

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A218
TITLE: The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018
PROPOSER: 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music Liturgy
TOPIC: Liturgy

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A059 Continue Comprehensive Revision of the Book of Occasional Services

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.

A218 The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention approve the following services from the Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018 for use by worshipping communities in The Episcopal Church:
- 2 Seasonal Blessings;
- 3 Concerning the Advent Wreath;
- 4 Advent Festival of Lessons and Song;
- 5 Blessing of a Crèche;
- 6 Christmas Festival of Lessons and Song;
- 7 Service for New Year's Eve;
- 8 Candlemas Procession;
- 9 Blessings over Food at Easter;
- 10 Rogation Procession;
- 11 St. Francis Day/Blessing of Animals;
- 12 Service for All Hallows' Eve;
- 13 Rite for Receiving or Claiming a New Name;
- 14 Preparation of Adults for Holy Baptism:
- 15 The Catechumenate;
- 16 Preparation of Parents and Sponsors of Infants and Young Children to be Baptized;

- 17 Preparation for Confirmation,
- 18 Reception or other Reaffirmations of the Baptismal Covenant;
- 19 Recognition of Ministries in the Church and the World;
- 20 Celebration for a Home and A Shorter Blessing of a Home;
- 21 Anniversary of a Marriage;
- 22 A Public Service of Healing;
- 23 Welcoming after Traumatic Absence;
- 24 Concerning Exorcism;
- 25 Concerning Oil;
- 26 Concerning Water;
- 27 Dedication of Church Furnishings and Ornaments;
- 28 The Founding of a Church;
- 29 Ground Breaking;
- 30 Laying a Cornerstone;
- 31 A Litany for the Mission of the Church;
- 32 A Variety of Church Planting Liturgies;
- 33 Restoring of Things Profaned;
- 34 Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers to Persons Who are Ill or Infirm;
- 35 Guidelines for Use on the Occasion of a Retirement or Work Transition;
- 36 Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation;
- 37 Consecration of Chrism Apart from Baptism;
- 38 A Proper for the Consecration of Chrism;
- 39 A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation;
- 40 Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop;

- 41 Welcoming and Seating of a Bishop in the Cathedral;
- 42 Setting Apart for a Special Vocation;
- 43 And be it further
- 44 *Resolved*, That The Blessing of a Pregnant Woman be restored; and be it further
- 45 *Resolved*, That these services be made available as a digital resource; and be it further
- 46 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.
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EXPLANATION

Legislative Committee 12, Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music, understands that the Standing Commission for Liturgy and Music was not able to complete its work on the proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018. Committee 12 would like to make available digital forms of the above rites and ceremonies included in this resolution for use by the Church during the next triennium, while SCLM continues its work on the other rites and ceremonies.



Resolution Number: 2015-A059
Title: Continue Comprehensive Revision of the Book of Occasional Services
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue its work on a comprehensive revision of the Book of Occasional Services, to seek widespread input on the table of contents and scope of the revision, and to report on its progress to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$94,200 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 690-691.