

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A009
Title: Accepting the Agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria
Proposer: Secretary of General Convention
Topic: Anglican Communion, Ecumenism

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-A094 Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues
2018-C059 Commend Dialogue With the Evangelical Church in Bavaria

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

2012-A035 Reaffirm Commitment to Interreligious Engagement
2009-A074 Adopt a Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

The Episcopal Church and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria, [Sharing the Gifts of Communion](#), 2022.

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2022, 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](#).

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Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: No House Assigned

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: No Committee Assigned

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: Yes

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive and commend *Sharing the Gifts of Communion* as set forth following as the basis for a relationship of full communion to be established between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria); and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church accept the affirmation of *Sharing the Gifts of Communion* that our churches are in full communion with each other; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint four members to the Continuation Committee called for in *Sharing the Gifts of Communion* to represent The Episcopal Church in the ongoing work of furthering our relationship; and be it further

Resolved, That Title 1, Canon 20, Section 1 be amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

d. The Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (via the acceptance of *Sharing the Gifts of Communion of 2022*)â€

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

d. *The Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (via the acceptance of Sharing the Gifts of Communion of 2022)â€*

Explanation

This resolution was referred from the 80th General Convention. It was proposed by the Rt. Rev. Mark Edington and endorsed by The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin and the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori; listed as 2022-B001; and referred to Legislative Committee 19 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations



Resolution Number: 2022-A094
Title: Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 80th 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), and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church (UMC); and be it further
*Resolved, That this Convention joyfully affirms the continuation of work of the dialogue with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern) and commends the document *Sharing the Gifts of Communion* to the church for consideration; 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 joyfully affirms our representation and participation in national ecumenical bodies, including the National Council of Churches (NCC), Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) and Christian Churches Together (CCT).

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 456.



Resolution Number: 2018-C059
Title: Commend Dialogue With the Evangelical Church in Bavaria
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention approve and commend the existing relationship between the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (Convocation) and the Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (Evangelical Church in Bavaria); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention approve and commend the process of exploring deeper relations and the dialogue toward full communion between The Episcopal Church and the ELKB.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 422.