

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-B026
TITLE: Commending Reforming Dioceses
PROPOSER: The Rt. Rev. James Edward Waggoner Jr.
COMMITTEE: Privilege and Courtesy

Directly Related: (attached)

None

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.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Courtesy: Commending Reforming Dioceses

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Episcopalians in the Dioceses of Fort
2 Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy, and San Joaquin - lay and clergy - be commended for their
3 unflagging efforts to continue to live as witnesses to the mission of The Episcopal Church
4 during recent difficult times as they reorganize their continuing dioceses in that same
5 spirit; and be it further

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7 *Resolved*, That the leadership in each of those four continuing dioceses be commended
8 for their similar efforts, including in particular the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Provisional
9 Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth; the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, Assisting Bishop
10 of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Rt. Rev. John C. Buchanan, Provisional Bishop of the
11 Diocese of Quincy; and the Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of
12 San Joaquin; and be it further

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14 *Resolved*, That the deputations from those four continuing dioceses be extended a special
15 welcome to this 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

EXPLANATION:

Since the last meeting of this General Convention, the Dioceses of Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy, and San Joaquin have each seen a significant number of their members withdraw from The Episcopal Church, including some of the leadership of each diocese. This has required each diocese to fill vacancies in its leadership and reestablish day-to-day operations, tasks that have been undertaken by the Episcopalians in each diocese with energy, commitment, and grace. The General Convention wishes to recognize the extraordinary efforts of all Episcopalians in these four continuing dioceses, and especially those in leadership roles.

Endorser(s): The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, The Rt. Rev. Robert J. O'Neill