

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-D065
TITLE: Use of Alternative Psalters in Public Worship
PROPOSER: The Rev. Jack Zamboni
TOPIC: Liturgy

Directly Related: (Attached)

1997-A074 Approve Alternative Psalters for Study and Use

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

1994-A068 Authorize Development of Supplemental Liturgical Materials
1985-A095 Prepare Inclusive Language Texts for the Regular Services of the Church

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.

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Proposer	The Rev. John (Jack) Zamboni
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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize for use in public worship the *St. Helena Psalter* (Order of St. Helena, 2000), and the *Psalter for the Christian People: An Inclusive Language ReVision of the Psalter of the Book of Common Prayer 1979* (Pueblo Books, 1993), under the direction of a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority.

EXPLANATION

The Task Force on Sexual Harassment has done a great deal of work, and its report presents several long-term efforts that will take more than one triennium to fully effect. At the same time, use of inclusive and expansive language is an issue right now. Psalmody is part of nearly every public worship service in The Episcopal Church and is at the center of the Daily Office of the Church. Permitting communities to use alternatives to the official BCP Psalter is a way to begin using expansive or inclusive language as soon as possible.

The Order of St. Helena is a monastic order for women of The Episcopal Church, and has published its Psalter and also an inclusive- language Breviary for use by the wider church.

Psalter for the Christian People and The Liturgical Psalter: Text for Study and Comment (which is now out of print) were first suggested for study and occasional use by Resolution 1997-A074. This resolution extends such permission for full usage, subject to the Bishop's approval.



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Title: Approve Alternative Psalters for Study and Use
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

*Resolved, That the 72nd General Convention approve for study and occasional use, under the direction of the Diocesan Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority, **The Liturgical Psalter: Text for Study and Comment** (Liturgy Training Publications, 1994) and **Psalter for the Christian People** by Gail Ramshaw and Gordon Lathrop (Liturgical Press, 1993).*

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 575.