

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A184
TITLE: Amend Title III.8.5(h)
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
TOPIC: Canons

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A150 Develop Title IV Training Materials
2006-A082 Amend Canons in Title III.8.5 [Ministry]

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 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.

A184 Amend Title III.8.5(h)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Title III.8.5 (h) be amended as follows:
- 2 (h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
- 3 (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
- 4 (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
- 5 (3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof, *utilizing, but not limited to use of, the Title IV training website of The Episcopal Church.*
- 6 (4) the Church's teaching on racism

EXPLANATION

As noted in the Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, significant resources and efforts have been made to create an excellent and thorough web-based training resource to educate the whole of The Episcopal Church regarding Title IV and its implementation. It is, therefore, a good stewardship of our collective resources for candidates in all dioceses to use this resource rather than creating their own. Additionally, universal implementation across The Episcopal Church ensures that everyone is working from the same knowledge base with regards to the use of Title IV, which is particularly important given the increased mobility of clergy over the course of their careers.



Resolution Number: 2015-A150
Title: Develop Title IV Training Materials
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission of Constitution and Canons to develop and implement Title IV training materials for use throughout the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$339,220 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the development of such materials; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$224,820 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the translation of the Title IV training materials into Spanish and Creole.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 668.



Resolution Number: 2006-A082
Title: Amend Canons in Title III [Ministry]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

[Resolved, that Canons III.5 through III.23 be deleted and be replaced by the following proposed Canons III.5 through III.13:]

Sec. 5. Preparation for Ordination

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

- (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.**
- (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.**
- (3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.**
- (4) the Church's teaching on racism.**

Citation: Canon III.8.5(h) is excerpted from the Final Text of 2006-A082, which revised Canons III.5 through III.23. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 583-630.