

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A049
TITLE: Host Model Policies on DFMS Website
PROPOSER: Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies
TOPIC: Sexual Misconduct

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A073 Update Model Policies for Protection of Children and Youth

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

2015-A075 Develop Web Access to Christian Formation Resources
2003-A080 Direct Episcopal Church Center to Maintain a User-Friendly Website

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies](#), see pages 950-951.

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, 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 at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.

A049 Host Model Policies on DFMS Website

Proposer	Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies
Topic	Sexual Misconduct
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That this 79th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS] to host on its website the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults for the prevention of sexual misconduct approved in 2017, the safe church training materials for such prevention including a comprehensive list of resources and to institute a procedure to update the training materials and curate the resources listed; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention direct the Office of the General Convention [GCO] to oversee such hosting, updating and curation responsibilities.

EXPLANATION

: In order to be used by dioceses, congregations and members of the Church, the Model Policies, safe church training materials, and resources must be readily available and accessible. The website maintained by DFMS is the natural site for the wide access needed for implementation and compliance. In addition, the website, as envisioned, will require curation to keep the training materials and resources up to date and relevant.



Resolution Number: 2015-A073
Title: Update Model Policies for Protection of Children and Youth
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct that the 2004 Model Policies developed by The Church Insurance Agency Corporation for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse (the “2004 Model Policies”) be updated and supplemented to reflect the experience of the Church in using the 2004 Model Policies and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events, and the experiences of LGBTQ persons; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, not later than September 30, 2015, jointly appoint a Special Task Group of five to seven persons with experience in the use and development of Model Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct to update, or to oversee the updating of, the 2004 Model Policies; and be it further

Resolved, That the updating and supplementing of the 2004 Model Policies be completed by March 31, 2016; and be it further

Resolved, That the Updated Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse to the Church (the “Updated Model Policies”) be promulgated after they are approved by the Special Task Group; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center appoint a knowledgeable person to serve as a point of contact for dioceses to obtain information about complying with the 2004 Model Policies and the Updated Model Policies; and be it further

Resolved, That not later than December 31, 2016, the Guidelines for the Protection of Children and Youth of each diocese conform to the Updated Model Policies with due regard to applicable local laws on the subject matters of the Updated Model Policies; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses annually confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center, that the Guidelines of the diocese conform to the Updated Model Policies.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 416-417.