

The Joint Committee on The Continued Use of the 1928 Prayer Book

The 65th General Convention requested the two Presiding Officers to appoint a Committee to study the question of continued use of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer in the event that the Proposed Book is finally adopted at the 66th Convention. It was also requested that the membership of the Committee be made known to each Diocese, and be available for consultation and advice.

This report to the 66th General Convention, meeting in Denver, Colorado, is made following two special meetings of the Committee in New York City, on April 23 and May 30, 1979. We were privileged to have the Presidents of the two Houses of General Convention at both meetings.

We submit the following Resolution for consideration by the two Houses. The Resolution was formulated by the Joint Committee at their second meeting and attempted to take into account the following considerations:

1. Letters received from Church members.
2. Conversations with individual members of the Joint Committee.
3. Diocesan Resolutions.
4. Concerns expressed by the House of Bishops in its interim meetings.
5. Guidelines for worship as submitted by the Standing Liturgical Commission in its Report.

The membership of the Joint Committee was as follows:

Ralph Spence, *Chairman*
 Depuy Bateman, Jr.
 The Rt. Rev. Frederick H. Belden
 The Rt. Rev. Matthew P. Bigliardi
 *Stuart D. Casper
 The Rev. Edward B. Geyer, Jr.

*Mrs. Olive Goldman
 The Very Rev. Edward E. Kryder
 The Rev. Clifton J. McInnis, Jr.
 Robert E. McNeilly, Jr.
 Mrs. Janet B. Morgan
 Lee O. Teague

In all, three meetings of the Joint Committee were held— one at the beginning of the triennium for organizational purposes, and the two mentioned above. Our total expenditure for the three meetings was \$3,069.

Resolution #A—121

Whereas, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution, the Proposed Book of Common Prayer has been approved by the 65th General Convention at its first reading and will be presented to the 66th General Convention for adoption; and

Whereas, the 1928 Book of Common Prayer will take its place in the succession of authorized Prayer Books of the Anglican Communion should the Proposed Book be adopted; and

Whereas, prior authorized editions of the Book of Common Prayer are historical documents belonging to the Church's rich liturgical heritage, and continue to be resources for informing and illuminating the devotional life of the Church; and

*Mrs. Goldman was appointed to replace Mr. Caspar, who acted as Secretary and discharged his duties until he resigned, for personal reasons, at the end of 1978.

APPENDICES

Whereas, the Standard Book provides for the liturgical life of our congregations and the organization of congregational life is based upon its provisions; therefore be it

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That, in congregations where the 1928 Book of Common Prayer may be in use after the 66th General Convention, copies of the 1979 Standard Book of Common Prayer be available and provision made for its regular use and congregational study.