

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

**Resolution No.:** 2024-A113  
**Title:** Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music  
**Topic:** Book of Common Prayer, Liturgy

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2022-D062 Refer a Resolution on Affirming Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies (Referred)

**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 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](#).*

# A113 - Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

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

**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:** No

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## Resolution Text

Resolved, That Bishops be encouraged to permit Rite I liturgies to be adapted to the contemporary idiom.

## Explanation

The Book of Common Prayer (page 14) permits liturgies written in the contemporary idiom to be adapted to traditional language where necessary. This resolution encourages bishops to give permission to their clergy and congregations to do the opposite where desired.



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**Title:** Refer a Resolution on Affirming Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Referred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 80th General Convention authorize that in any gathering for worship of a congregation or worshiping body within this Church, any of the liturgies or elements of liturgies published in a Rite One idiom may be conformed to the contemporary idiom for inclusion in the context of a Rite Two service; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this authorization expands the existing provision in The Book of Common Prayer which allows Rite Two material to be conformed to Rite One idiom, in order to allow for the broad use and interchangeability of all liturgical texts provided in The Book of Common Prayer; and be it further;*

*Resolved, That this authorization applies to services in any language into which the Book of Common Prayer has been translated for the use by this Church.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 640.