

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A091
TITLE: Dismantle Christian Anti-Judaism
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-C001 Develop Materials to Address Anti-Jewish Prejudice
1997-D055 Reaffirm Interfaith Dialogue and Acknowledge Prejudice Against Jews
1991-D181 Consult Christian-Jewish Relations Committee Before Adopting Liturgies

Indirectly Related:

1991-D122 Distinguish Between Criticism of Israeli Policy and Expression of Anti-Jewish Prejudice
1988-B004 Adopt a Document on Christian-Jewish Relations
1979-A044 Initiate a Study on Episcopal-Jewish Relations

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-C001
Title: Develop Materials to Address Anti-Jewish Prejudice
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to collect and develop materials to assist members of the Church to address anti-Jewish prejudice expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts, with suggestions for preaching, congregational education, and lectionary use, and to report to the 76th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 417-418.



Resolution Number: 1997-D055
Title: Reaffirm Interfaith Dialogue and Acknowledge Prejudice Against Jews
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That this 72nd General Convention reaffirm the Episcopal Church's commitment to interfaith cooperation and dialogue with our sisters and brothers of the Jewish faith; and be it further
Resolved, That we commend the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the leadership it has given in this area and more particularly its 1994 Declaration to the Jewish Community ; and be it further
Resolved, That we acknowledge, with regret, our acts of moral blindness and outright prejudice, throughout history and today, that have contributed to the abuse and mistreatment of Jews.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 216.



Resolution Number: 1991-D181
Title: Consult Christian-Jewish Relations Committee Before Adopting Liturgies
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That whenever liturgical materials are developed for or adopted for use by the Episcopal Church on the national level, a member of the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Christian-Jewish relations, or a person recommended by that body, be consulted so that the Church may honor its Jewish heritage and Jewish sisters and brothers in utilizing materials appropriately sensitive.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 799.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Discrimination: Dismantle Christian Anti-Judaism

PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the
2 Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue to collect, develop and disseminate
3 materials that assist members of the Church to address Christian anti-Judaism expressed in and
4 stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts, including the preparation of a
5 pamphlet explaining Christian anti-Judaism and ways to address it in teaching, evangelism, and
6 congregational life; the development of age-appropriate educational materials for children; the
7 identification and evaluation of available resources pertaining to liturgy and music, giving special
8 attention to Holy Week and Easter liturgies and to the diverse traditions of song in The Episcopal
9 Church; and to report the results of its efforts to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
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11 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention request that the Theology Committee of the House
12 of Bishops develop, in consultation with the Standing Commissions on Liturgy and Music and on
13 Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, a statement defining Christian anti-Judaism and why it
14 demands our attention, and to report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
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16 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
17 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$10,000.00 for implementation of this
18 Resolution.
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