

**General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022
Archives' Research Report**

Resolution No.: 2022-B004
Title: Establishing Religious Life Sunday
Proposer: The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee
Topic: Ministry

Directly Related: (Attached)

None

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

None

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.

B004 - Establishing Religious Life Sunday

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee

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Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That 80th General Convention establish Religious Life Sunday for observance in The Episcopal Church on the third Sunday after the Epiphany.

Explanation

Monastic Orders and Christian Communities have existed in The Episcopal Church since the mid-19th century, but are largely unknown by Episcopalians. The purpose of Religious Life Sunday is to publicize the existence of Religious Orders and Christian Communities, their missions, ministries, and contributions to the Church, and to encourage Episcopalians to connect with these communities for mutually building up the Body of Christ.

For the observance of Religious Life Sunday, member communities of the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas (CAROA) and the National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities (NAECC) will make available videos, online resources, and written materials concerning religious life in The Episcopal Church. Religious will offer to speak and preach at parishes and will offer ways to connect with Orders and

Communities. Prayers will be offered for the growth and flourishing of religious life in The Episcopal Church.

This resolution does not include a request for funding, specific committee action, change in the liturgical calendar, or amendment of the Constitutions and Canons.

