

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-C022
TITLE: Supporting Transgender Access
PROPOSER: California
TOPIC: Discrimination

Directly Related: (Attached)

2009-C048 Support Employment Non-discrimination Laws
2009-D012 Support Laws that Prohibit Discrimination Based on Gender Identity

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

2015-D028 Oppose Therapists Engaged in Changing Sexual Identity
2012-A139 Endorse Efforts Against Gender Violence
2012-D022 Respond to Bullying
2012-D061 Adopt Statements on Threats Against Sexual Minorities
2009-D032 Commit to Non-Discrimination in Lay Employment
2000-D009 Condemn All Hate Crimes

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.

C022 Supporting Transgender Access

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its support for the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one's gender identity; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church support legislative, educational, pastoral, liturgical, and broader communal efforts that seek to end the pattern of violence against transgender people in general and transgender women in particular, calling attention especially to the rising violence against transgender women of color; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church oppose all legislation that restricts public restroom, locker room and shower access for transgender and gender non-conforming people, recognizing that such bills disproportionately impact and contribute to a pattern of violence against transgender women and non-binary identified people; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church ask dioceses and parishes to remove barriers to full participation in congregational life by making their gender-specific facilities and activities fully accessible to all, regardless of gender identity and expression.

EXPLANATION

This resolution reaffirms the support of The Episcopal Church for transgender people by calling upon the General Convention to lift its voice in response to the rise of anti-transgender rhetoric, legislation, and violence across the United States. It builds upon earlier General Convention resolutions (2009-Co48, 2009-Do12, 2012-Do22, 2015-Do28) and public statements by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies decrying this pattern, including the recent legislative efforts in Texas and the declared ban on transgender people serving in the military.

Building upon this foundation, this resolution calls us to recognize and respond to the lethal violence against transgender people that has risen sharply over the last several years, disproportionately impacting transgender women of color. It also challenges us to name how so-called "bathroom bills," which have likewise increased markedly in recent years, are part of that same pattern of violence, impacting not only transgender people in general but more specifically targeting transgender women

and girls in a horrific pattern of transmisogyny. Finally, this resolution calls upon Episcopalians to ensure that even as we direct our gaze and action outward, we also take stock of the gender-specific activities and facilities of our own congregations, making sure that they are fully accessible to people of all gender identities and expressions, binary and non-binary.

Founded on our baptismal vocation to persist in resisting evil, to strive for justice and peace among all, and to respect the dignity of every human being, this resolution urges us onward in building the beloved community.



Resolution Number: 2009-C048
Title: Support Employment Non-discrimination Laws
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the extension of existing federal laws that prohibit employment discrimination to include discrimination because of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression along with those prohibitions based on race, gender, religion, national origin, age and disability; and be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of General Convention convey this resolution to appropriate congressional leaders and to the President of the United States.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 395.



Resolution Number: 2009-D012
Title: Support Laws that Prohibit Discrimination Based on Gender Identity
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that a) prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one's gender identity, and b) treat physical violence inflicted on the basis of a victim's gender identity or expression as a hate crime; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to appropriate congressional leadership, to the Chair of the National Governors Association, the President of the National Conference of State Legislatures and to the President of the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 356.