

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2022-A055
Title: Receive and Study Proposal of Ecumenical Dialogue with Presbyterians (PCUSA)
Proposer: Executive Council
Topic: Ecumenism

Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-A036 Affirm Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues
2015-A017 Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies
2009-A075 Adopt an Agreement Between the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches
2000-A039 Authorize Dialogue with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2018-A263 Commend Ongoing Episcopal-Presbyterian Dialogue

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2018, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.

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Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Executive Council

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: Yes

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That this 80th General Convention receives with gratitude the proposal “Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries,” which was prepared and distributed by The Episcopal Church-Presbyterian Dialogue; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourages all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the work of the Dialogue and this proposed Agreement to assist dioceses and local congregations in the interim sharing of ministers. Resources can be found on the websites of The Episcopal Church (episcopalchurch.org), the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (edeio.org), and [PCUSA Website: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/committees/gaceir/>]; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord’s fervent wish “that all may be one” (John 17:21).

Explanation

Please refer to the report to the 80th General Convention of the Presbyterian Episcopal Dialogue Committee (otherwise known as a “blue book” report) for the full document “Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries” which has a full

explanation and background. The reports to the 80th General Convention can be found on the General Convention website at <https://www.generalconvention.org/bluebook2021>.



Resolution Number: 2018-A036
Title: Affirm Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention joyfully affirms the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues in which The Episcopal Church is engaged: the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue; the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARCUSA), noting particularly a renewed round of conversations; and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention joyfully affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church (Northern Province and Southern Province); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention celebrates with joy and gratitude the deepening international relationship among the leaders of The Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and commends the members of these churches for the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have jointly issued.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 412-413.



Resolution Number: 2015-A017
Title: Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues sponsored currently by The Episcopal Church: The dialogue toward full communion with the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue, and the renewed round of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Consultation in the U.S.A. (ARCUSA); and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the continued coordinating committee work with The Episcopal Church's full communion partners, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Northern and Southern Provinces of The Moravian Church in America; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention note with joy and gratitude the deepening relationship between the Primates and Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Anglican Church of Canada, and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and commend, to members of all four churches, the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have issued jointly.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 665-666.



Resolution Number: 2009-A075
Title: Adopt an Agreement Between the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention receive the Agreement Between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), which has been approved by the 2008 General Assembly of the PCUSA and commend it to dioceses and congregations; and be it further Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize a second round of dialogue to address the issues specified in this Agreement and report to the 77th General Convention on its progress.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 319.



Resolution Number: 2000-A039
Title: Authorize Dialogue with The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorize the Ecumenical Office to enter into a bilateral dialogue with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 474.