

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-C054
TITLE: Inclusion of Transgender People
PROPOSER: Province III
TOPIC: Justice

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-D037 Amend Church Records to Reflect Name Changes
2012-D061 Adopt Statements on Threats Against Sexual Minorities
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2009-D032 Commit to Non-Discrimination in Lay Employment

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

2015-C037 Support and Sponsor Boy Scouts of America Units
2009-C048 Support Employment Non-discrimination Laws
2009-D090 Encourage Inclusive Self-Identification on All Church Data Forms

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.

C054 Inclusion of Transgender People

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender people and urge that the Dioceses of the Episcopal Church prayerfully consider adopting and implementing the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender people in their parishes, missions, schools and camps:
 - 2 Guiding Principles for the Inclusion of Transgender People in Dioceses, Parishes, Missions, Schools and Camps:
 - 3 We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that all people are beloved children of God. Because this is true,
 1. We will protect the rights and respect the dignity of transgender persons, refusing to reject, judge, abuse, belittle or in any way dehumanize them.
 2. We will engage the complex realities for transgender persons in our churches, schools, and camps, and not yield to the temptation to ignore those realities.
 3. We will recognize and accept our responsibility to protect the privacy of transgender persons.
 4. We will make decisions about transgender minors in our schools and camps in communication with their parents.
 5. We will provide a safe environment for transgender persons, for those who support them, and for those who do not understand our commitment to these principles.
 6. We will stay flexible in response to the complex and changing ramifications of this work by being open to relevant stories, to emerging information, and to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

EXPLANATION

The resolution was adopted by the Diocese of Virginia and is endorsed by the Synod of Province III.



Resolution Number: 2015-D037
Title: Amend Church Records to Reflect Name Changes
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, the officers of the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, and transgender members of this Church, to study and make recommendations to the 79th General Convention regarding requests to amend church records and registries and to reissue church certificates to match the legal name changes of members of The Episcopal Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 450.



Resolution Number: 2012-D061
Title: Adopt Statements on Threats Against Sexual Minorities
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following statements:

The Episcopal Church rejects and condemns all use of violent rhetoric against sexual minorities.

We stand in solidarity with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender persons, and all other sexual minorities who are threatened or persecuted in the name of Christ.

We oppose calls for execution, imprisonment, and for any official or unofficial violence against sexual minorities as contrary to the word and spirit of the Gospel of Christ.

We believe that these same people should be fully protected by the civil laws of every society, enjoying the protections of law against violence and living under society's common obligations.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 699.



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.



Resolution Number: 2009-D032
Title: Commit to Non-Discrimination in Lay Employment
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church not to discriminate in employment of lay employees based on race, color, sex, national origin, age, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 712.