

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A050  
**TITLE:** Funding for Safe Church Training  
**PROPOSER:** Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies  
**TOPIC:** Sexual Misconduct

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**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)

None

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

*(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies](#), see page 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.*

# A050 Funding for Safe Church Training

<b>Proposer</b>	Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies
<b>Topic</b>	Sexual Misconduct
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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commits itself to the financial support of developing and maintaining safe church training materials to reflect the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth, and Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults approved in 2017, and the prevention of sexual misconduct, to be developed during the next triennium, to advance clergy wellness and reduce liability, with costs to be shared equally by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS], and the Church Pension Group [CPG]; and be it further
- Resolved*, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance provide a budget allocation for half the cost, \$245,000 and directs the Church Pension Group [CPG] to provide the matching \$245,000 to provide safe church training materials to implement the Model Policies.

## EXPLANATION

An updated, easily accessible safe church training program is essential for the effective implementation of and compliance with the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth, and Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults as approved in 2017. Such safe church training programs will also support the reduction of liability, enhancement of wellness of clergy and laity, and furtherance of all members' ability to more fully live out their Baptismal Covenant. Safe church training materials will consist of written and web-based training materials that include responsive and multilingual online web-based resources, a modern content management system and a curated resource list. The Model Policies set out Universal Training accessible to all congregants and ministry participants that fosters a culture of safety and inclusion for all people, and Specialized Training consisting of discrete modules on topics directly related to ministry roles and functions.

The Task Force created a detailed report of these anticipated costs which was provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance in April 2017.



**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.