

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

**Resolution No.:** 2024-A131  
**Title:** Creation of a Supplement to The Hymnal 1982  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music  
**Topic:** Liturgy

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

2015-D060 Prepare a Plan for Revising the Hymnal  
2009-B004 Authorize Hymnal Revision Study  
1994-A089 Authorize Preparation of Supplements to *The Hymnal*  
1991-A139 Prepare Supplements to *The Hymnal 1982*

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

1997-A098 Disseminate Information on the Supplement to the 1982 Hymnal  
1982-A093 Authorize The 1982 Hymnal for Use in the Church  
1982-A094 Complete the Hymnal Tunes and Service Music  
1979-A069 Provide General Convention With Texts for an Up-dated Hymnal

*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](#).*

# A131 - Creation of a Supplement to The Hymnal 1982

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$750,000.00

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

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib:** Yes

**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 the 81st General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work with Church Publishing Incorporated during the forthcoming triennium to develop a new hymnal supplement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$ 750,000 be appropriated for this work.

## Explanation

In the twenty years since the most recent Episcopal hymnal supplement was published, there has been a vast amount of creative work in the composition of hymns, hymn tunes, and service music. Furthermore, there is a need for greater availability of global hymnody for use in worship. The inclusion of more hymns and service music by women and other underrepresented voices also remains a priority as the church seeks greater equity, diversity, and inclusion. Finally, more hymns addressing underrepresented topics such as creation care are urgently needed.

The canons charge the SCLM with collecting material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications, as well as encouraging the composition of new musical materials. A hymnal supplement would further this work by making new hymns and service music widely available for use and evaluation. Budgeted

funding would include hiring professional consultants whose work would be overseen by the commission, as well as all pre-publication work and costs, including evaluation and selection of materials, producing digital manuscripts, and handling copyright permissions.



**Resolution Number:** 2015-D060  
**Title:** Prepare a Plan for Revising the Hymnal  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to prepare a plan for the comprehensive revision of the Hymnal 1982; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation \$25,000 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), p. 941.



**Resolution Number:** 2009-B004  
**Title:** Authorize Hymnal Revision Study  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize Church Publishing Incorporated, working with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to conduct a feasibility study on the need for revision of The Hymnal 1982 by speaking to congregations, dioceses and all seminaries of this Church, and to report its findings to the 77th General Convention. All costs associated with said study will be borne by Church Publishing Incorporated.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 771.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-A089  
**Title:** Authorize Preparation of Supplements to The Hymnal  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Church Music be directed to continue preparing supplements to *The Hymnal 1982* which provide this Church with additional service music, inclusive language hymnody, additional texts in languages other than English, including texts printed in more than one language, additional hymnody related to the lectionary and rites of the Book of Common Prayer, and texts and tunes written since the compiling of the present *Hymnal* ; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the sums of \$39,100 be appropriated for this triennium toward the expenses of the editor and committee preparing these supplements.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 357.



**Resolution Number:** 1991-A139  
**Title:** Prepare Supplements to The Hymnal 1982  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Church Music be directed to prepare supplements to *The Hymnal 1982*, which will provide this Church with additional service music, inclusive language hymnody, additional texts in languages other than English including texts printed in more than one language, additional hymnody related to the lectionary and rites of the Book of Common Prayer, and texts and tunes written since the compiling of the present Hymnal; and be it further***

***Resolved, That the sum of \$45,000 be appropriated for this triennium towards the expenses of the editor and committee preparing these supplements.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 795.