

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A065
Title: Amend Canon III.1.3
Proposer: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic: Canons, Diversity, Equality

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-D029 Affirm "Gender Identity and Expression" for All in the Canons
2006-D045 Amend Canon III.1.2 [Of the Ministry of All Baptized Persons]
1976-B005 Amend Canon III.9 [Add Sec. 1: Of General Provisions Respecting Ordination]

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

2018-A088 Develop Guidelines for Amending Name and Gender in Church Records

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](#).

A065 - Amend Canon III.1.3

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
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: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Title III Ministry

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That Canon III.1.3 be amended 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.>**

Sec. 3. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to all persons in the process.

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

Sec. 3. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable ~~to men and women~~ *to all persons in the process.*

Explanation

As TEC recognizes a diversity of gender expressions and understandings, the binary language of “men and women” is not inclusive and does not accurately reflect our understanding of gender.



Resolution Number: 2022-D029
Title: Affirm "Gender Identity and Expression" for All in the Canons
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 80th Convention affirm that non-binary as well as binary identified transgender and cisgender people are included in the phrase “gender identity and expression,” and that the provisions of the Canons of the Episcopal Church apply equally to people of all genders.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 484.



Resolution Number: 2006-D045
Title: Amend Canon III.1.2 [Of the Ministry of All Baptized Persons]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

*Resolved, That Canon III.1 be amended by the addition of a new Section 3:
Sec. 3. The provisions of these canons for the admission of Candidates for the Ordination to
the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to men and women.*

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 290.



Resolution Number: 1976-B005
Title: Amend Canon III.9 [Add Sec. 1: Of General Provisions Respecting Ordination]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That a new Section 1 of Title III, Canon 9 be adopted, with renumbering of the present Section 1 and following, the said Section 1 to read as follows:

Section 1. The provisions of these canons for the admission of Candidates, and for the Ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to men and women.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 1976* (New York: General Convention, 1977), p. C-52.