

## General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

**Resolution No.:** 2024-A033  
**Title:** Renew ECCAR  
**Proposer:** Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation  
**Topic:** Racism, Reconciliation

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### **Directly Related:** (Attached)

2018-A043      Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism  
2022-A052      Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and Reconciliation  
2015-A023      Authorize Continuation of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism

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

2022-A125      Establish the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice  
2022-C058      Take Action in Response to TEC's Racial Audit

*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](#).*

# A033 - Renew ECCAR

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

**Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** Yes

**HiA:** No House Assigned

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** No Committee Assigned

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) reaffirm the importance of the work of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and Reconciliation (ECCAR) to support the Church to live into existing General Convention resolutions starting with the 70th General Convention toward becoming a church committed to ending institutional and other forms of racism which necessitate the acceptance of abandonment of privilege and the sharing of power within our polity, within our society, and throughout the world; and be it further;

*Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church recognizes that the work of dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing has made progress in improving the awareness of the sin of racism in the Church and that the work of dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing is far from completed; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes no entity of the Church has been identified to carry on the efforts currently in the mandate of Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and Reconciliation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the existence of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation for another nine years

## Explanation

General Convention Resolution 2015-A023, Authorized Continuation of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation through 2023. The time limit was put in place in the hopes that the Church would have established a permanent entity or role to institutionalize the work of dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing. While groups such as the Consulting Group for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity & Justice, the Task Force on Redefining Social Justice, and the Presiding Officers' Advisory Group on Beloved Community are working toward such a permanent focus for the Church, discussions with the leaders of those Committees have brought us to the agreed-upon conclusion that none have yet crystallized to a point the Committee feels is sufficient to truly carry out the work the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation has been mandated to perform. This resolution would continue the Committee and the work providing other entities more time to complete their work while maintaining a focus on the work identified in the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation mandate. The Committee is pleased that Presiding Bishop Curry made racial reconciliation one of the three main foci of his Episcopate. With his term ending, the Committee wishes to ensure the work of racial reconciliation remains a major focus for the Church regardless of the priorities of the incoming Presiding Bishop.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A043  
**Title:** Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be amended, and hereby read as follows:

**“This Committee is charged with supporting and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:**

**Recognizing and developing its work of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation; supporting the work of Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation; recommending best practices for dismantling racism training; collecting information from dioceses and provinces about their successes and challenges in complying with the canonical requirements and with General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 for providing anti-racism training; and sharing their findings with Executive Council on an annual basis.”**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 667-668.



**Resolution Number:** 2022-A052  
**Title:** Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and Reconciliation  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation is hereby clarified as follows:

“This Committee is charged with supporting and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at dismantling racism and promoting racial healing, justice, and reconciliation in the Church by:

- a) helping the church recognize and develop its work of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation;
- b) supporting the work of Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation and other such initiatives the Presiding Officers, Executive Council, or Interim Bodies develop, and also the work of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice;
- c) recommending, in collaboration with staff and other church organizations, resources and best practices for dismantling racism and for promoting racial healing, justice, and reconciliation that can be adapted to different contexts;
- d) collecting information from dioceses and provinces about their successes and challenges in complying with the canonical requirements and with General Convention Resolution 2018-A045 for providing anti-racism training;
- e) and sharing their findings with Executive Council on an annual basis.

Membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation shall be composed of:

one person named by the governing body of each province of this Church who has been trained in doing the work of dismantling racism and seeking to foster racial healing, justice, and reconciliation, has demonstrated experience in anti-racism/racial reconciliation work, has demonstrated the ability to make connections with people in their geographic area who do this work, and has demonstrated a commitment to make connections with people in the provinces who do this work;

one member of the Executive Council as appointed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of Executive Council;

one Bishop as appointed by the Presiding Officers;

members named who are from the racial or ethnic groups of black, Latino/a, Asian, Native American/Indigenous, and non-Hispanic white to ensure representation of diverse racial and ethnic voices on this Committee - if there are none, then the Chair and Vice-Chair of Executive Council shall appoint a member at large from each unrepresented racial or ethnic group;

a member named who is under 40, to ensure representation of multiple generations - if there are no members then the Chair and Vice-Chair of Executive Council shall appoint a member at large from each unrepresented generational group.

Members shall serve terms as follows:

**Each Committee member shall serve one triennium beginning January 1 in the year following each General Convention until the December 31 following the next General Convention. Members may be named to serve consecutive terms by their provinces.**

**In the event that a province fails to name a person to serve on the Committee by [sic] January 1, when each term begins, the Chair and Vice-Chair of Executive Council shall appoint a qualified person from that province to serve on the Committee.**

**Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original members were named. Vacancies in excess of 30 days shall be filled by the Chair and Vice-Chair of Executive Council, and in the case of a Bishop vacancy, by the Chair of Executive Council.”**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), pp. 837-838.



**Resolution Number:** 2015-A023  
**Title:** Authorize Continuation of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the existence of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism for another nine years; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the importance of the work of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism to support the Church to live into existing General Convention resolutions mandating anti-racism training for clergy and lay leaders of the Church, which includes meeting in person to review, recommend, and endorse anti-racism curricula for use by the Church and to plan and prepare for at least one Church-wide “Train the Trainer” workshop in the next triennium; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate \$131,500 covering training, licensing, face-to-face meetings, and translation for the implementation of this resolution.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 411-412.