

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

Resolution No.: 2024-D024
Title: Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers
Proposer: Bauer, The Rev. Charles
Topic: Church Property

Directly Related: (Attached)

None

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](#).

D024 - Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

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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: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 81st General Convention recommends for The Episcopal Church and Episcopal entities to utilize Episcopal Conference Centers when gathering for events, whenever possible.

Explanation

Episcopal camps, retreat, and conference centers have been serving people in the United States since 1886. With 95 active member centers and programs across the Episcopal Church and most within an hour of a major airport, we are underutilizing a great ministry and opportunity to give back to the Episcopal Church. This resolution seeks to encourage a deliberate and thoughtful approach to selecting venues for events within The Episcopal Church and its affiliated entities. The recommendation reflects a desire to hold gatherings, when possible, at an Episcopal Center.

The recommendation presented in this resolution stems from a recognition of the unique and valuable role that Episcopal Conference Centers play within The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Entities. Episcopal Conference Centers provide spaces that are intentionally designed to foster community, spiritual growth, and meaningful engagement. These centers often offer a combination of facilities, natural surroundings, and programming that aligns with the ethos and mission of The Episcopal Church.

By recommending the utilization of Episcopal Camp and Conference Centers when gathering for events, the 81st General Convention aims to highlight the following considerations:

Support for Episcopal Ministries: Utilizing Episcopal Conference Centers contributes to the support and sustainability of these vital ministry spaces. By recommending their use, the General Convention encourages continued investment in these centers, recognizing their significance in advancing the mission of The Episcopal Church.

Environmental Considerations: Many Episcopal Camp and Conference Centers are situated in natural settings, fostering an environment that encourages reflection and connection with the natural world. Recommending their use aligns with the Church's commitment to environmental stewardship and the appreciation of God's creation.

Consistent Experience: Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers often provide consistent and well-managed facilities and services. Recommending their use aims to ensure a positive and consistent experience for participants in various events and gatherings.

Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers (ECCC), the organization has showcased an unwavering commitment to advocating and supporting the ministry and vitality of its centers. An overwhelming number of lay and clergy leaders state that they felt their call to leadership at an Episcopal camp. The fruits of this labor will be seen for generations to come.