

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A216
TITLE: Calendar Reformation
PROPOSER: 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
TOPIC: Church Calendar

Directly Related: (Attached)

None

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

None

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A016 Trial Use of Creation Care Language in the Baptismal Covenant

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	Johnson, The Rev. Stephanie
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention, hearing the baptismal prayer asking for the newly baptized to be granted “the gift of joy and wonder in all your works,” authorize the trial use of additions to the Baptismal Covenant concerning our responsibility as baptized Christians to care for God’s creation; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That there be two (2) options for this addition;
- 3 First, an additional question may be added with the wording:
“Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?”
- 4 People: I will, with God’s help.”
- 5 Second, that the question:
- 6 “Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity every human being?” may be augmented as “Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of the Earth and every human being?”; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That use of this additional wording be authorized for trial use as part of the Baptismal Covenant for the triennium following the 79th General Convention, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent 2018; and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music accept comments and suggestions on the trial baptismal covenant language at the 80th General Convention and, as appropriate, consider for future inclusion in the revised Prayer Book.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.