

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A050
TITLE: Church Center Technology Audit
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication
COMMITTEE: Communications

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A048 Adopt Industry Best Practices for Technology and Communications
2006-A049 Adopt Open Standards For Data

Indirectly Related:

None

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-A048
Title: Adopt Industry Best Practices for Technology and Communications
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Church Center and other church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That task force groups of not fewer than five persons be named to serve as volunteer consultants as needed to help the entities of the church implement this guideline. These persons shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer of DFMS.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 285.



Resolution Number: 2006-A049
Title: Adopt Open Standards For Data
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church move toward adopting recognized open standards for the data that are used in its electronic communications and data storage. A recognized open standard is defined to be one that is documented by, and whose specification is controlled by, a well-known national or international standards body; and be it further
Resolved, That proprietary data descriptions using these standards be fully published; and be it further
Resolved, That these recommended standards be communicated to the dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church and our ecumenical partners.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 285-286.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Technology: Church Center Technology Audit
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That this 76th General Convention of The
- 2 Episcopal Church direct that the sum of \$45,000 to perform a comprehensive technology audit of
- 3 the Church Center; and be it further
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- 5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
- 6 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$45,000 for the implementation of this
- 7 Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

A technology audit should be a regularly occurring accounting of all the equipment and software packages purchased by the Church Center for the work of their ministry. The audit allows those tasked with creating a technology to have an overview of what resources are available and would enable them to create a schedule to replace obsolete technology with newer technology as appropriate. Technology audits are acknowledged to be in keeping with commonly accepted best practices. As best anyone can determine, there has not been a technology audit in many years at the Church Center. The Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications and the A048 Task Force were not able to determine if an audit had ever been conducted.