

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A101
TITLE: Revision of Book of Occasional Services
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A080 On the Topic of Revising Catechumenal Materials in the *Book of Occasional Services*
(Rejected)
2000-A076 Prepare Changes to the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer and The Book of
Occasional Services
1979-A055 Authorize Use of The Book of Occasional Services

Indirectly Related:

2003-A100 Revise *Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2000*

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-A080
Title: On the Topic of Revising Catechumenal Materials in the *Book of Occasional Services*
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to review the rites of the catechumenate and its parallel rites contained in the *Book of Occasional Services* and propose revisions of those rites to the 76th Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.



Resolution Number: 2000-A076
Title: Prepare Changes to the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer and The Book of Occasional Services
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work collaboratively with the Standing Commission on Ministry Development in preparing any proposed changes to the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer and the commissioning services in The Book of Occasional Services (BOS).

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 644.



Resolution Number: 1979-A055
Title: Authorize Use of The Book of Occasional Services
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That this 66th General Convention authorize for optional use throughout this Church that certain document entitled *The Book of Occasional Services*, prepared by the Standing Liturgical Commission and published by The Church Hymnal Corporation in 1979.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-165.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Liturgy: Revision of Book of Occasional Services
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
C&C PAGE:
BB PAGE: 202

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the
2 Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake a substantial revision of the *Book of*
3 *Occasional Services* and report its progress to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
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5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Commission on Program,
6 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000.00 for implementation of this
7 Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

The last edition of the Book of Occasional Services was authorized in 2003. However, this followed a well-established pattern of adding new material to the book. We have added new material, but the old material has not been updated. In spite of several attempts, no work to examine the current contents or consider future needs has come to fruition. The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music believes that an urgent priority of their work in the coming triennium must be to address the shape and content of the Book of Occasional Services, beginning a major revision, and to provide an interim report to the 77th General Convention.