the Implications of Abortion
1979-B078 Develop a Plan for Counseling and Education on Abortion

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: 2003-D047
Title: Develop Liturgies on Pregnancy Loss and Childbirth
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgies supplemental to "Burial of a Child" (Enriching Our Worship 2), that respond to the pastoral needs of women and men who have experienced miscarriage, abortion, or other trauma in the childbearing or childbirth process, for presentation to and consideration by the 75th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 684.



Resolution Number: 2000-D083
Title: Express Concern for and Support Ministry to Those Suffering from Post Abortion Stress
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church acknowledge that some men and women suffer from post-abortion stress; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church call for the Church to embrace and minister to men and women who have participated in an abortion and who may feel the need for pastoral and sacramental ministries of this church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church urge parishes to become safe communities for women and men to talk about their abortion experience and to receive pastoral care directed at the healing process; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage its clergy to become informed about the symptoms and behaviors associated with post-abortion stress; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct parishes to make available contact information for counseling agencies that offer programs to address post-abortion stress for all seeking help.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 654f.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Liturgy: Enriching our Worship 5
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention receives
- 2 *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes* (found on page 205 of this *Blue Book Report*) as the response of
- 3 the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to Resolution D047, *Post-Abortion Healing*
- 4 *Services*, of the 74th General Convention; and be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, That this 76th General Convention authorize the use of *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's*
- 7 *Hopes* to be added to the *Enriching Our Worship* series for the 2010-2012 triennium, under the
- 8 direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.
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