

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

Resolution No.: 2022-D098
Title: The Promotion of Public Health
Proposer: Mrs. Heather Rodriguez
Topic: Health

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.

D098 - The Promotion of Public Health

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Mrs. Heather Rodriguez

Endorsed by: Mr. Erick Pérez, The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Churchwide Leadership

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirms the role of the church and its ministers in promoting public health and disease prevention.

Resolved, the Convention affirms that all ministers have a sacred responsibility to promote public health, the prevention of preventable disease, and the implementation of safeguards to keep congregations and communities safe.

Resolved, that Convention recognizes the many healthcare disparities exposed and made greater in our ethnic and minority communities and encourages all minister to find ways to advocate and bring healing to communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolved, that Convention recognizes that addressing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the underrepresented and vulnerable is not only a public health concern but also an issue of equity, racial and social justice.

Resolved, that Convention recognizes that many of our non-domestic and foreign dioceses have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in comparison to our domestic dioceses.

Resolved, that the Conventions encourages all church-wide and diocesan bodies to find ways to address disparities disproportionately impacted underrepresented and vulnerable communities and dioceses.

Explanation

For more information on COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Health see:

Disparities <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/health-equity/racial-ethnic-disparities/index.html>