

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-D051
TITLE: Support Recommitment to Iran Nuclear Deal
PROPOSER: The Rev. Dr. Titus Presler
TOPIC: International Relations

Directly Related: (Attached)

2006-D016 On the Topic of a Pre-Emptive Military Strike Against Islamic Republic of Iran
(Rejected)
1991-D186 Express Concern Over Weapons in the Middle East and Call for Arms Controls

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

2009-D060 Dismantle US Nuclear Weapons and Explore a Nuclear Arms Moratorium
1997-D022 Support the Goal of Total Nuclear Disarmament
1994-D122 Urge U.S. President to Sign a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
1988-D176 Express Pain and Prayers Concerning Hostilities With Iran
1985-D040 Request the Church and Individual Members to Work for Peace
1976-D052 Commend Efforts to Control Nuclear Weapons

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D051 Support Recommitment to Iran Nuclear Deal

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention call attention to Jesus’ words, “Blessed are the peacemakers,” as central to the role of governments, Christians, and all people of good will in the conflicts of the world and in the effort to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East and elsewhere; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That this General Convention urge the United States to pursue carefully negotiated, multilateral international agreements in order to prevent nuclear proliferation and to achieve denuclearization; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That this General Convention affirm the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the Iran Nuclear Deal, that was agreed to in 2015 by Iran, the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States – and Germany and the European Union, and recognize the role of faith-based organizations and churches in assisting in the development of the Iran Nuclear Deal; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That this General Convention oppose the May 2018 unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the Iran Nuclear Deal and urge the other parties to the agreement to persevere in their commitment to it; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That this General Convention urge the United States Congress to enact legislation mandating that the United States rejoin the Iran Nuclear Deal, and to refrain from efforts, such as re-imposing sanctions without cause on Iran, that would further erode international confidence in the commitment of the United States to international agreements; and be further
- 6 *Resolved*, That this General Convention encourage the church’s Office of Governmental Relations in Washington to continue to advocate for U. S. adherence to the Iran Nuclear Deal; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That this General Convention urge Episcopalians to commend this resolution to their senators and representatives in Congress.

EXPLANATION

The Iran Nuclear Deal was a major achievement in international negotiation to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons. The unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the agreement in 2018 has cast into doubt the immediate future of efforts to inhibit the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East, and it has eroded confidence in the reliability of the United States in international agreements. The resolution seeks to reverse the U. S. withdrawal and its effects.



Resolution Number: 2006-D016
Title: On the Topic of a Pre-Emptive Military Strike Against Islamic Republic of Iran
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Final Text:

Resolution died with adjournment. See Legislative History for original text of resolution.

Citation:



Resolution Number: 1991-D186
Title: Express Concern Over Weapons in the Middle East and Call for Arms Controls
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church deplores the reintroduction of weapons of all kinds into the Middle East by any nation; and be it further Resolved, That the Episcopal Church call upon the Government of the United States to take all appropriate action to develop means to restrict and control all international arms sales and distribution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 377.