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PROPOSER: The Rev. Sharon Alexander
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.20 to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with *(i) those Churches that are also members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council and (ii) those Churches in the historic succession with whom it entered into covenant agreements prior to 1980 and thereafter with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession with whom it has entered into covenant agreements adopted by the General Convention including:*
 - 3 (a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht *(via ratification of the Bonn Agreement of 1931 by the 51st General Convention in 1934)*,
 - 4 (b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente/the Philippine Independent Church *(via The Concordat of Full Communion Between the Iglesia Filipina Independiente and The Episcopal Church of 1961 adopted by the 60th General Convention in 1961)*, and
 - 5 (c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar *(via the Mar Thoma Church - Episcopal Church Agreement of 1979)*.
- 6 Sec. 2. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the terms of *and as defined by* “Called to Common Mission,” which was adopted by the 73rd General Convention of the ~~The~~ Episcopal Church as Resolution 2000-A040.
- 7 Sec. 3. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church in America under the terms of *and as defined by* the "Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province", which was adopted by the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution 2009-A073.

8 And be it further

9 *Resolved*, That Canon III.10.2(a)(3) be amended to read as follows:

10 (3) The provisions of ~~this Section~~ *Sections 2 and 3* shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopal succession with which ~~The Episcopal Church~~ is full communion with this Church as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the covenant of ~~the two churches~~ *The Episcopal Church and the other Church or Churches* as adopted by the General Convention *and by the denominational authority or similar body for those Churches that are not members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council.*

11 (i) ~~those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,~~

12 ~~(ii) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,~~

13 ~~(iii) the Philippine Independent Church, and~~

14 ~~(iv) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar~~

15 ~~(v) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.~~

EXPLANATION

This amendment sets forth the titles of the ecumenical agreements that formed the full communion relationships and clarifies that future full communion relationships should have an ecumenical agreement in place to be presented to General Convention for approval.



Resolution Number: 2009-A073
Title: Add Canon I.20.3 [Full Communion: Moravian Church in America]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

*Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt **Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province**, as set forth in Resolution A073 in the Blue Book report to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further*

Resolved, That Canon I.20 be amended by adding a new subsection (3), as follows:

Sec. 3. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church in America under the terms of the *Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province*, which was adopted by the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution A073.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 651.



Resolution Number: 2006-A025
Title: Amend Canon I.20 [Of Churches in Full Communion]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Title I be amended by adding a new Canon 20, to be named “Of Churches in Full Communion,” as follows:

Sec. 1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:

- (a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,*
- (b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente / the Philippine Independent Church, and*
- (c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.*

Sec. 2. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the terms of “Called to Common Mission,” which was adopted by the 73rd General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution A040.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 695.



Resolution Number: 2006-A082
Title: Amend Canons in Title III [Ministry]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

[*Resolved*, that Canon III.10.2(a)(3) be amended to read as follows:]

Sec. 2. Clergy Ordained by Bishops of Churches in Communion with This Church

(a)

(3) The provisions of this Section shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy identified in of churches in the historic Episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:

- (i) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,**
- (ii) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,**
- (iii) the Philippine Independent Church, and**
- (iv) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar**
- (v) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

Citation: Canon III.10.2(a)(3) is excerpted from the Final Text of 2006-A082, which revised Canons in Title III. General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church*, Columbus, 2006 (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 583-630.



Resolution Number: 2000-A040
Title: Accept Called to Common Mission as the Basis for Full Communion
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

*Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church accept **Called to Common Mission: A Lutheran Proposal for a Revision of the Concordat of Agreement** as set forth below as the basis for a relationship of full communion to be established between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it further*

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church request that the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, convey this action to Presiding Bishop H. George Anderson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 474.