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Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America Otherwise Known as THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held in Salt Lake City, Utah
June 25th through July 3rd 2015
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Introduction to the Journal of the 78th General Convention

For thousands who gathered in Salt Lake City, the 78th General Convention was a remarkable experience, one permeated with excitement, joy and a sense that a new stirring of the Spirit had been born. We elected and confirmed the 27th Presiding Bishop of the church; we enacted historic legislation; we renewed our commitment to mission expansion in the church and in the world; and we celebrated the gifts that make us the Episcopal Church. This was the ninth General Convention I had attended in some capacity or another, and for me it was the most hopeful. I left Utah exhilarated to be an Episcopalian, and knowing that, with God’s help, we can accomplish what God has given us to be and to do.

In addition to other information, this Journal of the 78th General Convention presents particulars of the legislative activity that was at the heart of General Convention. By adjournment sine die, 392 resolutions had been filed and acted upon.

Of course, all these resolutions were presented and debated within the particular contexts of the 78th General Convention. With that in mind, and by way of locating our legislative work within some of those contexts, I offer these observations:

Structural Reorganization

The Summary of Actions lists specific ways through which the 78th General Convention reimagined our governance, but much had already been restructured before we gathered in June: For the first time in years, the legislative committees had been examined, renamed and reorganized, creating better correlations between interim bodies and their legislative counterparts. In the House of Deputies, the first rewriting in generations of the Rules of Order was proposed and enacted, after more than two years of work and consultation. New committees to review and support the legislative
work had been created, and the legislative committees were organized and empowered to begin their work long before we arrived in Utah. More deputies and bishops were appointed to legislative committees than at previous conventions, and deputies and alternate deputies were encouraged to participate fully in legislative deliberations.

The basis for this pre-convention reorganization was a commitment to “leveling the playing field,” so that all might understand and contribute to the decision-making, whether this was the first or ninth time a deputy or bishop had attended a General Convention. This was a priority of the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, as she prepared for her first General Convention as President of the House of Deputies. The result was a broad understanding and responsibility for the legislative process – an empowerment through knowledge and involvement so that spiritual discernment could be paramount. People who understand and can participate more fully in decision-making generally make better decisions, and are almost always happier about the experience, even if their point of view does not prevail.

These pre-convention decisions were supported and strengthened by the technological innovations of the 78th General Convention.

Technological Innovations

Perhaps the scariest moment of my professional life was the morning of June 24, 2015, when I stood before a thousand deputies, alternate deputies and visitors to demonstrate “The Virtual Binder.” After two years of imagineering, software development, scenario planning, and simulations in the software “sandbox,” the Moment of Truth had arrived.

Fortunately, the system didn’t crash, and in fact performed (almost) flawlessly over the next ten days. In our post-convention survey, an amazing 99% of the 555 people who responded expressed their satisfaction with the “V-Binder,” and many credited it and its ease of use with enhancing their involvement in and appreciation of General Convention. Others remarked favorably on the sight of thousands of Episcopalians sharing their iPads and other devices during the first “paperless” worship in General Convention history.
IPads and V-Binders weren’t the only technological innovations, of course. A GC78 App, with updating calendars, maps, prayers, and Twitter feeds became the constant companion of many a convention-goer, while a new queuing system and voting devices (complete with Smartcards) in the House of Deputies continued the foundational principle of equalizing the participation of members. Both Houses enjoyed projection screens (a first for the Bishops), and legislative committees were provided broadband and hard-wired access to the convention software for the first time. Remarkably, of the 1350 iPads we had provided for the convention, all were returned and only two were broken.

Although one observer noted that General Convention technology had “gone 30 years in one triennium,” perhaps the greatest sign of technological triumph was that for many, it was taken for granted. Our technological revolution could be likened to the best mission practice: it was of service to the church and the world, without bringing attention to itself.

I imagine that is why news media in Salt Lake City hardly noticed the epochal change in General Convention information technologies, even as its own information technologies met new challenges.

News Media

Although not completely paperless, the 78th General Convention was notable for the lack of photocopied commentaries and newsletters that characterized previous gatherings. Many Bishops, Deputies, Alternates, ECW Triennial delegates, and visitors were not getting their news from papers – nor, it would seem, from the various email and web presences of church-related media. 2015 was a convention for social media in general and Twitter in particular. Most people seemed to learn about what was happening from Tweets, or from people who were following Twitter feeds.

The democratic agora of Twitter may have taken some by surprise, even as they promoted their web-based reporting via hashtags. The real absence of “must-read” publications or by-lines that characterized General Conventions past is surely something that will be pondered by those who imagine that opinion-leaders in the Episcopal Church are created, not born.
While national and international secular media were largely absent, the strongest traditional media presence was found in the Salt Lake City newspapers. Both the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune devoted considerable resources to covering the 78th General Convention, a tribute to both the excellent work of the communication department of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah and the strong local interest in religious news in the headquarters city of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Salt Lake City

The friendly hospitality of the Diocese of Utah and the people of Salt Lake City helped define a generosity of spirit that characterized the 78th General Convention. If “context is everything,” then surely the physical and cultural setting of convention shaped our experience in ways that will continue to unfold. From “Utah Night” in the Salt Lake City Tabernacle; to the snow-topped mountains viewed from wide avenues in near 100 degree heat; to the sounds of Taiko drumming, smooth Jazz, and gospel preaching; and to the resounding “Go” from our Presiding Bishop Elect: the 78th General Convention felt as though it were a combination of spiritual retreat, strategic planning session, and revival meeting. It was a time liminal with promise.

With great appreciation, and with my prayers for every blessing, Faithfully,

Michael Barlowe

The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe

Twenty-sixth Secretary of the General Convention and Fifth Executive Officer
The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings
President of the House of Deputies
The Hon. Byron Rushing
Vice-President of the House of Deputies
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
26th Presiding Bishop
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
27th Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe
Vice President of the House of Bishops
The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe
Secretary of the House of Deputies
Secretary of the General Convention
Executive Officer of the General Convention
Mr. N. Kurt Barnes
Treasurer of the General Convention
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PART I
DIRECTORY
Officers of the General Convention

As of July 2015

Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor and Primate
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Presiding Bishop-Elect
The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry

President of the House of Deputies
The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings

Executive Officer and Secretary of the General Convention
The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe

Treasurer
Mr. N. Kurt Barnes

Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer
Mr. Juan Cabrero Oliver

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The Archives of the Episcopal Church
Mr. Mark J. Duffy, Canonical Archivist

Recorder of Ordinations
The Church Pension Group

Historiographer
Dr. Robert Bruce Mullen
The Executive Council
2016-2018
as of July 2015

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Presiding Bishop
President, DFMS
North Carolina, IV

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, Vice-Chair
President of the House of Deputies
Vice-President, DFMS
Ohio, V

Elected by General Convention, terms ending 2018
The Rt. Rev. David E. Bailey
Navajoland Area Mission, VIII

Ms. Nancy Koonce
Idaho, VIII

Pennsylvania, III

Ms. Karen Longenecker
Rio Grande, VII

Mr. Joseph S. Ferrell
North Carolina, IV

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Elected by Province, terms ending 2018
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Western Massachusetts

VI. The Rev. Canon John F. Floberg
North Dakota

II. The Rev. Dahn Gandell
Rochester

VII. The Rev. Dr. R. Stan Runnels
West Missouri

III. The Rev. Nathaniel W. Pierce
Easton

VIII. The Very Rev. Dr. Brian Baker
Northern California

IV. Ms. Tess Judge
East Carolina

IX. Sra. Pragedes Coromoto Jimenez de Salazar
Venezuela

V. The Rev. Marion Luckey
Northern Michigan
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### Ex-Officio Members

- The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe | California, VIII |
- Mr. N. Kurt Barnes | New York, II |
- The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls | Lexington, IV |

### Other Participants

- Ms. Marian Conboy, staff
- The Rev. Stephen Herr
- The Very Rev. Peter Wall
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As of July 2015

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President: The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque, Colombia
Vice President: The Rt. Rev. Terencio Alfredo Morante España, Litoral Equador
Part II
reports
Adopted Budget of the General Convention 2016 - 2018
Details and Commentary Regarding the Budget

Introduction:

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance is pleased to present the Proposed Budget for The Episcopal Church for the 2016-2018 Triennium.

The Budget is balanced and it aims at 15% Asking/assessment by 2018 to leave more financial resources at the local level, where the bulk of the church’s ministry is accomplished, thereby encouraging participation by all dioceses in the support of the ministry and mission of God through The Episcopal Church. The Budget also continues our church’s ongoing support for youth and young adults, the planting of new churches and the creation of enterprise zones. It also includes new racial reconciliation and justice work, Prayer Book renewal, and enhanced funding for care of creation. And the Budget honors our historic commitments to Black Colleges, our development partnerships with ethnic ministries, and our church partners around the world.

On the Revenue side:

Diocesan Asking/assessment: Currently the Asking/assessment rate is 19%. The budget sets the Asking/assessment rate for dioceses at 15% by 2018, which represents 62% of total revenue. If all dioceses participate at 15%, we will actually experience a modest increase in resources.

In calculating the diocesan Asking/assessment, the income exempted has been increased from the first $120,000 to the first $150,000. This will result in an immediate savings to each diocese of $14,850 over the triennium which should help ease the burden on all dioceses, especially those with smaller budgets, while still providing adequate support for the triennial budget.

The new 15% rate will be achieved by reducing the Asking/assessment in a step-wise fashion: 18% in 2016, 16.5% in 2017 and 15% in 2018. Dioceses currently giving below 19%, but above 15%, are asked to hold where they are and then to join in the step-wise reduction.

Dioceses currently paying below 15% are invited and encouraged, and many have already committed, to move upward toward 15% at a rate of 10% per year. See the recommendation below for a process by which a diocese for which 15% is too much of a burden might negotiate an appropriate level of Asking/assessment to ensure participation of all dioceses in the Asking/assessment.

Investment income: Revenue from the church’s investment assets is anticipated at a 5% draw on unrestricted investment assets, based on 20 trailing quarters. This rate is well below the 8.3% annual return produced by the trust assets since 1993. We have confidence in this revenue stream

Development Office Income: PB&F believes strongly in the need for a robust Development Office and program for The Episcopal Church. We believe that the whole church will benefit as the Development Office builds relationships with potential donors. However, PB&F does not believe that the Development Office is currently in a place to provide an annual campaign of support for the operational budget of the church. Therefore, we have eliminated the expectation in the Executive
Council budget that the Development Office will provide $2,000,000 for programs.

We have included in its place $1,100,000 from the church’s unrestricted investment assets previously authorized for the Development Office, but never drawn. We have also reduced expenditures for the Development Office relative to the Executive Council draft by $750,000; and the budget remains $1.3 million higher than spent during the previous triennium.

**Rental income:** The space at 815 Second Avenue is increasingly leased to other users. Rental income for the next triennium is anticipated to bring in nearly $10,000,000. We expect this income to grow.

**Governmental contracts/fees:** Contracts with government entities related to the resettlement of refugees are designed to be breakeven. Because that activity is independent of the triennial budget, it is shown below the budget to be adopted.

**On the Expense side:**

The budget received from the Executive Council was balanced and internally consistent. Therefore, finding money in response to resolutions required either cutting other lines or seeking new sources of income. Program, Budget and Finance did a bit of both. This budget continues the practice of providing flexibility to the Executive Council and the Presiding Officers to respond to changing needs which may occur during the triennium.

**Racial Justice & Reconciliation:** A bold new initiative of this budget is for racial justice and reconciliations. PB&F supports the call for a new era of work to address racism in our church and our communities. We have set aside $2,000,000 for this work to be planned by the Presiding Officers. This is half of what was requested, but, in a tight budget, we believe it offers the possibility of a new start.

**There are four kinds of grants in the proposed budget:**

Long term development/sustainability grants are grants which facilitate partnerships with dioceses and the rest of the church. An example is the grant given to the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. We affirm and support the successful work done to date and fund continued work.

Block grants are grants whose use is decided by the recipient. Audits and progress reports are required. Examples are the grants given to the Diocese of Alaska, Navajoland, North Dakota, and South Dakota to enhance work with indigenous populations. We have increased the funding for these grants. We have created a new block grant for the historically Black Colleges.

New Initiatives grants are for experimental approaches to building up the body of Christ. Racial Justice and Reconciliation is such a grant.

Special purpose grants are grants for specific programs with a purpose and plan. Examples are the monies given to parishes and dioceses for starting new congregations and Mission Enterprise Zones – increased $1 million over the prior triennium.

**Christian Formation:** Christian Formation and FORMA are funded at the level of the Executive Council draft budget.
Youth and Young Adults: Full funding continues for the Episcopal Youth Event. Funding is increased for the Young Adult Service Corps.

Creation Care: Mark 5 of the budget has received an increase of $150,000 over the current triennium. Such money will be used for “green grants” and for the development of environment stewardship across the church.

Digital Evangelism: In response to the Presiding Bishop-elect’s commitment to evangelism, PB&F has added $750,000 to the Communication budget for digital evangelism.

Interim Bodies, formerly Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards: PB&F has renamed this budget line to signal the intent to change the way business is conducted between Conventions. The triennial budget assumes a reduction by one-third the number of interim bodies, and by one third the number of members but increases the funding available for face-to-face meetings. The Presiding Officers and the Executive Council are responsible for the implementation. We added $100,000 with the suggestion that it go to the work of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Anglican Communion Office: We restored funds for the ACO to the $1,200,000 level of two triennia ago. This is an increase of $500,000.

United Thank Offering: For the first time, the budget reflects the operating costs and income for the United Thank Offering board.

General Board of Examining Chaplains: Funds from fees are expected to sustain the ministry of the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

College for Bishops: The block grant to the College was modestly increased.

Provincial Funding: In keeping with the recommendations of the Executive Council, funding for Provinces is phased out over the triennium, except for Province IX where the budget has been increased to cover the costs of travel and other logistics. Dioceses that wish to do so may support their provincial organizations locally.

Title IV Training: $300,000 has been set aside for training of Title IV to develop consistency across the church.

Development Office: During the current triennium the Development Office spent $3,000,000 and produced $7,000,000 for projects outside the budget, principally in Haiti and Navajoland. A new director of development will have a good base of major donors and an increased budget to build on.

Translation and Interpretation Costs: Equal approximately $500,000 and are spread throughout the budget.
**Summary in pictures:**

### 2016-2018 Budgeted non-Government Revenue

- **$125.1 million**
- **Diocesan Commitments** 62%
- **Income from Unrestricted Assets for General budget** 23%
- **General Convention Income** 1%
- **Short-term reserves for Racial Reconciliation** 2%
- **Income from Unrestricted Assets to support the Development Office** 1%
- **Rental Income** 8%
- **Other Income** 3%
- **0%**
- **0%**
- **0%**
- **0%**

### 2016-2018 Budgeted Expenses by Five Marks of Mission

- **$125.0 million**
- **Proclaim the Good News** 15%
- **Teach, Baptize and Nurture** 3%
- **Respond to Human Need** 6%
- **Transform Unjust Structures** 5%
- **Supporting Mission thru Anglican, Ecumenical, and Interfaith Relations** 7%
- **Supporting Mission thru Local Efforts** 21%
- **Governance** 12%
- **Administrative** 30%
- **Supporting** 0.4%

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Journal of the 78th General Convention
Recommendations:

We are grateful that PB&F members were involved in creating the vision budget process, in every Executive Council meeting, and in reviewing feedback solicited from the church at large. The collaborative approach taken by Executive Council produced a cogent and balanced budget. We suggest this collaboration continue. However, a budget so tightly balanced does not permit easy changes. Large allocations in response to legislation are even harder to come by. We think that an undesignated block of $2 - 5 million included within the draft budget, would allow PB&F greater flexibility in responding to the needs and the priorities of the General Convention.

We believe in a strong Development Office. We encourage the church to put the money and expertise into developing and strengthening this office. We believe that effort needs to be put into determining a clear development vision and strategy, including a decision about the creation of an annual fund. The future of the Development Office, its success in raising capital funds, depends in part on its visibility to and service to the whole church.

If Convention has not created an Asking/assessment review process before it adjourns, PB&F recommends that Executive Council create and oversee such a process. Its goal would be to work with dioceses for which a 15% Asking/assessment is a financial hardship and to come to a common understanding of a realistic percentage that would represent each diocese's full participation in the Asking/assessment.
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<td>Diocesan Commitments</td>
<td>73,500,000</td>
<td>79,342,524</td>
<td>75,606,206</td>
<td>(3,736,318)</td>
<td>60.4%</td>
<td>Exemption increased to $150K; Assessment of 18% in 2016, 16.5% in 2017, 15% in 2018; forecasts based upon 2013 diocesan reports and forecast operating income growth at 0.5% pa.</td>
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<td>Income from Unrestricted Assets for General budget</td>
<td>25,257,490</td>
<td>24,656,767</td>
<td>28,232,258</td>
<td>3,575,492</td>
<td>22.6%</td>
<td>8% returns; 5% draw annually. The unrestricted investment portfolio available to support the budget is approximately $220 million. The &quot;dividend&quot; is based on a set percentage of the average value of the investment portfolio over the five preceding calendar years.</td>
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<td>Income from Unrestricted Assets to support the Development Office</td>
<td>4,106,560</td>
<td>2,986,204</td>
<td>1,100,000</td>
<td>(1,886,204)</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
<td>Draw from trust not taken during 2013-2015 for growing the Development Office.</td>
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<td>Short-term reserves for Racial Reconciliation</td>
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<td>2,000,000</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
<td>1.6%</td>
<td>Uses surpluses generated by Management during 2013-2015. Equals the expenses identified in line 116.</td>
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<td>Unrestricted reserves for additional Evangelism initiatives</td>
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<td>2,823,226</td>
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<td>See line 2b. Source of funding will be clarified by Executive Council in consultation with the Treasurer.</td>
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<td>Rental Income</td>
<td>4,050,000</td>
<td>5,593,362</td>
<td>9,999,607</td>
<td>4,406,246</td>
<td>8.0%</td>
<td>Current tenants plus one additional floor (6 total); plus ground floor retail; plus rent charged to E&amp;O offset by grant in line 243</td>
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<td>General Convention Income</td>
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<td>1,210,902</td>
<td>1,252,530</td>
<td>41,628</td>
<td>1.0%</td>
<td>Registrations and exhibitor fees are assumed to be increased in line with inflation.</td>
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<td>Multimedia Services Income</td>
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<td>189,417</td>
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<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>178,694</td>
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<td>229,083</td>
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<td>Fees from counseling services for immigration and adjustment for citizenship status.</td>
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<td>College for Bishops Income</td>
<td>162,360</td>
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<td>298,855</td>
<td>(42,006)</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
<td>As a condition of government contracts, DFMS collects loans made by the government for refugee resettlement. DFMS receives 25% of repayments it collects.</td>
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<td>Refugee Loan Collection Income</td>
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<td>2,254,863</td>
<td>2,164,000</td>
<td>(90,863)</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
<td>As a condition of government contracts, DFMS collects loans made by the government for refugee resettlement. DFMS receives 25% of repayments it collects.</td>
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<td>Mission Technology Income</td>
<td>126,000</td>
<td>181,039</td>
<td>133,560</td>
<td>(47,479)</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>Relates to supplemental fee-for-service usage of mission technology department by affiliated organizations (see lines 248-256).</td>
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<td>ECF Reimbursement for Services</td>
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<td>NAES Reimbursement for Services</td>
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<td>0.1%</td>
<td>Services provided exclude any rent payment</td>
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<td>Facilities Management Income</td>
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<td>0.3%</td>
<td>All escalated at 3% pa</td>
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<td>Total Program and Event Fees</td>
<td>4,632,265</td>
<td>4,893,278</td>
<td>5,321,887</td>
<td>428,609</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
<td>Miscellaneous income (e.g., insurance settlements) is unpredictable. We prefer to be conservative and not include a forecast. During 2013-2015 includes fees for event such as EYE, HB meetings, ethnic ministries events. Actual expenses show gross expenses; budgeted numbers reflect estimated net after fees.</td>
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<td>16,704,193</td>
<td>16,677,670</td>
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<td>Mark 2: Teach, Baptize, Nurture</td>
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<td>4,401,988</td>
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<td>Mark 4 Line 118</td>
<td>3,765,098</td>
<td>3,878,258</td>
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<td>Mark 5: Safeguard Creation</td>
<td>Mark 5 Line 122</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>290,342</td>
<td>650,000</td>
<td>359,658</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
<td>See line 122 clarification for 2013-2015 triennium</td>
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<td>Supporting Mission Th Local Efforts</td>
<td>Local Line 188</td>
<td>24,325,665</td>
<td>23,463,281</td>
<td>26,015,192</td>
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<td>Angl Ecu,Int, Line 270</td>
<td>8,071,058</td>
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<td>65,774,079</td>
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<td>Governance Line 317</td>
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<td>Admin Line 360</td>
<td>32,940,680</td>
<td>36,058,723</td>
<td>35,276,451</td>
<td>(782,272)</td>
<td>28.2%</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>(120,000)</td>
<td>(120,000)</td>
<td>-0.1%</td>
<td>This reduction is necessary to enable the adoption of a balanced budget. It must be identified by staff and management during the triennium; and is assumed equally divided for calculations of Corporate/Canonical/Program costs.</td>
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<td>TOTAL EXPENSES</td>
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<td>114,477,727</td>
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<td>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(911,217)</td>
<td>3,765,375</td>
<td>70,834</td>
<td>(5,746,799)</td>
<td>The $70K “surplus” is negligible in view of the multiple forecasts in a three-year budget.</td>
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### Notes:
- **Corporate**: 32,940,680
- **Canonical**: 21,478,915
- **Program**: 58,037,937

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<td>Episcopal Migration Ministries</td>
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**Summary**
- **Corporate**: 33%
- **Canonical**: 19%
- **Program**: 58%

**Comments**: Government contracts are designed to be breakeven.
### DETAIL: MARK OF MISSION 1: PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

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<th>Co/Co/P Corporate Canonical Program</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>Triennium Forecast</th>
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<td>Goal: Starting New Congregations</td>
<td>2,003,504</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
<td>996,496</td>
<td>Additional funding for new church starts and Mission Enterprise Zones in partnership with dioceses. We anticipate a collaborative effort. Will assist underserved populations, including Hispanic communities.</td>
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<td>Mission Enterprise Fund</td>
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<td>Special Assistant for Haiti</td>
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<td>34,235</td>
<td>(34,235)</td>
<td>Haiti chief of operations moved to COO line 32</td>
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<td>Ca</td>
<td>Convocation Ep. Ch. In Europe</td>
<td>45,646</td>
<td>46,905</td>
<td>(46,905)</td>
<td>Block grant support. Expect local churches to assume more autonomy; they have reported higher operating income.</td>
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<td>Bishop in Charge of Europe</td>
<td>162,000</td>
<td>113,000</td>
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<td>Reimbursement to the Paris cathedral for housing; travel and office expenses of the bishop.</td>
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<td>143,441</td>
<td>Travel moved from other lines to this; no actual increase</td>
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<td>Director’s Office</td>
<td>528,609</td>
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<td>Adjusted to reflect activities for 2016-18. Office of the Director includes strategic and creative direction, budget and operations oversight, and communication for mission.</td>
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<td>EBAll Total Expenses</td>
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## Line Items

### DETAIL: MARK OF MISSION 2: TEACH, NURTURE, AND BAPTIZE NEW BELIEVERS

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<td>Implementation of Prov IX self-sustainability plan</td>
<td>950,000</td>
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<td>Reflects Province IX Long-term development plan adopted by Exec Council in Feb 2014</td>
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<td>Specific purpose program grant. Increase reflects expressed need from grant application process</td>
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<td>Grant for Forma</td>
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<td>Block grant supporting independent church-wide network</td>
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<td>Formation and Vocation:</td>
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<td>186,841</td>
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<td>(41,239)</td>
<td>Includes youth, young adult and campus ministries, as well as lifelong Christian formation.</td>
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<td>Formation &amp; Vocation Networks</td>
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<td>620,291</td>
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<td>(15,291)</td>
<td>Full funding retained for youth, young adults, Episcopal Youth Event (550K) and campus ministries; some other lifelong formation events will be transferred to diocesan level or less subsidized due to more resources at the local level due to lower assessments.</td>
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<td>Other Departmental Costs</td>
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<td>All staff costs include annual increases of 2% in each year and an estimated 8.5% increase in annual health insurance premiums.</td>
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<td>Comissioned by PB and the HOB to examine specific issues, utilizing non-bishop scholars; then report to the HOB for review, vote and communication to the Church.</td>
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<td>DFMS is expected to collect loans provided by the US Govt to arriving refugees. 25% of the collections are retained and appear in line 13. There are staff costs, banking, software and state registration costs associated with this program.</td>
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<td>All staff costs include annual increases of 2% in each year and an estimated 8.5% increase in annual health insurance premiums.</td>
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<td>Increased fundraising based on cost sharing for increased placements</td>
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<td>(255,094)</td>
<td>(337,000)</td>
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<td>(25,588)</td>
<td>Meetings, chaplain conferences, travel, and rent at Washington National Cathedral. Direct support for chaplains in federal service and indirect support through advocacy and training for chaplains.</td>
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<td>1,021,467</td>
<td>980,219</td>
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### DETAIL: MARK OF MISSION 4: SEEK TO CHANGE UNJUST STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY

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<td>Reduction reflects increased specificity in other areas as domestic-poverty mission engagements continue to gain traction in the Church</td>
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<td>A major priority of the church; through the lens of racial reconciliation, reflects 0.7% of income previously directed to address MDG goals.</td>
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**DETAIL: MARK OF MISSION 5: SAFEGUARD CREATION**

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Suggest allocation to appropriate budget manager.
### DETAIL: SUPPORTING MISSION THROUGH LOCAL EFFORTS IN TEC

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<td>Congregational Development includes: Transition Ministry (guiding lay and ordained individuals, congregations, and institutions through times of discernment and calling); Church Planting (providing resources and training to assist dioceses and provinces to develop partnerships within the emergent church movement); Congregational Research (directing, coordinating, and publishing ongoing research and analysis for the church, focusing on Episcopal parishes and missions); and Congregational Vitality (assisting church leaders in exploring new ideas for strengthening congregational life). Pastoral Development supports the Presiding Bishop and House of Bishops in episcopal formation and development through the College for Bishops. The office also supports the whole church through the management of disciplinary matters and conflicted pastoral relationships.</td>
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<td>221,960</td>
<td>38,108</td>
<td>Travel, training, rent and general office expense.</td>
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<td>Congregational Research</td>
<td>133,700</td>
<td>120,348</td>
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<td>17,352</td>
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<td>Evangelism &amp; Church Planting</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>50,275</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(50,275)</td>
<td>This work is funded in Mark 1 line 27</td>
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<td>137 P</td>
<td>Congregational Vitality</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(20)</td>
<td>This work is accomplished in multiple lines, especially within lines 168 through 178</td>
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<td>138 P</td>
<td>Stewardship Development (TENS)</td>
<td>385,264</td>
<td>266,530</td>
<td>150,000</td>
<td>(116,530)</td>
<td>Originally entered into as one-time-only grant partnership with The Episcopal Network for Stewardship to support a local network empowering churchwide stewardship.</td>
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<td>Worship &amp; Spirituality</td>
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<td>This work is accomplished in multiple lines, especially within lines 168 through 178</td>
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<td>140 Ca/P</td>
<td>Staff costs</td>
<td>2,917,879</td>
<td>3,033,701</td>
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<td>213,638</td>
<td>Includes Pastoral Development and Congregational Development and Research staff.</td>
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<td>Total Congreg/Pastoral Development</td>
<td>3,951,656</td>
<td>3,917,007</td>
<td>4,036,907</td>
<td>119,900</td>
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<td>Haiti</td>
<td>1,064,176</td>
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<td>Virgin Islands</td>
<td>513,513</td>
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<td>Province 2 Total</td>
<td>1,577,689</td>
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<td>153 P</td>
<td>Navajoland</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>1,224,060</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>(224,060)</td>
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<td>Province 8 Total</td>
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<td>2,878,810</td>
<td>2,654,750</td>
<td>(224,060)</td>
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<td>Province 9 Total Block Grants</td>
<td>2,993,830</td>
<td>2,997,180</td>
<td>2,993,830</td>
<td>(3,350)</td>
<td>Proposal would be for Province IX total to stay the same but possibly allocated differently among dioceses.</td>
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<td>Other Block Grants</td>
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<td>181,961</td>
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<td>(181,961)</td>
<td>For 2013-2015 Line 165 includes</td>
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<td>• AIDS Coalition at $75K</td>
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<td>• Ministries with Disabled and Episcopal Conference for the Deaf $25K each</td>
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<td>• Appalachian Initiatives and Appalachian Ministries funded at $42K and $58K, respectively.</td>
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<td>Long-term Development Grants -</td>
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<td>Long-term development (including theological training) grants to help the Native American dioceses of Alaska, Navajoland, N. Dakota, S. Dakota</td>
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<td>Domestic Dioceses</td>
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<td>Total TEC Block Grants</td>
<td>10,095,269</td>
<td>10,279,640</td>
<td>11,370,269</td>
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<td>P Indigenous Ministries</td>
<td>534,000</td>
<td>567,682</td>
<td>576,000</td>
<td>8,318</td>
<td>Includes special purpose grants</td>
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<td>P Indigenous Theological Training</td>
<td>400,000</td>
<td>355,487</td>
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<td>(355,487)</td>
<td>Funds moved to line 167</td>
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<td>P Episcopal Asia America Ministries</td>
<td>302,500</td>
<td>369,236</td>
<td>420,000</td>
<td>50,764</td>
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<td>P Black Ministries</td>
<td>302,500</td>
<td>336,761</td>
<td>518,000</td>
<td>181,239</td>
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<td>P Historically Black Episcopal Colleges + Universities</td>
<td>2,025,000</td>
<td>2,025,000</td>
<td>1,645,000</td>
<td>(380,000)</td>
<td>One of these institutions has closed. Grant to be shared equally by the remaining two colleges.</td>
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<td>p Educational Enterprise Grants</td>
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<td>400,000</td>
<td>Long-term development grants shared by St. Augustine’s and Voorhees</td>
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<td>P Hispanic/Latino Ministries</td>
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<td>336,935</td>
<td>520,000</td>
<td>183,065</td>
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<td>P New Community Training</td>
<td>197,200</td>
<td>176,559</td>
<td>90,000</td>
<td>(86,559)</td>
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<td>177</td>
<td>P Staff Costs</td>
<td>2,080,981</td>
<td>2,016,008</td>
<td>2,256,727</td>
<td>240,719</td>
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<td>178</td>
<td>Total Ethnic Ministries</td>
<td>6,172,181</td>
<td>6,183,667</td>
<td>6,425,727</td>
<td>242,060</td>
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<td>180/18</td>
<td>P Environmental/Jubilee</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>96,764</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(96,764)</td>
<td>Erroneous coding in 2013; funds for environmental ministries now listed under Mark 5, line 121.</td>
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<td>P Development Office:</td>
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<td>See line 4b</td>
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<td>P Other Cost</td>
<td>960,591</td>
<td>1,044,133</td>
<td>1,324,389</td>
<td>280,256</td>
<td>The DO raised off budget during 2013-2015 over $7 mill.</td>
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<td>186c</td>
<td>P Dedicated Work in Haiti</td>
<td>400,000</td>
<td>27,000</td>
<td>38,204</td>
<td>11,204</td>
<td>Full staff component of 8 as of 2015. Increased travel expense; and donor recognition events.</td>
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<td>P Staff Cost</td>
<td>2,745,969</td>
<td>1,915,071</td>
<td>3,719,695</td>
<td>1,804,625</td>
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<td>186e</td>
<td>P Development Office to be allocated</td>
<td>(900,000)</td>
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<td>This $900K reduction must be identified by staff and management during the triennium.</td>
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<td>Total Development Office</td>
<td>4,106,560</td>
<td>2,986,204</td>
<td>4,182,288</td>
<td>2,096,084</td>
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<td>Total Support through Local Efforts</td>
<td>24,325,665</td>
<td>23,463,281</td>
<td>26,015,192</td>
<td>3,451,910</td>
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<td>Anglican Communion:</td>
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<td>193</td>
<td>P Inter-Anglican Budget/Secretariat</td>
<td>700,000</td>
<td>1,012,000</td>
<td>1,200,000</td>
<td>Block grant restored to earlier levels; consistent with 2014-15 contribution.</td>
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<td>P International Visitors</td>
<td>45,000</td>
<td>30,995</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>Increased travel for Africa, Asia, and Latin America partnerships; forecast for 2013-2015 is $380K.</td>
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<td>P Other departmental cost</td>
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<td>4,115</td>
<td>289,050</td>
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<td>196</td>
<td>P Staff costs</td>
<td>1,522,592</td>
<td>1,196,462</td>
<td>1,640,472</td>
<td>All staff costs include annual increases of 2% in each year and an estimated 8.5% increase in annual health insurance premiums.</td>
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| 197      | Total Anglican Communion            | 2,494,642   | 2,243,572                           | 3,159,522                              |                                      |

| 198      | Block Grants w/in Anglican Communion: |  |  |  |  |
| 200      | P Burundi                           | 12,000      | 8,000                               | 12,000                                 |                                      |
| 201      | P Central Africa                    | 9,000       | 6,000                               | 9,000                                  |                                      |
| 202      | P Congo                             | 21,000      | 21,000                              | 21,000                                 |                                      |
| 203      | P Sudan                             | 36,000      | 29,566                              | 36,000                                 |                                      |
| 204      | P Conf of Angl Prov in Africa (CAPA) | 18,000     | 18,000                              | 25,000                                 | Recognizes increased role of CAPA and increased opportunity for partnership |
| 205      | P Afr Network Theol Ed (ANITEPAM)   | 12,000      | 12,000                              | 12,000                                 |                                      |
| 206      | P Epis Church of Philippines        | 45,000      | 45,000                              | 45,000                                 |                                      |
| 207      | P Jt Committee Philippines          | 20,000      | 13,333                              | -                                      | Budget now in line 244. (Formerly the Committee on the Philippines Covenant) Important for maintaining relationship with a significant Anglican partner. |
| 208      | P Caribbean                         | 6,000       | 4,000                               | 6,000                                  | Office expenses for partnership officer for the Caribbean based in Panama. |
| 209      | P Cuba                              | 106,000     | 106,000                             | 106,000                                | A block grant for general operations of the diocese; includes $30K for bishop salary |
| 210      | P Other Angl Communion Costs        | 0           | 133,144                             | -                                      | Travel and miscellaneous expenses miscoded during 2013 |
| 210a     | P Brazil Secretariat                | 0           | 42,000                              | 42,000                                 |                                      |
| 210b     | P Intentionally left blank          |            |                                     |                                        |                                      |

| 211      | Total Grants w/in Angl Communion    | 285,000     | 438,043                             | 314,000                                |                                      |

| 212      | Covenants w/in Angl Communion:      |  |  |  |  |
| 213a     | P Covenant Long-term Development Fund | 300,000 | 300,000                             | 300,000                                | Long-term development grants for Covenant partners: Brazil, IARCA, Liberia and Mexico. See lines 210, 214-216. |

| 214      | P IARCA                             | 1,436,856   | 1,436,856                           | 1,292,000                              | Block grant to Central America |
| 215      | P Liberia                           | 366,369     | 366,369                             | 386,369                                | Block grant |
| 216      | P Mexico                            | 620,964     | 620,964                             | 350,000                                | Block grant |
| 217      | P Angl Comm UN Office               | 0           | 5,596                               | -                                      | Mistaken coding in 2013. |

| 218      | Total Covenants Anglican Comm.      | 2,424,189   | 2,429,785                           | 2,328,369                              |                                      |

| 219      | Ecumenical, Interfaith, Global Relations: |  |  |  |  |
| 221      | P Program Development Grants        | 120,000     | 80,000                              | 80,000                                 | Special purpose grants to meet emergent unpredicted needs throughout the triennium |
| 222      | P Global Networking                 | 60,300      | 40,200                              | 40,300                                 |                                      |
| 223      | P Support for Ecumenical Reps       | 65,000      | 52,425                              | 55,000                                 |                                       |
| 224      | P Coordinating Committees           | 24,000      | 38,555                              | 30,000                                 | Meetings of full communion partners (includes teleconference and in person): Philippine Independent Church, Moravian, Old Catholic, and Evangelical Lutheran Church. |
| 225      | P Interfaith Relations              | 30,000      | 20,301                              | 35,000                                 | Includes meetings with United Methodist, Anglican Roman Catholic, Church of Sweden, and Presbyterian churches. |
| 226      | P Dialogues                         | 65,000      | 70,967                              | 45,000                                 |                                      |
| 227      | P Churches Uniting in Christ        | 15,000      | 18,099                              | -                                      | Block grant to work on reconciliation of ministries through the lens of the church-dividing issue of race. |
| 228      | P PB Deputy for Ecumenical Relations | 31,500     | 45,591                              | 40,000                                 | Travel and expenses representing TEC. |
| 229      | P WCC Assembly                      | 15,000      | 15,000                              | 15,000                                 | Block grant accrual for next assembly. |
| 230      | P Other Departmental Costs          | 0           | 57,481                              | -                                      |                                      |
| 231      | P Staff Costs                       | 959,445     | 706,840                             | 756,084                                | All staff costs include annual increases of 2% in each year and an estimated 8.5% increase in annual health insurance premiums. |

| 232      | Total Ecu., Inter., Global Relations | 1,385,245   | 1,145,459                           | 1,096,384                              |                                      |
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<td>World Council of Churches</td>
<td>100,921</td>
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<td>101,000</td>
<td>Funds to support national ministries work of National Council of Churches that is done in coalition (e.g., racial and gender justice).</td>
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<td>This area is now undertaken in Mark of Mission #5.</td>
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<td>National Ministries Unit NCC</td>
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<td>Primary method of interreligious work.</td>
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<td>NCC Ecumenical Commitment Fund</td>
<td>155,396</td>
<td>175,702</td>
<td>180,000</td>
<td>Largest gathering of Christians, which includes Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Evangelicals, Episcopalians, and Protestants of major denominations.</td>
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<td>Christian Churches Together US</td>
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<td>336,000</td>
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<td>MDG Partnership with ERD</td>
<td>748,208</td>
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<td>ERD has agreed not to request a grant this year because of significant support in providing in kind services, which constitute a real cost to DFMS (See Line 249)</td>
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<td>Block Grant to ERD</td>
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<td>978,699</td>
<td>This grant represents the value of rental income for offices in 815; included in rental income but granted to ERD (not received in cash)</td>
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<td>Grants in form of Contributed services Support to Affiliated Organizations:</td>
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<td>Episcopal Relief &amp; Development</td>
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## LINE ITEMS

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### Comments

- **Presiding Bishop’s Office:**
  - Presiding Bishop’s Office: 153,319
  - Includes work previously done by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards and Task Forces. Includes translations.

- **Governance-Related Costs:**
  - Governance-Related Costs: 820,654
  - Includes work previously done by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards and Task Forces. Includes translations.

- **Title IV:**
  - Title IV: 820,654
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- **Support for Provinces I-VIII Coordination:**
  - Support for Provinces I-VIII Coordination: 285,000
  - Includes work previously done by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards and Task Forces. Includes translations.

- **Ca Executive Council Committees:**
  - Ca Executive Council Committees: 107,000
  - Includes work previously done by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards and Task Forces. Includes translations.

- **General Convention:**
  - General Convention: 281. President, VP, Exec Asst, Chancellor/ contribution towards PHOD
  - Includes work previously done by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards and Task Forces. Includes translations.

- **Executive Council:**
  - Executive Council: 297a. Executive Council Committees
  - Includes work previously done by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards and Task Forces. Includes translations.

- **Total Executive Council:**
  - Total Executive Council: 298. Support for all Provinces
  - Includes work previously done by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards and Task Forces. Includes translations.

- **House of Deputies:**
  - House of Deputies: 299. Total House of Deputies
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<td>All staff costs include annual increases of 2% in each year and an estimated 8.5% increase in annual health insurance premiums.</td>
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<td>Treas. Recovery from Unrestricted</td>
<td>(276,000)</td>
<td>(276,000)</td>
<td>(293,000)</td>
<td>(17,000)</td>
<td>Accounting work for investment portfolio recovered from trust funds</td>
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<td>Human Resources:</td>
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<td>Retiree Medical Costs</td>
<td>1,710,808</td>
<td>1,861,865</td>
<td>1,800,000</td>
<td>(61,865)</td>
<td>Covers Medicare supplement for all lay retirees and clergy with less than 20-years of service. Our experience in the past decade reveals &quot;actuarial gains&quot; from the death of retired missionaries and employees more than offset by the increasing cost of health care, nursing care, and premium costs. We believe this will remain the case in the next triennium.</td>
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<td>Departmental Costs</td>
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<td>827,778</td>
<td>823,000</td>
<td>(4,778)</td>
<td>Departmental costs include both compulsory (the cost of doing business such as Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance) and discretionary expenses (employee development program, management training, and wellness initiatives). We are expecting increases in Workers comp costs (+$30,000 for the triennium) and are requesting restoring the portion of the employee training and continuing education budget from $12,000 to $24,000 per year (or +$36,000 for the triennium). Software enhancements to UltiPro and UltiRecruit (attendance tracker for use by managers &amp; supervisors).</td>
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<td>1,193,992</td>
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### DETAIL: ADMINISTRATION

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<td>Legal</td>
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<td>Outside counsel; travel; etc.</td>
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<td>3,619,536</td>
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<td>Defense of property; trademarks; etc. Reduced expenses for property litigation as breakaway group activity lessens.</td>
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<td>Legal Exp Churchwide Conflict Res.</td>
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<td>847,564</td>
<td>864,977</td>
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<td>(1,204,028)</td>
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<td>Information Technology</td>
<td>863,246</td>
<td>1,243,621</td>
<td>1,069,000</td>
<td>(174,621)</td>
<td>Extensive new technology investigation, support for churchwide-purchasing programs; infrastructure support based on previous accruals; overdue maintenance/upgrade on power supplies for all network infrastructure, upgrade to latest Windows environment, Office 365 Cloud services. Could enable revenue generation if funds for marketing are available in the future.</td>
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<td>Total Departmental costs</td>
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<td>2,915,163</td>
<td>3,301,280</td>
<td>3,299,584</td>
<td>(1,697)</td>
<td>Facilities Management includes some items related to the maintenance of the Episcopal Church Center, as well as operational costs of the churchwide staff including the mailroom, leasing costs for office equipment, office supplies, and corporate printing. The largest elements of this budget are for utilities, building management and engineering, and cleaning and security services.</td>
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<td>5,502,985</td>
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<td>This is a gross number; some reimbursements appear in line 15.</td>
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<td>266,757</td>
<td>230,647</td>
<td>283,085</td>
<td>52,438</td>
<td>Renegotiated copier contracts have saved approx. $50K annually. Some costs have been assigned to individual departments.</td>
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<td>(92,509)</td>
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<td>958,346</td>
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<td>Goal: Starting New Congregations</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
<td>2,003,504</td>
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<td>Additional funding for new church starts and Mission Enterprise Zones in partnership with dioceses. We anticipate a collaborative effort. Will assist underserved populations, including Hispanic communities.</td>
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<td>Goal: Expanded Evangelism Initiative</td>
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<td>Specific purpose program grant. Increase reflects expressed need from grant application process</td>
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<td>Block grant supporting independent church-wide network</td>
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<td>College for Bishops Grant</td>
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<td>237,099</td>
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<td>A grant to support Living Our Vows training for bishops; peer coaching; represents about 15% of the College for Bishops total budget; other support comes from bishops and external fundraising</td>
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<td>Episcopal Service Corps</td>
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<td>Agreed to support emerging network for 2013-2015 triennium only.</td>
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<td>Jubilee Ministry Grants</td>
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<td>A major priority of the church; through the lens of racial reconciliation, reflects 0.7% of income previously directed to address MDG goals.</td>
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<td>Creation Care Green Initiatives</td>
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<td>Special purpose grants for Creation Care Initiatives to include items such as diocesan grants, clergy formation, internships, camp programs and other initiatives</td>
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<td>Stewardship Development (TENS)</td>
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<td>Proposal would be for Province IX total to stay the same but possibly allocated differently among dioceses.</td>
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<td>Other Block Grants</td>
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<td>For 2013-2015 Line 165 includes: * AIDS Coalition at $75K * Ministries with Disabled and Episcopal Conference for the Deaf $25K each * Appalachian Initiatives and Appalachian Ministries funded at $42K and $58K, respectively.</td>
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<td>Long-term development (including theological training) grants to help the Native American dioceses of Alaska, Navajoland, N. Dakota, S. Dakota</td>
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<td>Indigenous Theological Training</td>
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<td>Funds moved to line 167</td>
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<td>Historically Black Episcopal Colleges + Universities</td>
<td>2,025,000</td>
<td>2,025,000</td>
<td>1,645,000</td>
<td>One of these institutions has closed. Grant to be shared equally by the remaining two colleges.</td>
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<td>Inter-Anglican Budget/Secretariat</td>
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<td>Block grant restored to earlier levels; consistent with 2014-15 contribution.</td>
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<td>Conf of Angl Prov in Africa (CAPA)</td>
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<td>Recognizes increased role of CAPA and increased opportunity for partnership</td>
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<td>Caribbean</td>
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<td>Office expenses for partnership officer for the Caribbean based in Panama.</td>
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<td>Cuba</td>
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<td>A block grant for general operations of the diocese; includes $30K for bishop salary</td>
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<td>Brazil Secretariat</td>
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<td>Covenant Long-term Development Fund</td>
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<td>Long-term development grants for Covenant partners: Brazil, IARCA, Liberia and Mexico. See lines 210, 214-216.</td>
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<td>IARCA</td>
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<td>1,436,856</td>
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<td>1,292,000</td>
<td>Block grant to Central America</td>
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<td>120,000</td>
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<td>Special purpose grants to meet emergent unpredicted needs throughout the triennium</td>
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<td>WCC Assembly</td>
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<td>Block grant accrual for next assembly.</td>
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<td>National Ministries Unit NCC</td>
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<td>Funds to support national ministries work of National Council of Churches that is done in coalition (e.g., racial and gender justice).</td>
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<td>NCC Ecumenical Commitment Fund</td>
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<td>155,396</td>
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<td>Block grant to support interfaith dialogue.</td>
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<td>Christian Churches Together US</td>
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<td>10,325</td>
<td>15,326</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>Largest gathering of Christians, which includes Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Evangelicals, Episcopalians, and Protestants of major denominations.</td>
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<td>MDG Partnership with ERD</td>
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<td>ERD has agreed not to request a grant this year because of significant support in providing in-kind services, which constitute a real cost to DFMS (See Line 249)</td>
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<td>Block Grant to ERD</td>
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- **Archives**: 540,426
- **Chief Operating Officer**: 524,924
- **Communication**: 1,557,867
- **Congregational Development**: 423,396
- **Controller**: 684,884
- **Development**: 953,906
- **Director of Mission**: 363,876
- **Eccumenical & Interfaith**: 159,883
- **EMM Government**: 1,523,601
- **EMM Non-Government**: 221,922
- **Ethnic Ministries**: 518,169
- **Facilities (Bldg, Svs and Mail)**: 221,922
- **Federal Ministries**: 264,877
- **Formation**: 323,421
- **GBEC**: 55,439
- **General Convention**: 769,284
- **House of Deputies**: 79,013
- **Human Resources Information Technology**: 321,009
- **Legal**: 216,282
- **Missionary Staff**: 967,453
- **Pastoral Development**: 272,825
- **Presiding Bishop**: 734,253
- **Refugee Loan Collection**: 154,454
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Report of the Registrar of the General Convention

From July 21, 2012 to May 9, 2015 21 bishops have been ordained and consecrated in and for this Church. The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe was the official Registrar for the 2013-2015 triennium.

CONSECRATIONS

1065: The Rev. Dr. Jacob Wayne Owensby, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Western Louisiana, on Saturday, July 21, 2012, at St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport, LA.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Morris King Thompson, Bishop of Louisiana
Dabney Tyler Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
Edward Stuart Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Kevin Scott Kanouse, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Dena A. Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
Larry R Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas
Michael Vono, Bishop of the Rio Grande
James B. Brown, Bishop of Louisiana, Resigned
Bavi Rivera, Provisional Bishop of Eastern Oregon
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York, Resigned

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson, Ph.D., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1066: The Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff, was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, on Saturday, July 28, 2012, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
Edwin Funsten Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop of Virginia

Co-consecrating Bishops:
David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, Resigned
Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia, Resigned
Laura Jean Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
James Foltz Mauney, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee
Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland
Kenneth L. Price, Jr., Provisional Bishop of Pittsburgh
Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
Richard Blackburn, Bishop of Warrington, Diocese of Liverpool
Herman Hollerith IV, Bishop of Southern Virginia
James B. Magness, Armed Services
Richard H. Graham, Metropolitan Washington Synod, ELCA
Jonathan B.B. Hart, Bishop of Liberia

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by David Booth Beers, Esq., Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop and Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
Assistant registrar: Mary E. Kostel
1067: The Rev. Alfred Robert Hirschfeld, was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire, on Saturday, August 4, 2012, at the Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord, New Hampshire.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Vicky Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire
Gordon Paul Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Laura Jean Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
Arthur Edward Walmsley, Bishop of Connecticut, Resigned
Marvil Thomas Shaw, SSJE, Bishop of Massachusetts
Margaret Gatter Payne, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Douglas E. Theuner, Bishop of New Hampshire, Resigned
Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut
Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont
Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of Newark
Donald P. Hart, Bishop of Hawaii, Resigned
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts
Stephen T. Lane, Bishop of Maine
Andrew D. Smith, Bishop of Connecticut, Resigned
Roy F. Cederholm, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned
Edwin F. Gulick, Assistant Bishop of Virginia
James E. Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
Frank T. Griswold, XXV Presiding Bishop
Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson, Ph.D., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1068: The Rev. Jeff Wright Fisher, was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Texas, on Saturday, October 6, 2012, at the Calwell Auditorium, Tyler, TX.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Charles Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas
Dena Arnall Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Rayford Baines High, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Texas, Resigned
Don Adger Wimberly, Bishop of Texas, Resigned
Claude Edward Payne, Bishop of Texas, Resigned

Assisting:
J. Scott Mayer, Bishop of Northwest Texas
Philip Duncan, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast
Michael L. Vono, Bishop of the Rio Grande
Edward Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma
C. Wallis Ohl, Provisional Bishop of Fort Worth
Robert B. Hibbs, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, Resigned
Jacob Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana
Larry R Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson, Ph.D., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Robert Christopher Wright, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Atlanta, on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the King Chapel, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta
Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Frank Kellogg Allan, Bishop of Atlanta, Resigned
Chester Lovelle Talton, Provisional Bishop of San Joaquin
Jane Hart Holmes Dixon, Bishop Suffragan of Washington, Resigned
Herbert Julian Gordy, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Clifton Daniel 3rd, Bishop of East Carolina
Dean Elliott Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas
John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama
Orris George Walker, Bishop of Long Island, Resigned
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Barbara Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned
Duncan M. Gray III, Bishop of Mississippi
Ambrose Gumbs, Bishop of the Virgin Islands
Terry A. White, Bishop of Kentucky
Keith B. Whitmore, Assistant Bishop of Atlanta
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts
George Young, Bishop of East Tennessee
Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
Mdimi Mhogolo, Anglican Church of Tanzania, Central Tanganyika
Don Adger Wimberly, Bishop of Texas, Resigned
Arthur B. Williams, Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Resigned
David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, Resigned
Dabney Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
James B. Magness, Bishop for the Armed Forces

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson, Ph.D., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1070: The Reverend Dorsey Winter Marsden McConnell, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Pittsburgh, on Saturday, October 20, 2012, at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Kenneth Lester Price, Jr., Provisional Bishop of Pittsburgh
Marvil Thomas Shaw, SSJE, Bishop of Massachusetts

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Edward Stuart Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Joseph Clark Grew II, Bishop of Ohio, Resigned
Paul Victor Marshall, Bishop of Bethlehem
Kurt Frederick Kusserow, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Shannon Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
Wayne Wright, Bishop of Delaware
Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania
Charles Bennison, Bishop of Pennsylvania
Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee
David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, Resigned
James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton
Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania
Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
Robert Johnson, Bishop of Western North Carolina, Resigned
Thomas E. Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, Resigned

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by David Booth Beers, Esq., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
Assistant Registrar: Andrew Roman, Esq.
1071: The Rev. William Nicholas Knisely, Jr., was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Rhode Island, on Saturday, November 17, 2012, at the Saint George's School, Middletown, Rhode Island.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop of Arizona
Stephen Taylor Lane, Bishop of Maine

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island
George Nelson Hunt, Bishop of Rhode Island, Resigned
James Eric Hazelwood, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Graham Henry Rights, Moravian Church in North America

Assisting:
Jeffery Rowthorn, Bishop in Europe, Resigned
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, Resigned
Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont
Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee
Cabell Tennis, Bishop of Delaware, Resigned
James E. Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
Robert W. Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland, Resigned
Dorsey McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Gordon P. Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts
David B. Joslin, Bishop of Central New York, Resigned
A. Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire
Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut
Hays Rockwell, Bishop of Missouri, Resigned
Terry A. White, Bishop of Kentucky
Arthur B. Williams, Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Resigned
Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson, Ph.D., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1073: **The Rev. Doctor Douglas John Fisher**, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Western Massachusetts, on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at the MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Gordon Paul Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts
Mark Sean Sisk, Bishop of New York

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Andrew Marion Lenow Dietsche, Bishop Coadjutor of New York
Alfred Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop Coadjutor of New York
James Eric Hazelwood, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Donald P. Hart, Bishop of Hawaii, Resigned
Jack M. McKelvey, Bishop of Rochester, Resigned
James E. Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
Daniel Y. Sarfo, Bishop of Kumasi (Ghana), West Africa
Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island, Resigned
M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, Bishop of Massachusetts
Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut
William H. Love, Bishop of Albany
George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey
Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, Resigned
Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson, Ph.D., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, Resigned
Terry Allen White, Bishop of Kentucky

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Stacy Fred Sauls, Bishop of Lexington, Resigned
Chilton Abbie Richardson Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, Resigned
Jean Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti
William Oliver Gafkjen, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Ohio
Martin S. Field, Bishop of Western Missouri
Morris K. Thompson, Bishop of Louisiana
James B. Magness, Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries
Dabney Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
Keith Whitmore, Assistant Bishop of Atlanta
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, Resigned
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
George Young, Bishop of East Tennessee

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson, Ph.D., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1075: The Rev. William Jay Lambert III, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Eau Claire, on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Russell Edward Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac
Gregory Orrin Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Keith Bernard Whitmore, Assistant Bishop of Atlanta
Edwin Max Leidel, Provisional Bishop of Eau Claire
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri
Duane Clyde Pederson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
Rayford Ray, Bishop of Northern Michigan
Edward L. Salmon, Bishop of South Carolina, Resigned
James Adams, Bishop of Western Kansas, Resigned
Jeffrey Lee, Bishop of Chicago

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration. Assistant registrar: The Rev. David Seger
1076: The Rev. Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple, was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina, on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at the Duke University Chapel, Durham, NC.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina
Scott Anson Benhase, Bishop of Georgia

Co-consecrating Bishops:
James Gary Gloster, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina, Resigned
Susan Ellyn Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia

Assisting:
William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, Resigned
D. Wayne Burkette, Moravian Church
Robert Whitridge Estill, Bishop of North Carolina, Resigned
Douglas Hahn, Bishop of Lexington
Peter James Lee, Provisional Bishop of East Carolina
W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
Morris K. Thompson, Bishop of Louisiana
Robert C. Johnson, Jr., Bishop of North Carolina, Resigned
Hector Monterroso, Bishop of Costa Rica
Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta
James B. Magness, Armed Forces
Barbara C. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned
Alfred C. Marble, Assisting Bishop of North Carolina

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1077: The Rev. Mark Allen Bourlakas, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Southwestern Virginia, on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at the Roanoke Performing Arts Theatre, Roanoke, Virginia.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Terry Allen White, Bishop of Kentucky
Frank Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
Edwin Funsten Gulick, Assistant Bishop of Virginia
Arthur Heath Light, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia, Resigned
James Foltz Mauney, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island
Shannon Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
Nick Baines, Church of England
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Clifton Daniel 3rd, Provisional Bishop of Pennsylvania
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee
Herman Hollerith, Bishop of Southern Virginia
James B. Magness, Bishop of Armed Services and Federal Ministries
David Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia
Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia
W. Douglas Hahn, Bishop of Lexington
Joe G. Burnett, Assistant Bishop of Maryland
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
Dorsey McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Lane A. Sapp, Moravian Church

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1078: The Rev. Whayne Miller Hougland, Jr., was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Western Michigan, on Saturday, September 28, 2013, at the Van Noord Arena, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina
Stacy Fred Sauls, Bishop of Lexington, Resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Donald Perry Kreiss, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri
Robert R. Gepert, Bishop of Western Michigan
Julio Holguin, Bishop of Dominican Republic
William Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, Resigned
Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan
Edward Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Edward L. Lee, Jr, Bishops of Western Michigan, Resigned
Daniel H. Martins, Bishop of Springfield

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1079: The Rev. William Hallock Stokes, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of New Jersey, on Saturday, November 2, 2013, at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
George Edward Councell, Bishop of New Jersey
Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Mark Monroe Beckwith, Bishop of Newark
Lawrence Charles Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island
George Phelps Mellick Belshaw, Bishop of New Jersey, resigned
Tracie Lee Bartholomew, ELCA

Assisting:
Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of New York
Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut
William H. Love, Bishop of Albany
M. Blair Couch, Moravian Church
Chilton R. Knudsen, Assistant Bishop of New York
Rodney R. Michel, Assisting Bishop of Pennsylvania
Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real
John L. Said, Bishop of Southeast Florida, resigned
Clifton Daniel 3rd, Provisional Bishop of Pennsylvania
Calvin O. Schofield, Bishop of Southeast Florida, resigned
Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware
Victor R. Scantlebury, Bishop of Ecuador Central
Alfredo Morante, Bishop of Ecuador Litoral
Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington, resigned
Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester
Charles E. Bennison Jr. Bishop of Pennsylvania, Resigned

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1081: The Rev. Matthew Alan Gunter, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Fond du Lac, on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at the Appleton Alliance Church, Appleton, WI.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Jeffrey D. Lee, Bishop of Chicago
Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Russell E. Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac, resigned
William Jay Lambert, Bishop of Eau Claire
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
Gerald Lynn Mansholt, ELCA

Assisting:
William D. Persell, Bishop of Chicago, resigned
Edwin Leidel Jr, Bishop of Eastern Michigan, resigned
Joseph Garang, Bishop of Renk, South Sudan
Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida
Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan
Michael Vono, Bishop of Rio Grande
Edward Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Scott Hayashi, Bishop of Utah
James Marshall Adams Jr, Bishop of Western Kansas, resigned
William H. Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey
Francis Gray, Bishop of Northern Indiana, resigned
Brian Prior, Bishop of Minnesota
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri
Daniel Martin, Bishop of Springfield

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Wilson Roane, Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1082: The Rev. Allen Kunho Shin, was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of New York, on Saturday,
May 17, 2014, at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Andrew M.L. Dietsche, Bishop of New York
Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York, resigned
Richard F. Grein, Bishop of New York, resigned
Catherine S. Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York, resigned
Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
Robert Alan Rimbo, ELCA
Marian Blair Couch, Moravian Church

Assisting:
Andrew Smith, Bishop of Connecticut, resigned
William Love, Bishop of Albany
R. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York
Herbert Donovan, Bishop of Arkansas, resigned
F. Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia, resigned
Mark Beckwith, Bishop of Newark
Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida
Jeff Fisher, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
Paul Kim, Primate, Anglican Church of Korea
Chilton R. Knudsen, Assistant Bishop of New York
Michael Marshall, Bishop of Woolwich, Church of England, resigned
Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington, resigned
Geraldine B. Adams III, Bishop of Western New York
George P. Mellick Belshaw, Bishop of New Jersey, resigned
Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island, resigned
Andrew St. John, Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, AUS, resigned
William E. Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey
Frank T. Griswold, XXV Presiding Bishop
Johny Itty, Bishop of Oregon, resigned
George E. Packard, Bishop Suffragan of Armed Forces, resigned
George Ninan, Bishop of North India, resigned

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1083: The Reverend Heather Elizabeth Cook, was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Maryland, on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at the Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, Maryland.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland
James Joseph Shand, Bishop of Easton, resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Robert Wilkes Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland, resigned
John Leslie Rabb, Bishop Suffragan of Maryland, resigned
Susan Ellyn Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia
Wolfgang Herz-Lane, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
A. Theodore Eastman, Bishop of Maryland, resigned
David C. Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, resigned
James B. Magness, Bishop of Armed Services and Federal Ministries
Joe G. Burnett, Assistant Bishop of Nebraska, resigned
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, resigned
Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington
Henry N. Parsley, Provisional Bishop of Easton
Gladstone B. Adams, Bishop of Central New York
Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York
Martin Townsend, Bishop of Easton

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Reverend Canon Charles K. Robertson, Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1084: The Rev. Alan McIntosh Gates, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Massachusetts, on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at the Agganis Arena, Boston University.

Consecrated By:
Steven Taylor Lane, Bishop of Maine
M. Thomas Shaw, III, SSJE, Bishop of Massachusetts
George Edward Councell, Bishop of New Jersey, resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts
Mary Glasspool, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
Mark Hollingsworth, Jr, Bishop of Ohio
Wilma S. Kucharek, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Assisting:
Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
David Bowman, Bishop of Western New York, resigned
Roy F. Cederholm, Jr, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, resigned
George Councell, Bishop of New Jersey, resigned
James E. Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem
Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut
Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont
Douglas Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts
Carol Joy Gallagher, Assistant Bishop, Montana
J. Clark Grew, Bishop of Ohio, resigned
Barbara C. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, resigned
Donald P. Hart, Bishop of Hawaii, resigned
A. Robert Hirschfield, Bishop of New Hampshire
W. Nicholas Knisely, Diocese of Rhode Island
Dorsey McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Sylvestre D. Romero, Assistant Bishop of New Jersey, resigned
Margaret Vertue, Bishop of False Bay, South Africa
Arthur E. Walmsley, Bishop of Connecticut, resigned
Arthur B. Williams, Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, resigned

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1085: The Rev. Brian Richard Seage, was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Mississippi, on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at the Jackson Convention Complex.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Duncan Montgomery Gray, III, Bishop of Mississippi
J. Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
Alfred Clark Marble, Jr, Bishop of Mississippi, resigned

Assisting:
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
Morris K. Thompson, Bishop of Louisiana
Philip M. Duncan III, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast
R. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York
Joe Goodwin Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska, resigned
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia
Jacob W. Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana
Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of East Tennessee, resigned
Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas
J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, resigned
Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina
Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Reverend Canon David Seger, Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1086: The Rev. Robert Stuart Skirving, was consecrated Bishop of East Carolina, on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Rock Springs Center, Greenville, North Carolina.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Stevem Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan
Julio Cesar Holguin, Bishop of Dominican Republic

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Clifton Daniel 3rd, Bishop of East Carolina, resigned
Peter James Lee, Provisional Bishop of East Carolina

Assisting:
Herman Hollerith, Bishop of Southern Virginia
Mark Allen Bourlakas, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina
F. Clayton Matthews
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
Brian R. Seage, Bishop of Mississippi
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of East Tennessee, resigned
W. Douglas Hahn, Bishop of Lexington
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
James B. Magnus, Bishop Suffragan of Armed Forces
Graham H. Rights, Moravian Church

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by David Booth Beers, Esq., Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
Assistant registrar: Joan Geisler-Ludum, Esq.
1087: The Very Rev. Peter David Eaton, was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Southeast Florida, on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Trinity Cathedral, Miami, Florida.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida
Robert J. O'Neill, Bishop of Colorado

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Hans Gerny, Bishop Emeritus, Christian Catholic Church of Switzerland
Geevarghese Mar Theolosius, Mar Thoma Syrian Church in America
Robert G. Schaefer, ELCA
Graham H. Rights, Moravian Church in American

Assisting:
Clive Abdullah, Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago, resigned
David Alvarez, Bishop of Puerto Rico, resigned
Ogé Beauvior, Bishop Suffragan of Haiti
Laish Boyd, Bishop of Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands
Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida
Errol Brooks, Bishop of Northeastern Caribbean and Aruba
Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely
Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina
Philip M. Duncan, Jr, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast
Francisco José Duque Gomez, Bishop of Colombia
Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti
Drexel Gomez, Archbishop Emeritus of the West Indies
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York, resigned
Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real
Scott Hayashi, Bishop of Utah
Emilio Hernández, Bishop of Cuba, resigned
John Holder, Bishop of Barbados, Archbishop of the West Indies
Julio Holguín, Bishop of Dominican Republic
Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Woolwich
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Chilton Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, resigned
Carlos López-Lozano, Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
Santosh K. Marray, Bishop of The Seychelles, resigned
Todd McGregory, Bishop of Toliara
Rodney Michel, Bishop Suffragan of Long Island, resigned
James Hamilton Ottley, Bishop of Panama, resigned
Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Provisional Bishop of Puerto Rico
David Richards, Bishop of Costa Rico, resigned
Calvin O. Schofield, Bishop of Southeast Florida, resigned
Dabney Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
Miguel Tamayo Zaldívar, Bishop of Uruguay, resigned
Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham
William Jerry Winterrowd, Bishop of Colorado, resigned

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by Judith R. Stark, Deputy Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
Report of the
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This report covers the years 2012, 2013, and 2014. It is based on the data contained in the Diocesan Reports which the Bishop of each jurisdiction is required by Canon law to send to the Recorder of Ordinations each year. The figures below compare the totals in the current report with those in the report provided by the Recorder of Ordinations in 2012.

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Con: Consecrated
Ord: Ordained Deacon
Rec: Received
Rest: Restored
Tr In: Transferred In
Dec: Deceased
Pri: Ordained Priest
Rem: Removed
Susp: Suspended

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PART III
THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS
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For the 78th General Convention

PRESIDING BISHOP
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The House of Bishops

The Roster of the House of Bishops, listed in alphabetical order. An asterisk indicates that the Bishop was in attendance at the 2015 General Convention. Canonical Diocese information in this report is based on records from the Church Pension Group.

Gladstone Adams III - 972, Diocesan, Central New York*
James Adams Jr. - 976, resigned, Central Florida
Laura Ahrens - 1018, Suffragan, Connecticut*
John Alexander - 968, resigned, Atlanta*
Frank Allan - 818, resigned, Atlanta
Lloyd Allen - 971, Diocesan, Honduras*
Christopher Allison - 749, resigned, South Carolina
David Alvarez - 984, resigned, Puerto Rico
Craig Anderson - 786, resigned, South Dakota
Marc Andrus - 974, Diocesan, California*
David Bailey - 1049, Diocesan, Navajoland Area Mission*
David Ball - 782, resigned, Albany
David Bane Jr. - 932, resigned, Southern Virginia
Joseph Barker - 1060, Diocesan, Nebraska*
Allen Bartlett Jr. - 804, resigned, Pennsylvania*
John Bauerschmidt - 1013, Diocesan, Tennessee*
Nathan Baxter - 1010, resigned, Central Pennsylvania*
Oge Beauvoir - 1064, Suffragan, Haiti
Peter Beckwith - 872, resigned, Springfield
Mark Beckwith - 1012, Diocesan, Newark*
Barry Beisner - 1008, Diocesan, Northern California*
George Belshaw - 702, resigned, New Jersey
Larry Benfield - 1011, Diocesan, Arkansas*
Scott Benhase - 1039, Diocesan, Georgia*
Charles Bennison Jr. - 927, resigned, Pennsylvania*
Frederick Borsch - 828, resigned, Los Angeles
Mark Bourlakas - 1077, Diocesan, Southwestern Virginia*
Thomas Breidenthal - 1016, Diocesan, Southern Ohio*
Gregory Brewer - 1063, Diocesan, Central Florida*
Charles Brookhart Jr. - 987, Diocesan, Montana*
James Brown - 711, resigned, Louisiana
Edmond Browning - 630, resigned, Hawaii
Diane Bruce - 1044, Suffragan, Los Angeles*
Joseph Bruno - 953, Diocesan, Los Angeles*
John Buchanan - 835, resigned, West Missouri*
Mariann Budde - 1061, Diocesan, Washington*
Joe Burnett - 985, resigned, Nebraska*
William Burrill - 784, resigned, Arizona
Bruce Caldwell - 934, resigned, Wyoming
William Carr - 798, resigned, Upper South Carolina
Sergio Carranza-Gomez - 844, resigned, Los Angeles
Roy Cederholm Jr. - 964, resigned, Massachusetts*
Frank Cerveny - 699, resigned, Florida
John Chane - 979, resigned, Washington*
Richard Chang - 926, resigned, Hawaii*
Steven Charleston - 865, resigned, Oklahoma
Gordon Charlton - 770, resigned, Texas
James Coleman - 888, resigned, West Tennessee
Clarence Coleridge - 763, resigned, Connecticut
George Councell - 990, resigned, New Jersey*
Michael Creighton - 910, resigned, Central Pennsylvania
John Croneberger - 943, resigned, Bethlehem
Michael Curry - 955, Presiding Bishop, North Carolina*
James Curry - 959, resigned, Connecticut
Clifton Daniel III - 922, Diocesan, Pennsylvania*
Alex Dickson - 773, resigned, West Tennessee
AnDr.ew Dietsche - 1062, Diocesan, New York*
Herbert Donovan Jr. - 748, resigned, New York
Joe Doss - 886, resigned, New Jersey
Ian Douglas - 1042, Diocesan, Connecticut*
Charles Doyle - 1033, Diocesan, Texas*
Philip Duncan II - 966, Diocesan, Central Gulf Coast*
Francisco Duque-Gomez - 969, Diocesan, Colombia*
Jean Duracin - 881, Diocesan, Haiti*
Charles Duvall - 755, resigned, Central Gulf Coast
Albert Eastman - 767, resigned, Maryland
Peter Eaton - 1087, Coadjutor, Southeast Florida*
Dan Edwards - 1023, Diocesan, Nevada*
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Edward Konieczny  -  1020, Diocesan, Oklahoma*
James Krotz  -  846, resigned, Nebraska
Robert Ladehoff  -  801, resigned, Oregon
Jung-Hsin Lai  -  962, Diocesan, Taiwan*
Jerry Lamb  -  868, resigned, Northern California*
Paul Lambert  -  1031, Suffragan, Dallas*
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John Macnaughton  -  802, resigned, West Texas
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Santosh Marray  -  1072, Assistant, Alabama*
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Charlie McNutt Jr. - 752, resigned, Central Pennsylvania
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Rodney Michel - 928, resigned, Long Island*
George Millard - 565, resigned, California
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Michael Milliken - 1054, Diocesan, Western Kansas*
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Morgan Porteus - 668, resigned, Connecticut
Frank Powell - 925, resigned, Southwestern Virginia*
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Brian Prior - 1040, Diocesan, Minnesota*
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Wayne Wright - 941, Diocesan, Delaware*
Robert Wright - 1069, Diocesan, Atlanta*
George Young III - 1059, Diocesan, East Tennessee*
House of Bishops
Minutes
78th General Convention
MORNING SESSION

This being the day and place designated by the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, pursuant to Article 1, Section 7, of the Constitution, for the Seventy-eighth Regular Meeting of the General Convention, the House of Bishops assembled in the Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, in the Diocese of Utah, on Thursday, June 25, 2015, with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Call to Order
The Presiding Bishop called the House of Bishops to order at 8:02 a.m.

Devotions
Devotions were led by chaplains, the Rev. Stephanie Spellers, the Rev. Simon Bautista and Mr. Dent Davidson.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Quorum
Following the roll call, the Secretary announced that the current membership of the House, pursuant to Article 1, Section 2, was 282 bishops entitled to vote, of which number 161 being resigned are not to be counted in computing a quorum. (See Appendix A). On the basis of 121 non-resigned members, a quorum requires 61 active bishops entitled to vote. Attendance was taken.

The Secretary moved to give seat and voice to Bishop-elect of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, J. Russell Kendrick, and Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Central-Pennsylvania, Audrey Scanlan.

Motion carried

Message from the House of Deputies
The Presiding Bishop announced the arrival of a delegation from the House of Deputies, comprised of the deputies born in the 1990s, and introduced Deputy Ariana Gonzalez-Bonillas of Arizona, who addressed the House and informed the House of Bishops that the House of Deputies has been duly organized with the Rev. Gay Jennings of the Diocese of Ohio as President, the Hon. Byron Rushing of the Diocese of Massachusetts as Vice-President, and the Rev. Michael Barlowe of the Diocese of California as Secretary and that it is now ready to proceed to business.

The deputies then withdrew.

House Organized
The Secretary moved that the House of Deputies be notified that the House of Bishops was organized and ready to proceed to business, with the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding
Bishop and Primate, in the Chair, with the Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas, as Vice-Chair, and with the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, the Resigned Suffragan Bishop of Southern Ohio, as Secretary. **Motion carried**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message#2)


**Recognition of the Senior Bishop**
The Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop of West Texas, was recognized by the House.

**Official Acts of the Presiding Bishop**
The Presiding Bishop announced the consecrations, depositions, and members who died since the preceding meeting.

**Consecrations**
Peter Eaton, Coadjutor of Southeast Florida, May 9, 2015
J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast, July 25, 2015
Audrey C. Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania September 12, 2015
George R. Sumner, Jr., Bishop of Dallas, November 14, 2015

**Necrology**
Rustin Kimsey, Retired Bishop of Eastern Oregon, April 10, 2015

**Other Changes**
Heather Cook deposition, April 30, 2015

**Introduction of Visiting Bishops**

**Dispatch of Business**
The Secretary of the House moved the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as distributed. **Motion carried**

**Welcome from Host Bishop**
The Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, Bishop of Utah, welcomed the bishops to Salt Lake City.

**Appointments**
The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments:

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Chaplains
The Rev. Stephanie Spellers
The Rev. Simon Bautista
Mr. Dent Davidson

Overseer of Elections
The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs

Tellers for Floor Counts
The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams, Head Teller
The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin
The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter
The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving

Tellers for Paper Ballots
The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Head Teller
The Rt. Rev. Franklin Brookhart
The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner
The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens
The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool

Tellers for the Presiding Bishop Election
The Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera, Head Teller
The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher
The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior
The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage
The Rt. Rev. Don Johnson

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business announced it was organized and ready for business with the Rt. Rev. Wayne Wright, Bishop of Delaware as Chair, the Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee as Vice-Chair, and the Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan as Secretary.

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 8:45 a.m.
Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 5:30 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Special Order of Business
The Assistant Secretary introduced Mary Kate Wold, President and CEO of the Church Pension Group. Ms. Wold addressed the House.

Necrology
The Presiding Bishop announced the death that morning of the Rt. Rev. O’Kelley Whitaker.

Special Order of Business
John Zuk of Oklahoma and Sonja Barba of Hawaii, members of the General Convention Official Youth Presence, addressed the House.

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Second Legislative Day.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

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<td>A043 (Set General Convention Daily Agenda) Adopted with Amendment</td>
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<td>X002 (Special Order Calendar for the House of Deputies) Adopted</td>
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<td>X003 (Appointments on the Board of Archives) Adopted</td>
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<td>HD Message # 7:</td>
<td>X004 (Appointments for the Board for Transition Ministry) Adopted</td>
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Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #1 on Resolution A124 (Amend Title IV.2: Definitions: Advisor, Agreements, Church Attorney, Investigator, Procedural Officer, and Respondent) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #3)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #2 on Resolution A125 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(g) Qualification of Clerk) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #25)
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #3 on Resolution A126 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(j) Residence of Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, Conciliators) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #4)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #4 on Resolution A129 (Amend Canons IV.6.5, IV.6.6 and IV.19.10(b) Notice of Dismissal and Appeal Matters) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #5)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #5 on Resolution A130 (Amend Canon IV.6.7 Notice of Complaint to Clergy) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #6)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #6 on Resolution A131 (Amend Canon IV.6.8 Progress and Accountability) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #7)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #7 on Resolution A132 (Amend Canon IV.6.9 Time to Reach an Agreement) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #8)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #8 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4 Clarification of Compensation under Restriction) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #9)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #9 on Resolution A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.12 Move to 14.8) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #10)
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #10 on Resolution A136 (Amend Canon IV.14.4 Distribution of Accord) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #11)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #11 on Resolution A137 (Amend Canon IV.14.5 Modification of Times) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #12)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #12 on Resolution A138 (Amend Canon IV.14.8 Shorten Times) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #13)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #13 on Resolution A139 (Amend Canon IV.14.11 Adding Church Attorney to Comport with Parallel Canon) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #14)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #14 on Resolution A140 (Amend Canon IV.12 Add President of House of Deputies as Recipient of Notice of Accord) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #15)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #15 on Resolution A141 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(b) Correction to References to Office of Transition Ministry) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #16)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #16 on Resolution A142 (Amend Canon IV.15.6(b)(5) Standards for Appeal) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #17)
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #17 on Resolution A143 (Amend Canon IV.16 Clarification of Matters Concerning Abandonment) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #18)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #18 on Resolution A146 (Amend Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c) Impartiality) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #19)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #19 on Resolution A147 (Amend Canon IV.19.25 Clarification of Bishops Performing as Bishop Diocesan) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #20)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #20 on Resolution A148 (Amend Canon IV.19.30 Requiring Electronic Copies of Proceedings) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #21)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #21 on Resolution A149 (Amend Canon V.4.1(a)) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #22)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #22 on Resolution A150 (Develop Title IV Training Materials) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #23)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #2 on Resolution A059 (Continue Revision of the Book of Occasional Services) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A059)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue its work on a comprehensive revision of the Book of Occasional Services, to seek widespread input on the table of contents and scope of the revision, and to report on its progress to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $94,200 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #24)

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:30 p.m. on the Second Legislative Day after the joint session with the House of Deputies.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 6:30 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Bautista and Davidson.
Appendix A

Make-Up of the House of Bishops

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<td><strong>Total Membership</strong></td>
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*One Bishop Diocesan also serves as Provisional Bishop, reducing the total membership from 289 to 288.*

Note: A quorum is defined by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution as “a majority of all bishops entitled to vote (282), exclusive of bishops who have resigned their jurisdictions or positions (161).” Thus the present quorum is 61.
Appendix B

House of Bishops Legislative Committees

01 Dispatch of Business
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P., Chair (Delaware, III)
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E., Vice-Chair (West Tennessee, IV)
Gibbs, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Wendell N., Secretary (Michigan, V)
Bruce, The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine (Los Angeles, VIII)
Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Jeff (Texas, VII)
Prior, The Rt. Rev. Brian N. (Minnesota, VI)
Rivera, The Rt. Rev. Bavi (Eastern Oregon, VIII)
Seage, The Rt. Rev. Brian (Mississippi, IV)

02 Certification of Minutes
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P., Chair (Delaware, III)
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E., Vice-Chair (West Tennessee, IV)
Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Jeff W., Secretary (Texas, VII)
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03 Rules of Order
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P., Chair (Delaware, III)
Rowe, The Rt. Rev. Sean W., Vice-Chair (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)
Gibbs, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Wendell N., Secretary (Michigan, V)
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04 Constitution and Canons
O’Neill, The Rt. Rev. Robert J., Chair (Colorado, VI)
Ahrens, The Rt. Rev. Laura J., Vice-Chair (Connecticut, I)
Lambert, The Rt. Rev. W. Jay, Secretary (Eau Claire, V)
Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew (Texas, VIII)
Gunter, The Rt. Rev. Matthew A. (Fond du Lac, V)
Harris, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. (Massachusetts, I)
vonRosenberg, The Rt. Rev. Charles (South Carolina, IV)

05 Governance and Structure
Glasspool, The Rt. Rev. Mary D., Vice-Chair (Los Angeles, VIII)
Sloan, The Rt. Rev. John McKee, Secretary (Alabama, VI)
Reed, The Rt. Rev. David M., Assistant Secretary (West Texas, VII)
Duracin, The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache (Haiti, II)
Field, The Rt. Rev. Martin S. (West Missouri, VII)
Klumeyer, The Rt. Rev. William (West Virginia, III)
Owensby, The Rt. Rev. Jacob (Western Louisiana, VII)
Ramos-Orench, The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido (Puerto Rico, IX)
Waggoner, Jr., The Rt. Rev. James (Spokane, VIII)
Wolfe, The Rt. Rev. Dean E. (Kansas, VII)
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Robert C. (Atlanta, IV)

06 World Mission
Beisner, The Rt. Rev. Barry L., Chair (Northern California, VIII)
Little, II, The Rt. Rev. Edward S., Vice-Chair (Northern Indiana, V)
Fitzpatrick, The Rt. Rev. Robert, Secretary (Hawaii, VIII)
Murray, The Rt. Rev. Santosh, Assistant Secretary (Alabama, IV)
Beauvoir, The Rt. Rev. Oge (Haiti, II)
Skirving, The Rt. Rev. Robert (East Carolina, IV)

07 Social Justice and International Policy
Singh, The Rt. Rev. Prince G., Chair (Rochester, II)
Magness, The Rt. Rev. James B., Vice-Chair (Southern Virginia, III)
Scarfe, The Rt. Rev. Alan, Secretary (Iowa, VI)
Allen, The Rt. Rev. Lloyd E. (Honduras, IX)
Eaton, The Rt. Rev. Peter (Southeast Florida, IV)

08 Social Justice and United States Policy
Thompson, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Morris K., Chair (Louisiana, IV)
Hanley, The Rt. Rev. Michael J., Vice-Chair (Oregon, VIII)
Tarrant, The Rt. Rev. John, Secretary (South Dakota, VI)
Gates, The Rt. Rev. Alan M. (Massachusetts, I)

09 Congregational Vitality
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Dabney T., Chair (Southwest Florida, IV)
Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Douglas, Vice-Chair (Western Massachusetts, I)
Hahn, The Rt. Rev. W. Douglas, Secretary (Lexington, IV)
Gumbs, The Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose (Virgin Islands, II)
Morante Espana, The Rt. Rev. Terencio Alfredo (Litoral Ecuador, IX)

10 Evangelism and Communication
Brewer, The Rt. Rev. Gregory O., Chair (Central Florida, IV)
Knisely, The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas, Secretary (Rhode Island, I)
Curry, The Rt. Rev. Michael B. (North Carolina, IV)
Hayashi, The Rt. Rev. Scott B. (Utah, VIII)
Lambert, The Rt. Rev. Paul (Dallas, VII)

11 **Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music**
Smith, The Rt. Rev. George Wayne, *Chair* (Missouri, V)
Martins, The Rt. Rev. Daniel H., *Vice-Chair* (Springfield, V)
Breidenthall, The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. (Southern Ohio, V)
Budde, The Rt. Rev. Mariann (Washington, III)
Burnett, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Joe G. (Maryland, III)
Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. (Virginia, III)

12 **Formation and Education for Ministry**
Ousley, The Rt. Rev. Todd, *Vice-Chair* (Eastern Michigan, V)
Gray-Reeves, The Rt. Rev. Mary (El Camino Real, VIII)
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Michael (North Dakota, VI)

13 **Church Pension Fund**
Milliken, The Rt. Rev. Michael P., *Chair* (Western Kansas, VII)
Duncan, III, The Rt. Rev. Philip M., *Vice-Chair* (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Hougland, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Whayne, *Secretary* (Western Michigan, V)
High, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Rayford B. (Fort Worth, VII)
Holguin, The Rt. Rev. Julio C. (Dominican Republic, IX)

14 **Stewardship and Development**
Hollerith, IV, The Rt. Rev. Herman, *Vice-Chair* (Southern Virginia, III)
Beckwith, The Rt. Rev. Mark M., *Secretary* (Newark, II)
Mayer, The Rt. Rev. J. Scott (Northwest Texas, VII)
Young, III, The Rt. Rev. George D. (East Tennessee, IV)

15 **Ecumenical and International Relations**
Waynick, The Rt. Rev. Catherine M., *Chair* (Indianapolis, V)
Brookhart, Jr., The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin, *Vice-Chair* (Montana, VI)
Miller, The Rt. Rev. Steven A., *Secretary* (Milwaukee, V)
Bruno, The Rt. Rev. J. Jon (Los Angeles, VIII)
Franklin, The Rt. Rev. R. William (Western New York, II)
Sutton, The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. (Maryland, III)

16 **Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**
Lattime, The Rt. Rev. Mark, *Vice-Chair* (Alaska, VIII)
Rice, The Rt. Rev. David, *Secretary* (San Joaquin, VIII)
Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc H. (California, VIII)
Gallagher, The Rt. Rev. Carol (Montana, VI)
Guerrero, The Rt. Rev. Orlando (Venezuela, IX)

17 Privilege and Courtesy
Benhase, The Rt. Rev. Scott, Chair (Georgia, IV)
Frade, The Rt. Rev. Leopold, Vice-Chair (Southeast Florida, IV)
Howard, The Rt. Rev. S. Johnson, Secretary (Florida, IV)

20 Special Legislative Committee on Marriage
Thom, The Rt. Rev. Brian, Chair (Idaho, VIII)
Whalon, The Rt. Rev. Pierre Welte, Vice-Chair (Churches in Europe, II)
Waldo, The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew, Secretary (Upper South Carolina, IV)
Bauerschmidt, The Rt. Rev. John C. (Tennessee, IV)
McConnell, The Rt. Rev. Dorsey (Pittsburgh, III)

21 Program, Budget, and Finance
Lane, The Rt. Rev. Stephen T., Vice-Chair (Maine, I)
Barker, The Rt. Rev. J. Scott (Nebraska, VI)
Duque, The Rt. Rev. Francisco (Colombia, IX)
Goff, The Rt. Rev. Susan (Virginia, III)
Konieczny, The Rt. Rev. Edward J. (Oklahoma, VII)
Mathes, The Rt. Rev. James R. (San Diego, VIII)
Ray, The Rt. Rev. Rayford (Northern Michigan, V)
White, The Rt. Rev. Terry A. (Kentucky, IV)

22 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
Hollingsworth, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Mark, Chair (Ohio, V)
Taylor, The Rt. Rev. G. Porter, Vice-Chair (Western North Carolina, IV)
Gulick, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Edwin F., Secretary (Virginia, III)
Jones, The Rt. Rev. David C., Assistant Secretary (Virginia, III)
Gloster, The Rt. Rev. J. Gary (North Dakota, VI)
Robinson, The Rt. Rev. V. Gene (New Hampshire, I)
Scruton, The Rt. Rev. Gordon Paul (Western Massachusetts, I)
Williams, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. (Ohio, V)
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the House to order at 4:30 p.m.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Introduction of Guests
The Presiding Bishop welcomed the following Visiting Primates, Provincial Secretaries, and Guests:

- The Most Rev. Renato Abilbico, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- The Most Rev. Sammy Azariah, Bishop of Raiwind and Moderator of the Church of Pakistan
- Khushnud Azariah, Spouse of Sammy Azariah
- The Rev. Arthur Cavalcante, Provincial Secretary of the Igreja Episcopal Anglican do Brasil
- The Most Rev. Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia
- The Most Rev. David Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church
- The Most Rev. Francisco del Assis da Silva, Primate of Brazil and Bishop of Southwestern Brazil
- The Ven. Paul Feheley, Primary Secretary to the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
- Mr. Lior Frankiensztajn, Shades Negotiation Program
- Canon Dr. Phil Groves, Anglican Communion Office
- Mr. Walid Issa, Shades Negotiation Program
- Archbishop Paul Kim, Primate of Korea
- Guanghua Ahn, Spouse of Paul Kim
- The Rev. Aidan Koh, Interpreter for Archbishop Kim
- The Rev. Peter Koon, Provincial Secretary of Hong Kong
- Mr. Floyd Lalwet, Provincial Secretary of the Church in the Philippines
- Marcy Lalwet, Spouse of Floyd Lalwet
- The Most. Rev. Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana Mexico and Bishop of Northern Mexico
- Canon David Porter, Lambeth Palace
- The Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Sarfo, Primate and Metropolitan of the Church of the Province of West Africa
- The Very Rev. Dr. Graham Smith, Dean of St. George's College
- The Most Rev. Nathaniel Uematsu, Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai and Bishop of Hokkaido
- The Rev. Marcus Walker, Anglican Centre in Rome
- The Very Rev. Peter Wall, Anglican Church of Canada
- The Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado Caprio, Bishop of Cuba, Anglican Church of Cuba
- The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama and Primate of IARCA
- Armando Guerre, Bishop of Guatemala
- Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Armenian Church of America
- The Rev. Melissa Garrett Davis, Presbyterian Church USA
- The Most Rev. Ephraim Fajutagana, Iglesia Filipina Independiente
- Natasha Klukach, World Council of Churches
- Kathryn Lohre, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- The Rev. Dr. Christopher Meakin, Church of Sweden
The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Moravian Church Northern Province
The Rev. Ron Robertson, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
The Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Sidorak, United Methodist Church
Emily D. Soloff, American Jewish Committee
The Right Rev. Raul Tobias, Iglesia Filipina Independiente
Archbishop Emeritus Anders Wejryd, Church of Sweden
Rabbi Neal Borowitz, Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Stephen Herr, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Previous Day's Minutes
The Assistant Secretary moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Message from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following message had been received from the House of Deputies:

HD Message #8: A302 (Letter of Condolence to Emmanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC) Adopted

Consent Calendar

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution A117 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A117)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n)(3)(i) be amended as follows:
(i) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. For amendments not in proper form, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons may direct the submitting Commission to the canonical and Rules of Order requirements for amendments to the Constitution and Canons so the submitting Commission may revise their amendment to proper form. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; Provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the House of membership, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n)(3)(i) be amended as follows:
(i) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. For amendments not in proper form, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons may direct the submitting Commission to the canonical and Rules of Order requirements for amendments to the Constitution and Canons so the submitting Commission may revise their amendment to proper form. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; Provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed
to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the House of membership, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #26)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #2 on Resolution A119 (Amend Canon III.5.2(b)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A119)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.5.2(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(b) Testimonials required of the Standing Committee by this Title must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee, at a meeting duly convened, except that testimonials may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. If executed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, each shall also be deemed to be an original.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.5.2(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(b) Testimonials required of the Standing Committee by this Title must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee, at a meeting duly convened, except that testimonials may be executed in counterparts, any of which may be delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, each of which shall be deemed an original. If executed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, each shall also be deemed to be an original.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #27)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #1 on Resolution A060 (Continue the Work of the Congregational Song Task Force) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A060)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention empower the Congregational Song Task Force of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to further the mission of The Episcopal Church by enlivening and invigorating congregational song through the development of a variety of musical resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Congregational Song Task Force of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music develop and expand the work begun in the World Music Project; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $72,600 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #28)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #3 on Resolution A061 (Support Leadership Program for Musicians) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A061)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention endorse the continuation of the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations (LPM), which provides musicians who serve small congregations with continuing education for musical leadership in liturgy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $18,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #29)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #4 on Resolution A065 (Develop Liturgical Resource on Christian Initiation) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A065)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop a liturgical resource on Christian initiation; and be it further,

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $24,800 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion defeated Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #30)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #5 on Resolution A068 (Translate Portions of Book of Common Prayer) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A068)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in cooperation with the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, be directed to begin work on translation of portions of the Book of Common Prayer into French, Creole, and Spanish, according to the principles outlined in Canon II.3.5; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution; $20,000 to be allocated for work on French and Creole translations; and $20,000 for work on Spanish translations.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in cooperation with the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, be directed to begin work on translation of portions of the Book of Common Prayer and/or other authorized liturgical
resources into French, Creole, and Spanish, according to the principles outlined in Canon II.3.5; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution; $20,000 to be allocated for work on French and Creole translations; and $20,000 for work on Spanish translations.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #31)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #6 on Resolution A069 (Affirm Participation in IALC) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A069)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention affirm the participation of The Episcopal Church in the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $4,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #32)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #3 on Resolution A018 (Encourage Interfaith Engagement) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A018)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirms the work being done on behalf of interfaith engagement by The Episcopal Church at all levels in the life of the Church, and encourages a sustained commitment to the furthering of such work. Recognizing the increasingly pluralistic nature of our world, we particularly cite the deepening of the Christian Jewish and Christian Muslim engagement as well as the broadening engagement with other religious traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and others.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and provinces to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Statement on Interreligious Relations (http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/general-convention-2009-statement-interreligious-relations) and enact programs and ministries that implement its principles using a variety of resources, starting with Towards our Mutual Flourishing (http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/tomf_booklet_5.5_x_8.5_v10.pdf) and such other resources as dioceses and provinces may find useful; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage dioceses and provinces to include an interreligious component in their Christian formation programs for the laity such as Christian education for children, youth and adults, curricula in Episcopal schools, confirmation curricula, Lenten study programs, and forums for their wider communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge that for clergy development, dioceses and provinces include interreligious competency in continuing education programs, Commissions on Ministry’s formation requirements, clergy days and retreats, and other clergy gatherings; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly encourage Diocesan Bishops to appoint and Diocesan Conventions to authorize the financial support of a Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer (EDEIO) who will be responsible for insuring engagement with the Statement on Interreligious Relations and the development of programs to increase interreligious literacy and engagement.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #33)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #4 on Resolution A070 (Make Appointments to Dialogues and Coordinating Committees) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A070)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies jointly to appoint representatives to official ecumenical dialogues and coordinating committees of full-communion partners.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct request the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies jointly to, in consultation with the President of the House of Deputies, appoint representatives to official ecumenical dialogues and coordinating committees of full-communion partners; and be it further
Resolved, That vacancies on dialogues and coordinating committees be widely publicized and a call for applications and expressions of interest be made.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #34)

End of Consent Calendar

Pastoral Development Committee
The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Chair of the House of Bishops Pastoral Development Committee, presented the Social Media and Electronics Communications Policy for adoption by the House.

Motion carried


Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #2 on Resolution A029 (Protect Human Trafficking Victims on Indian Reservations in Montana and North Dakota) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A029)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, by providing necessary attention to their physical, psychological, and social needs using approaches that respect victims’ rights and integrity; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urges members of The Episcopal Church to support governmental hearings, legislation, and action to promote the recovery and reintegration into society of victims of human trafficking; providing a safe, dignified, and sustainable way for trafficking victims to reintegrate into society and lead a normalized life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the continued participation of The Episcopal Church in the Indigenous groups of the United Nations dealing with human-trafficking issues, particularly, though not exclusively, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, for the purposes of education, advocacy, and collaborative partnerships, and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church conduct an educational campaign to make the public aware of the impact of human trafficking on Indigenous people, particularly, but not exclusively, in Montana and North Dakota; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation for the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, by providing necessary attention to their physical, psychological, and social needs using approaches that respect victims’ rights and integrity; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urges members of The Episcopal Church to support governmental hearings, legislation, and engage in action to promote the recovery and reintegration into society of victims of human trafficking; providing a safe, dignified, and sustainable way for trafficking victims to reintegrate into society and lead a normalized life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the continued participation of The Episcopal Church in the Indigenous groups of the United Nations dealing with human-trafficking issues, particularly, though not exclusively, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, for the purposes of education, advocacy, and collaborative partnerships, and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church conduct an educational campaign to make the public aware of the impact of human trafficking on Indigenous people, particularly, but not exclusively, in Montana and North Dakota; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council Coordinating Committee on Resolution 2012-D042, established in February 2014 be continued in the 2015-2018 Triennium “to assure the effective, thorough, and collaborative implementation of the policies adopted by the 77th General Convention and referred to multiple bodies,” such as the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women and the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church this collaborative effort provide resources for every diocese to conduct an educational campaign to make the public aware of the impact of human trafficking on Indigenous and immigrant peoples, particularly, but not exclusively, in Montana and North Dakota; both worldwide and within the dioceses of The Episcopal Church, such as Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota, and to inspire action by individuals, congregations and dioceses to protect victims of human trafficking; and be it further
Resolved, That bishops and provinces be encouraged to report such actions to Executive Council.
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation for the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #35)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #3 on Resolution A021 (Continue Our Commitment of 0.7% of the Millennium Development Goals) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A021)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church continues its commitment, especially as reflected in the Church-wide budget, of the 0.7% dedicated to the Millennium Development Goals, or other such title as adopted by the United Nations (i.e., Post-2015 Development Agenda, or Sustainable Development Goals, as mentioned by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations), throughout the 2016-2018 triennium and beyond; and be it further Resolved, That the Convention, recognizing that funding for nutrition, education, health care, and development programs is essential to achieve not only the Millennium Development Goals, but also to recognize the dignity of all human beings, invites all dioceses and congregations to contribute 0.7% of their annual budgets to fund international development programs.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church rejoices in the progress made on the Millennium Development Goals during the past three triennia, but recognizing that much remains to be done, continues its commitment, especially as reflected in the Church-wide budget, of the 0.7% dedicated to the Millennium Development Goals, or other such title as adopted by the United Nations (i.e., Post-2015 Development Agenda, or Sustainable Development Goals, as mentioned by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations), of the Church-wide budget to investment in similar programs throughout the 2016-2018 triennium and beyond; and be it further Resolved, That the Convention, recognizing that funding for nutrition, education, health care, gender equality and sustainable development programs is essential to achieve not only the Millennium Development Goals, but also to recognize—ensure respect for the dignity of all human beings, invites urges all dioceses and congregations to continue to contribute 0.7% of their annual budgets to fund appropriate international development programs; and be it further Resolved, That funds in the General Convention budget for the 2016-2018 triennium specified for MDGs be allotted for a grants program that supports congregational and diocesan efforts in international development programs.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #36)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #9 on Resolution A056 (Authorize New Liturgical Resources: A Great Cloud of Witnesses; Weekday Eucharistic Propers) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A056) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize for trial use the liturgical resource entitled, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations” (GCW) as outlined in the Blue Book, replacing Holy Women, Holy Men; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the following criteria for further additions to this resource:

Criterion 1

Historicity: Christianity is a radically historical religion, so in almost every instance it is not theological realities or spiritual movements, but exemplary witness to the Gospel of Christ in lives actually lived that is remembered in our family story. Like all families, however, our family includes important matriarchs and patriarchs about whom little verifiable information is known, yet whose names and influence still exert influence on how we understand ourselves in relation to them.

Criterion 2

Christian Discipleship: The family story captured here is uniquely and identifiably a Christian story. This set of stories commemorates the ways particular Christians live out the promises of baptism. A worthy summary of these promises is captured in our Baptismal Covenant, including a commitment to the Triune God as captured in the Apostles’ Creed; continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers; resisting evil and repenting when necessary; proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; seeking and serving Christ in all persons; and striving for justice and peace among all people. Rather than being an anachronistic checklist, these should be considered general guidelines for considering holistic Christian life and practice. There may be occasional exceptional cases where not all of these promises are successfully kept, or when the person in question is not a Christian, yet the person’s life and work still significantly impacts the ongoing life of the Church and contributes to our fuller understanding of the Gospel.

Criterion 3

Significance: Those remembered should have been in their lifetime extraordinary, even heroic servants of God and God’s people for the sake, and after the example, of Jesus Christ. They may also be people whose creative work or whose manner of life has glorified God, enriched the life of the Church, or led others to a deeper understanding of God. In their varied ways, those remembered have revealed Christ’s presence in, and Lordship over, all of history; and continue to inspire us as we carry forward God’s mission in the world.

Criterion 4

Range of Inclusion: Particular attention should be paid to Episcopalians and other members of the Anglican Communion. Attention should also be paid to the inclusion of people of different genders and races, of lay people (witnessing in this way to our baptismal understanding of the Church), and of ecumenical partners and people who have had their own distinctive influence upon us. In addition to the better-known, it is important also to include those “whose memory may have faded in the shifting fashions of public concern, but whose witness is deemed important to the life and mission of the Church” (Thomas Talley).

Criterion 5

Local Observance: Normally, significant remembrance of a particular person already exists within the Church at the local and regional levels before that person is included in the Church’s larger story.

Criterion 6

Perspective: The introduction of new names should be done with a certain economy lest the balance of the whole be overwhelmed. In the cases of the recently departed — particularly in the case of controversial names — care should be given to seeing them from the perspective of history. Names
added should show a broad influence upon the Church and should result from a widespread desire expressed across the Church over a reasonable period of time.

**Criterion 7**

**Combined Remembrances:** Not all those included need to be remembered “in isolation.” Where there are close and natural links between persons to be remembered, a joint commemoration would make excellent sense (e.g., the Reformation martyrs, Latimer and Ridley; and two bishops of Lincoln, Robert Grosseteste and Hugh); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention authorize for trial use the liturgical resource entitled, “Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015,” as outlined in the Blue Book, replacing *Holy Women, Holy Men*; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to gather feedback from congregations, seminaries, religious orders, and other eucharistic communities on these two resources and to report to the next General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange for the publication of the material contained in “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” and in “Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015” as approved by the 78th General Convention.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize for trial use during the next triennium the liturgical resource entitled, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations” (GCW) as outlined in the Blue Book, Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 174-219 (found in the Adobe Acrobat section of the General Convention iPad) replacing revising and renaming *Holy Women, Holy Men*; and be it further

Resolved, That A Great Cloud of Witnesses be revised to conform to the commemorations in *Holy Women, Holy Men* and any changes to liturgical commemorations made at this Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the following criteria for further additions to this resource:

**Criterion 1**

**Historicity:** Christianity is a radically historical religion, so in almost every instance it is not theological realities or spiritual movements, but exemplary witness to the Gospel of Christ in lives actually lived that is remembered in our family story. Like all families, however, our family includes important matriarchs and patriarchs about whom little verifiable information is known, yet whose names and influence still exert influence on how we understand ourselves in relation to them.

**Criterion 2**

**Christian Discipleship:** The family story captured here is uniquely and identifiably a Christian story. This set of stories commemorates the ways particular Christians live out the promises of baptism. A worthy summary of these promises is captured in our Baptismal Covenant, including a commitment to the Triune God as captured in the Apostles’ Creed; continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers; resisting evil and repenting when necessary; proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; seeking and serving Christ in all persons; and striving for justice and peace among all people. Rather than being an anachronistic checklist, these should be considered general guidelines for considering holistic Christian life and practice. There may be occasional exceptional cases exceptions where not all of these promises are successfully kept, or when the person in question is not a Christian, yet the person’s life and
work still exemplify Christ, significantly impacting the ongoing life of the Church and contributing to our fuller understanding of the Gospel.

**Criterion 3**

**Significance:** Those remembered should have been in their lifetime extraordinary, even heroic servants of God and God’s people for the sake, and after the example, of Jesus Christ. They may also be people whose creative work or whose manner of life has glorified God, enriched the life of the Church, or led others to a deeper understanding of God. In their varied ways, those remembered have revealed Christ’s presence in, and Lordship over, all of history; and continue to inspire us as we carry forward God’s mission in the world.

**Criterion 4**

**Range of Inclusion:** Particular attention should be paid to Episcopalians and other members of the Anglican Communion. Attention should also be paid to the inclusion of people of different genders and races, of lay people (witnessing in this way to our baptismal understanding of the Church), and of ecumenical partners and people who have had their own distinctive influence upon us. In addition to the better-known, it is important also to include those “whose memory may have faded in the shifting fashions of public concern, but whose witness is deemed important to the life and mission of the Church” (Thomas Talley).

**Criterion 5**

**Local Observance:** Normally, significant remembrance of a particular person already exists within the Church at the local and regional levels before that person is included in the Church’s larger story.

**Criterion 6**

**Perspective:** The introduction of new names should be done with a certain economy lest the balance of the whole be overwhelmed. In the cases of the recently departed less than forty years ago — particularly in the case of controversial names — care should be given to seeing them from the perspective of history. Names added should show a broad influence upon the Church and should result from a widespread desire expressed across the Church over a reasonable period of time.

**Criterion 7**

**Combined Remembrances:** Not all those included need to be remembered “in isolation.” Where there are close and natural links between persons to be remembered, a joint commemoration would make excellent sense (e.g., the Reformation martyrs, Latimer and Ridley; and two bishops of Lincoln, Robert Grosseteste and Hugh); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention authorize for trial use the liturgical resource entitled, “Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015,” as outlined in the Blue Book, replacing *Holy Women, Holy Men*; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to review the list of names in “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” in light of these criteria and recommend revisions to the 79th General Convention, with a full explanation for any revisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to gather feedback from congregations, seminaries, religious orders, and other eucharistic communities on these two resources “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” and ”Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015” and to report to the next General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange for the publication of the material contained in “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” and in “Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015” as approved by the 78th General Convention.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #37)
**Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #1 on Resolution B004 (Commend Report on Relations with Church of Sweden) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

*(B004)*

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention receive the Report on the Grounds for Future Relations Between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church, and commend it to all members of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations or its successor body to work with the authorities of the Church of Sweden to develop closer relations.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention receive the Report on the Grounds for Future Relations Between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church, and commend it to all members of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations or its successor body to work with the authorities of the Church of Sweden to develop closer relations.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #38)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #2 on Resolution A017 (Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

*(A017)*

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirms the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues currently sponsored by The Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Episcopal Dialogue, and noting particularly the renewed round of Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Consultation in the U.S.A. (ARCUSA) dialogue and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church.

The Committee also affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, The Evangelical Lutheran Church and The Moravian Church. The Committee also notes with joy and gratitude the deepening relationship between the Primates and Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Anglican Church of Canada, and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and commends, to members of all four churches, the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have jointly issued.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirms the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues sponsored currently sponsored by The Episcopal Church: The dialogue toward full communion with the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue, and noting particularly the renewed round of the Anglican-Roman Catholic
Theological Consultation in the U.S.A. (ARCUSA) dialogue and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church; and be it further

Resolved, The Committee also That the 78th General Convention affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our The Episcopal Church’s full communion partners, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Northern and Southern Provinces of and The Moravian Church in America; and be it further

Resolved, The Committee also That the 78th General Convention notes with joy and gratitude the deepening relationship between the Primates and Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Anglican Church of Canada, and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and commends, to members of all four churches, the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have jointly-issued jointly.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #39)

Personal Privilege
The Rt. Rev. Pierre W. Whalon, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, recognized the representatives of the Church of Sweden present in the House.

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 on Resolution X006 (Episcopal Migration Ministry: 75 years of Welcoming the Stranger) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #398)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X006)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention celebrates the ministry of Episcopal Migration Ministry for these past 75 years and invites the members of our church to join in continual support through our finances, advocacy, and personal involvement; and be it further
Resolved, That the effective refugee resettlement programs of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society achieved during these past 75 years working in partnership with its affiliate network, along with dioceses, faith communities, and volunteers have welcomed refugees from around the globe; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops recognizes the life-saving ministry of the Episcopal Migration Ministry for resettling 5,155 refugees in 2014 from all around the globe through the assistance and work of many of our dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops encourages its dioceses and congregations to respond to the need of welcoming the stranger in our midst through the work of Episcopal Migration Ministry acknowledging the information from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees that every four seconds someone is forced to flee due to conflict, persecution, or fear of violence; that there are currently more than 50 million refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced people worldwide, the most in the post-World War II era.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on Resolution X007 (Episcopal Relief and Development: 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #399)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X007)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention celebrate the effective and life giving ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development for the past 75 years; and be it further
Resolved, That beginning with the Presiding Bishop’s Fund for World Relief in 1940 to the present day, Episcopal Relief & Development has responded compassionately to the suffering in our world by alleviating hunger and improving food supply, by creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities, by promoting health and fighting diseases and by responding to disasters and rebuilding communities; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops thank all donors to Episcopal Relief and Development over the past 75 years and encourage all dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church to continue their support of Episcopal Relief and Development on an ongoing basis; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops thank the staff of Episcopal Relief and Development in all their efforts to Help a Hurting World and encourage them to continue to provide ways to make a difference in the lives of those suffering throughout the world.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on Resolution X008 (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil: 125 Years of Gospel Witness) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #400)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X008)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention celebrate with our sisters and brothers of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (The Episcopal Church of Brazil) on the 125th anniversary of its founding by missionaries of The Episcopal Church, the 50th anniversary of its autonomy as a Province of the Anglican Communion, and its 30th anniversary of the ordination of women in its Province; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops thank the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil for its steadfast witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for its mission partnership with our Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on Resolution X009 (National Association of Episcopal Schools: 50 Years of Supporting our Episcopal Schools) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #401)
Final Text of Resolution:
(X009)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention honor the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 28, 2015; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops commend NAES for their service to Episcopal schools combining a strong commitment to our Christian tradition as well as a spirit of inclusion and open inquiry on behalf of the nearly 1,200 Episcopal schools, early childhood education programs, and school establishment efforts.

Special Legislative Committee on Marriage
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #1 on Resolution A037 (Continue Work of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A037)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commends diocesan and parish use of the study materials on marriage provided in the last triennium by the Task Force on the Study of Marriage, namely the “Dearly Beloved” toolkit and the appended essays in their Blue Book report to this Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention directs the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint an expanded Task Force on the Study of Marriage to continue this work, consisting of not more than 15 people, including theologians, ethicists, pastors, liturgists, and educators; membership should include some of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage appointed in 2012, some from dioceses outside the United States, and young adults; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force explore further those contemporary trends and norms identified by the Task Force on the Study of Marriage in the previous triennium, specifically regarding those who choose to remain single; unmarried persons in intimate relationships; couples who cohabitate either in preparation for, or as an alternative to, marriage; couples who desire a blessing from the Church but not marriage; parenting by single or and/or unmarried persons; differing forms of family and household such as those including same-sex parenting, adoption, and racial diversity; and differences in marriage patterns between ethnic and racial groups, and between provinces inside and outside the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force consult with individuals and couples within these groups about their experience of faith and church life; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force explore biblical, theological, moral, liturgical, and pastoral perspectives on these matters, and develop written materials about them; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force study and monitor, in coordination with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the impact of same-sex marriage and rites of blessing on our Church; the continuing debate about clergy acting as agents of the state in officiating at marriages; and any other matters related to marriage by action of or referral by this Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force report and make recommendations to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force provide an educational and pastoral resource for congregational use on these matters; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commends requests diocesan dioceses and parishes use of the study materials on marriage provided in the last triennium by the Task Force on the Study of Marriage, namely the “Dearly Beloved” toolkit and the appended essays in their Blue Book report to this Convention; and be it further  
Resolved, That this the 78th General Convention directs the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint jointly an expanded Task Force on the Study of Marriage to continue this work, consisting of not more than 15 people, including theologians, ethicists, pastors, liturgists, and educators, who represent the cultural and theological diversity in the Church; membership should include some of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage appointed in 2012, some from dioceses outside the United States, and young adults; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force explore further those contemporary trends and norms identified by the Task Force on the Study of Marriage in the previous triennium, specifically regarding those who choose to remain single; unmarried persons in intimate relationships; couples who cohabit either in preparation for, or as an alternative to, marriage; couples who desire a blessing from the Church but not marriage; parenting by single or and/or unmarried persons; differing forms of family and household such as those including same-sex parenting, adoption, and racial diversity; and differences in marriage patterns between ethnic and racial groups, and between provinces inside and outside the United States; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force consult with (i) individuals and couples within these groups about their experience of faith and church life; and (ii) the results of diocesan and parochial study of "Dearly Beloved" toolkit; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force explore biblical, theological, moral, liturgical, cultural, and pastoral perspectives on these matters, and develop written materials about them which represent the spectrum of understanding in our Church and which include responses from theologians, ethicists, pastors, liturgists, social scientists, and educators who are not members of the expanded Task Force, and whose perspectives represent the spectrum of understandings on these matters in our Church; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force study and monitor, in coordination consultation with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the impact of same-sex marriage and rites of blessing on our Church; the continuing debate about clergy acting as agents of the state in officiating at marriages; and any other matters related to marriage by action of or referral by this Convention; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force report and make recommendations to the 79th General Convention; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force provide an educational and pastoral resources for congregational use on these matters that represents the spectrum of understandings on these matters in our Church; and be it further  
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 $90,000 for the implementation of this resolution. 

Motion carried 
Resolution adopted with amendment 
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #44)
Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #4 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4 Clarification of Compensation under Restriction) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A133)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.7.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. Any restriction on ministry imposed pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(a) or placement on Administrative Leave pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(b) must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for which it is issued; (c) set forth clearly the limitations and conditions imposed and the duration thereof; (d) set forth clearly terms of compensation, if any; (e) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; (f) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy; and (g) advise the Member of the Clergy of his or her right to be heard in the matter as provided in this Canon. A copy of such writing shall be promptly provided to the Church Attorney.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.7.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. Any restriction on ministry imposed pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(a) or placement on Administrative Leave pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(b) must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for which it is issued; (c) set forth clearly the limitations and conditions imposed and the duration thereof; (d) set forth clearly changes, if any, in the terms of compensation, if any; (e) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; (f) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy; and (g) advise the Member of the Clergy of his or her right to be heard in the matter as provided in this Canon. A copy of such writing shall be promptly provided to the Church Attorney.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #45)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #16 on Resolution A150 (Develop Title IV Training Materials) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A150)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission of Constitution and Canons to develop and implement Title IV training materials for use throughout the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $339,220 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the development of such materials; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $224,820 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the translation of the Title IV training materials into Spanish and Creole.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #46)
Official Acts of the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop's Official Acts were filed with the Secretary.

Consent Calendar
The Assistant Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Third Legislative Day.

Recess
Following announcements by the Assistant Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 11:15 a.m. on the Third Legislative Day for a special session at the Cathedral of St. Mark to elect a Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:28 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Spellers and Davidson.
MORNING SESSION

Election of the 27th Presiding Bishop
Following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Convention Center, the House traveled to St. Mark's Cathedral where they were welcomed by the Dean, the Very Rev. Raymond Joe Waldon.

The Presiding Bishop called the House to order at 11:03 a.m. and reminded the House that the House was in Executive Session to elect the 27th Presiding Bishop.

The Chaplains were present as well as the Presiding Bishop's Chancellors.

The Secretary called the roll, and the Parliamentarian announced that there were 176 bishops present and eligible to vote, making 89 votes necessary for an election.

The results of the ballots cast were as follows:

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Nominees:
- Breidenthal, The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. 19
- Curry, The Rt. Rev. Michael B. 121
- Smith, The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. 21

The Presiding Bishop-elect was welcomed warmly by the House and addressed the House offering thanks to his fellow nominees.

The Presiding Bishop then thanked Bishops Breidenthal, Douglas, and Smith.

The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley and the Rt. Rev. Wayne Wright were named as the delegation from the House to address the House of Deputies.

At 2:08 p.m., the representatives from the House of Deputies, the Hon. Byron Rushing of the Diocese of Massachusetts), Sally Johnson of the Diocese of Minnesota, and Lynn Schmissrauter of the Diocese of East Tennessee, addressed the House of Bishops. In the House of Deputies, the vote to confirm the election was: 800 in favor (98.52%) and 12 opposed (1.48%).

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:00 p.m. on the Third Legislative Day.  

Motion carried

The House recessed at 2:11 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The Vice-Chair called the House to order at 4:02 p.m.

Devotions
Prayers were led by Chaplain Davidson.

Table Conversations
The Vice-Chair announced ten minutes of table conversation.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day's minutes.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #3 on Resolution A132 (Amend Canon IV.6.9 Time to Reach an Agreement) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A132)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.6.9 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 9. If the determination of the Reference Panel is to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply. If the referral is to the Bishop Diocesan for possible Agreement and an Agreement is not reached within 90 days of the referral, the Reference Panel will re-refer the matter, in accordance with Canon IV.6.8.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #55)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #5 on Resolution A130 (Amend Canon IV.6.7 Notice of Complaint to Clergy) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A130)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.6.7 is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. At the same time as forwarding the intake report to the Reference Panel, the Intake Officer shall send a notice to the subject Member of the Clergy informing him or her of the nature of the alleged Offense(s), the identity of the Complainant, and describing the next procedural steps that the Member of the Clergy can anticipate.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.6.7 is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. At the same time as forwarding the intake report to the Reference Panel, the Intake Officer shall send a notice to the subject Member of the Clergy informing him or her of the nature of the alleged Offense(s), the identity of the any persons who have been designated as Complainants, and describing the next procedural steps that the Member of the Clergy can anticipate. The notice shall also remind the Member of the Clergy of his or her duty under Canon IV.3.1 (b) to cooperate in the subsequent proceedings.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #54)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #7 on Resolution A131 (Amend Canon IV.6.8 Progress and Accountability) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A131)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.6.8 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. If the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.6.8 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e)
referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. If, until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #57)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #8 on Resolution A136 (Amend Canon IV.14.4 Distribution of Accord) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A136)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. A copy of the Accord shall be sent to the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Church Attorney and the Bishop Diocesan by the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever the matter was before when the Accord was reached) on the date that the Conciliator or president of the Panel signs. If the Accord was reached between the Bishop Diocesan and Respondent under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall send a copy of the Accord to the persons listed in this Section on the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. A copy of the Accord shall be sent to the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Church Attorney, the president of the Disciplinary Board, and the Bishop Diocesan by the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever the matter was before when the Accord was reached) on the date that the Conciliator or president of the Panel signs. If the Accord was reached between the Bishop Diocesan and Respondent under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall send a copy of the Accord to the president of the panel to which the matter is assigned and the persons listed in this Section on the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #58)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #9 on Resolution A137 (Amend Canon IV.14.5 Modification of Times) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A137)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.5 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty two days from the date on which the Accord is sent to the Bishop Diocesan issued in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney
and the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Accord as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Accord. The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty twenty days following the date on which the Accord is issued and not later than sixty forty days following such date. The Bishop Diocesan's pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Accord. In the case of an Accord under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than the day after the date the Accord became effective and irrevocable.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.5 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty twenty days from the date on which the Accord is issued entered in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Respondent's counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor, the Church Attorney and the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Accord as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Accord. The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty twenty days following the date on which the Accord is issued and not later than sixty forty days following such date. The Bishop Diocesan's pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Accord. In the case of an Accord under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than the day after the date the Accord became effective and irrevocable.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #59)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #10 on Resolution A140 (Amend Canon IV.12 Add President of House of Deputies as Recipient of Notice of Accord) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A140)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.12 and Canon 14.12(a) be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. If there has been no objection by the Respondent or the Church Attorney to the Order(s), notice of Accords and Orders which have become effective shall be given without delay as follows:
(a) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, the Bishop Diocesan shall give notice of the Accord or Order to every Member of the Clergy in the Diocese, each Vestry in the Diocese, the Secretary of Convention, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which shall be added to the official records of the Diocese; to the Presiding Bishop, to all other Bishops of the Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of the Church; to the President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of ordinations; to the Office of Transition
Ministry; the Archives; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies.
This amendment clarifies that Church Attorney can object to Orders, consistent with other provisions, and adds President of the House of Deputies as a recipient of the notices of Accords and Orders.

Committee Amendment:  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.12 and Canon 14.12(a) be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 12. If there has been no objection by the Respondent or the Church Attorney to the Order(s), notice of Accords and Orders which have become effective shall be given without delay as follows:
(a) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, the Bishop Diocesan shall give notice of the Accord or Order to every Member of the Clergy in the Diocese, each Vestry in the Diocese, the Secretary of Convention, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which shall be added to the official records of the Diocese; to the Presiding Bishop, to all other Bishops of the Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of the Church; to the President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of ordinations; to the Office of Transition Ministry; the Archives; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies.

This amendment clarifies that Church Attorney can object to Orders, consistent with other provisions, and adds President of the House of Deputies as a recipient of the notices of Accords and Orders.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #61)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #11 on Resolution A139 (Amend Canon IV.14.11 Adding Church Attorney to Comport with Parallel Canon) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(A139)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.11 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 11. If the Order is issued by a Conference Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to the Order as provided in Canon IV. 12.124.14.8 and the matter shall be referred to a Hearing Panel for hearing as provided in Canon IV.13.

Committee Amendment:  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.11 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 11. If the Order is issued by a Conference Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to the Order as provided in Canon IV. 12.124.14.8 and the matter shall be referred to a Hearing Panel for hearing as provided in Canon IV.13.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #60)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #12 on Resolution A141 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(b) Correction to References to Office of Transition Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A141)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.12(b) be amended as follows:
(b) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall give notice of the Accord or Order to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of ordinations, to the Church Deployment Office of Transition Ministry, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with the Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.12(b) be amended as follows:
(b) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall give notice of the Accord or Order to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of ordinations, to the Church Deployment Office of Transition Ministry, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with the Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #62)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #13 on Resolution A147 (Amend Canon IV.19.25 Clarification of Bishops Performing as Bishop Diocesan) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A147)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.25 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 25. If there is neither a Bishop Diocesan nor a Bishop Coadjutor nor a Bishop Suffragan nor an Assistant Bishop expressly assigned the administration of clergy discipline in a Diocese and not under a restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, the Diocese shall, by agreement pursuant to Canon III.13.2, arrange for a Bishop to perform the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Title before commencing or continuing with any proceedings under this Title. A Bishop performing the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Section has all the authority and powers of the Bishop Diocesan.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.25 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 25. If there is neither a Bishop Diocesan nor a Bishop Coadjutor nor a Bishop Suffragan nor an Assistant Bishop expressly assigned the administration of clergy discipline in a Diocese and not under a restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, the Diocese shall, by agreement pursuant to Canon III.13.2, arrange for a Bishop to perform the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Title before commencing or continuing with any proceedings under this Title. A Bishop performing the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Section has all the authority and powers of the Bishop Diocesan under this Title.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #63)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #14 on Resolution A148 (Amend Canon IV.19.30 Requiring Electronic Copies of Proceedings) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A148)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.30 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 30. Records of proceedings shall be preserved as follows:
(a)(1) Each Hearing Panel and Provincial Court of Review shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings by any means from which a written transcript can be produced. When all proceedings have been concluded, the president of the Panel or Court shall certify the record. If the president did not participate in the proceeding for any reason, the Panel or Court shall elect another member of the Panel or Court to certify the record.
(2) The Panel or Court shall make provision for the preservation and storage of a copy of the record of each proceeding in the Diocese in which the proceeding originated.
(3) The Panel or Court shall promptly deliver the original certified record of its proceedings to the Archives of The Episcopal Church.
(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall
(1) promptly deliver to the Archives of The Episcopal Church a copy of any Accord or Order which has become effective and a record of any action of remission or modification of any Order and
(2) provide for the permanent preservation of copies of all Accords and Orders by means which permit the identification and location of each such copy by the name of the Member of the Clergy who is the subject thereof.
(c) When printed records are submitted under this Canon, there shall be delivered to the Archives of The Episcopal Church an electronic copy or version of the records required to be preserved under this Section in such format as The Archives of the Episcopal Church may specify.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.30 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 30. Records of proceedings shall be preserved as follows:
(a)(1) Each Hearing Panel and Provincial Court of Review shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings by any means from which a written transcript can be produced. When all proceedings have been concluded, the president of the Panel or Court shall certify the record. If the president did not participate in the proceeding for any reason, the Panel or Court shall elect another member of the Panel or Court to certify the record.
(2) The Panel or Court shall make provision for the preservation and storage of a copy of the record of each proceeding in the Diocese in which the proceeding originated.
(3) The Panel or Court shall promptly deliver the original certified record of its proceedings to the Archives of The Episcopal Church.
(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall
(1) promptly deliver to the Archives of The Episcopal Church a copy of any Accord or Order which has become effective and a record of any action of remission or modification of any Order and
(2) provide for the permanent preservation of copies of all Accords and Orders by means which permit the identification and location of each such copy by the name of the Member of the Clergy who is the subject thereof.
(c) When printed records are submitted under this Canon, there shall be delivered to the Archives of
The Episcopal Church an electronic copy or version of the records required to be preserved under this
Section in such format as The Archives of The Episcopal Church may specify.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #64)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #15 on Resolution
A149 (Amend Canon V.4.1(a)) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A149)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon V.4 be amended as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the
contrary, the term of a member in any body of the General Convention consisting of several
members shall become vacant as follows:

1) upon absence from two regularly scheduled meetings of the body between successive regular
   meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the body;
2) upon entry of an Order or Accord, which Order or Accord includes a Sentence of Inhibition,
   Admonition, Suspension, or Deposition of a Member of the Clergy then serving on the body;
3) upon the renunciation of the ministry of this Church by a Member of the Clergy;
4) upon the certification to the Presiding Bishop by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops as to the
   abandonment of the Church by a Bishop pursuant to Canon IV.16;
5) upon the certification by the Standing Committee as to the abandonment of the Church by a
   Priest or Deacon pursuant to Canon IV.16; or
6) for cause deemed sufficient by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the body.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon V.4 be amended as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the
contrary, the term of a member in any body of the General Convention consisting of several
members shall become vacant as follows:

1) upon absence from two regularly scheduled meetings of the body between successive regular
   meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the body;
2) upon entry of an Order or Accord, which Order or Accord includes a Sentence of Inhibition,
   Admonition, Suspension, or Deposition of a Member of the Clergy then serving on the body;
3) upon the renunciation of the ministry of this Church by a Member of the Clergy;
4) upon the certification to the Presiding Bishop by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops as to the
   abandonment of the Church by a Bishop pursuant to Canon IV.16;
5) upon the certification by the Standing Committee as to the abandonment of the Church by a
   Priest or Deacon pursuant to Canon IV.16; or
6) for cause deemed sufficient by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the body.

**World Mission**

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #1 on Resolution A013
(Continue Financial Support for Global Missions, Young Adult Service Corps, and Episcopal
Volunteers in Mission) and moved adoption.
**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A013)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm the growing success of the work of Global Missions, especially the global networks, relationships, and spiritual developments seen in programs like the Young Adult Service Corps and the Episcopal Volunteers in Mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention, in showing our continued support to be a mission-based church firmly grounded in the work of global mission, call upon Executive Council to work to increase the opportunities for global mission through such programs as Young Adult Service Corps and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission, through budgetary means as available so that opportunities for global mission are increased, diversified, and prioritized by the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call upon every diocese to explore the opportunities for global mission work and encourage as many people as possible to apply for, attend, and complete a mission assignment as made available by these programs.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #56)

**Social Justice and International Policy**
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #1 on Resolution A020 (Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A020)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA rejoice together in being granted Economic and Social Council consultative status at the United Nations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church encourages all Episcopalians to educate themselves about the work of the United Nations and the many ways in which our collective call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” links with the work undertaken at the United Nations, and to partner with the United Nations and its agencies to achieve these goals; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages all Episcopalians to avail themselves of the resources and opportunities presented by this status, in particular partnering with the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA rejoice together in being granted Economic and Social Council consultative status at the United Nations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church encourages all Episcopalians to educate themselves about the work of the United Nations and the many ways in which our collective call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” links with the work undertaken at the United Nations, and to support and partner with the United Nations and its programs and agencies to achieve these goals in pursuit of peace, reconciliation and justice for all people; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages all Episcopalians to *inform* themselves of about the resources and opportunities presented by this status, *especially through association and communication* with in particular partnering with the Global Partnerships team staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Church’s official representatives to at the United Nations.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #48)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #5 on Resolution B002 (Support the End of the Embargo of Cuba) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B002)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention support the end of the Embargo on Cuba by the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge Episcopalians and others to contact their Senators and their Congressional Representatives to urge them to support the *Freedom to Export to Cuba Act* (S. 491 and H.R. 634); and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct that the Episcopal Public Policy Network to mobilize support for ending the Embargo on Cuba and to provide information regarding both the lack of beneficial effects of the Embargo and on the harmful effects of the Embargo on persons in Cuba and in the United States.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention support the end of the Embargo on Cuba by the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge Episcopalians and others to contact their Senators and their Congressional Representatives to urge them to support the *Freedom to Export to Cuba Act* (S. 491 and H.R. 634); and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct that the Episcopal Public Policy Network to mobilize support for ending the Embargo on Cuba and to provide information regarding both the lack of beneficial effects of the Embargo and on the harmful effects of the Embargo on persons in Cuba and in the United States, consistent with resolutions from the 76th and 77th General Conventions calling for an end to the embargo of Cuba, welcomes recent diplomatic initiatives aimed at restoring relations and expanding commerce and movement of people between the United States and Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to concentrate its effort with respect to this issue toward lifting aspects of the embargo that impede The Episcopal Church’s partnership with The Episcopal Church in Cuba.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #72)

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #7 on Resolution A062 (Address Christian Anti-Judaism) and moved adoption.
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue to collect, review, and disseminate materials to address Christian anti-Judaism expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #49)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #8 on Resolution A063 (Adopt Criteria for Biblical Translations and Amend Canon II.2) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A062)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention adopt the following Criteria for Recommending New Biblical Translations for Use in Public Worship:
I. Guiding assumptions:
   1. There is no perfect translation. It is impossible to render the full meaning of a text in its original language and context into another language and context.
   2. All translations make interpretive choices; there is no “neutral” translation. However, some translations conform more closely than others to the specific criteria listed below.
   3. The goal of these criteria is not to advance any particular interpretations; but, rather, to help ensure that amendments to Canon II.2 will be generally received as reasonable, responsible, and suitable.
   4. Ordinarily, for a translation to be considered, it must include the books of the Old and New Testament and the Apocrypha or Deuterocanonical Books as listed in the Articles of Religion.
   5. No translation will be universally received as fully meeting all of these criteria. To be recommended, a new translation should be widely received as meeting most of these specific criteria.

II. To be recommended for use in public worship, a translation should meet the specific criteria of being:
   1. Based on academically or historically accepted editions of the Hebrew and Greek texts;
   2. Technically competent in approximating the meaning of the base text; Comprehensible to the target audience;
   3. Fluid when spoken aloud;
   4. Stylistically suitable to approved services.

III. While some translations obviously fail to meet these standards, measuring a text by these criteria is far from an exact science. We can, however, look for certain kinds of positive reception to indicate whether or not a text meets most of these criteria:
   1. Academic reception. Do most biblical scholars recognize the translation as technically competent and comprehensible to the target audience? Do most liturgical scholars recognize the translation as fluid when spoken aloud and stylistically suitable to approved services?
   2. Pastoral reception. Does a significant number of clergy consider the translation comprehensible to their congregations, fluid when spoken aloud, and/or stylistically suitable for their services?
3. Anglican reception. Have most other Churches in the Anglican Communion made provision for the use of the translation in public worship?

4. Full Communion Partners’ reception. Have most of The Episcopal Church’s Full Communion Partners made provision for the use of the translation in public worship?

5. Ecumenical reception. Have other Churches made provisions for the use of the translation in public worship?; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon II.2 is hereby amended by adding two new sections:

Canon 2: Of Translations of the Bible

Sec. 1. The Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer shall be read from the translation of the Holy Scriptures commonly known as the King James or Authorized Version (which is the historic Bible of this Church) together with the Marginal Readings authorized for use by the General Convention of 1901; or from one of the three translations known as Revised Versions, including the English Revision of 1881, the American Revision of 1901, and the Revised Standard Version of 1952; from the Jerusalem Bible of 1966; from the New English Bible with the Apocrypha of 1970; or from The 1976 Good News Bible (Today’s English Version); or from The New American Bible (1970); or from The Revised Standard Version, an Ecumenical Edition, commonly known as the “R.S.V. Common Bible” (1973); or from The New International Version (1978); or from The New Jerusalem Bible (1987); or from the Revised English Bible (1989); or from the New Revised Standard Version (1990); or from the Contemporary English Version (1995); or from the Contemporary English Version Global (2005); or from the Common English Bible (2011); or from translations, authorized by the diocesan bishop, of those approved versions published in any other language; or from other versions of the Bible, including those in languages other than English, which shall be authorized by diocesan bishops for specific use in congregations or ministries within their dioceses.

Sec. 2. All translations proposed for inclusion in Canon II.2.1 must conform to the Criteria for Recommending New Biblical Translations for Use in Public Worship adopted by General Convention.

Sec. 3. All translations proposed for inclusion in Canon II.2.1 must first be referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for review according to the Criteria for Recommending New Biblical Translations for Use in Public Worship.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #50)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #10 on Resolution A055 (Revise Liturgical Commemorations) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A055)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following deletions from the Calendar and liturgical propers set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

4/12 Adoniram Judson, Missionary to Burma, 1850
4/22 John Muir, Naturalist and Writer, 1914, and Hudson Stuck, Priest and Environmentalist, 1920
7/1 Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896
7/12 Nathan Soderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931
7/13 Conrad Weiser, Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760
8/23 Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606 [retaining Martin de Porres, 1639, and Rosa de Lima, 1617, Witnesses to the Faith in South America]
9/3 Prudence Crandall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following additions to the Calendar set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

July 26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938
August 18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969

I: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church standing firm in the witness of thy Son and following the good example of thy servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through thy Son Jesus Christ who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Grant, we pray, merciful God, that your Church standing firm in the witness of your Son and following the good example of your servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through your Son Jesus Christ who with you and the Spirit, live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Add to Revised Collects and Commemorations:

Page 164:
July 26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938

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Page 166:
August 18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969

I: O God, by thy Holy Spirit thou dost give gifts to thy people so that they might faithfully serve thy Church and the world: We give praise to thee for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in thy servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom thou didst call far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We give thanks to thee for thy blessing and prospering of her life’s work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where thou dost send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II: O God, by your Holy Spirit, you give gifts to your people so that they might faithfully serve your Church and the world: We give you praise for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in your servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom you called far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We thank you for blessing and prospering her life’s work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
September 4  Albert Schweitzer, 1965
I: O God, who didst endow thy servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire thy Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to thee that all our works might be done to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
II: O God, who endowed your servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire your Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to you that all our works might be done to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

September 18  Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, 1961
I: Almighty God who hast exalted thy humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Enkindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as thou didst within thy servant Dag Hammarskjold and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
II: Almighty God who exalted your humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Kindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as you did within your servant Dag Hammarskjold and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

September 24  Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, 1947
I: O God, who didst call Anna Alexander as a deaconess in thy Church, sending her as a teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever thou dost send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment thou dost intend for thy people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.
II: O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

October 24  Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986
I: Almighty God who hast reconciled the world unto thyself through Christ: Entrust to thy church the ministry of reconciliation as thou didst to thy servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim thy love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
II: Almighty God who has reconciled the world to yourself through Christ: Entrust to your church the ministry of reconciliation as you did to your servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim your love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #51)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #11 on Resolution A057 (Create Additional Liturgical Commemorations) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A057)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to create collects and biographies for the following persons to be presented to the 79th General Convention for consideration for inclusion in “A Great Cloud of Witnesses”:

1/3  Gladys Aylward  
1/5  Amma Syncletica of Alexandria  
1/12  Caesaria of Arles  
1/31  Marcella  
2/10  Scholastica, Religious, 543  
4/3  Katherine Drexel  
4/3  Mary of Egypt  
4/17  Kateri Tekakwitha  
4/22  Maria Gabriella Sagheddu  
4/30  Marie de l’Incarnation, Educator and Spiritual Teacher in New France, 1672  
5/21  Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330  
7/11  Olga of Kiev  
7/23  Bridget of Sweden, Founder of Bridgettine Order, 1373  
8/12  Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
9/28  Paula and Eustochium  
10/3  Mother Theodore (Anne-Therese) Guerin, Religious, Educator, Prophetic Witness, 1856  
10/12  Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845  
11/5  Catherine of Alexandria  
11/8  Elizabeth of the Trinity  
11/16  Gertrude the Great and Mechtilde of Hackeborn  
11/29  Dorothy Day  
12/13  Ella Baker  
  Emily Ayckbowm, Founder of the Sisters of the Community of the Church, 1870  
  Kate Harwood Waller Barrett  
  Etheldred Berry  
  Mary McLeod Bethune  
  Louise De Koven Bowen, Hull House  
  Josephine Butler  
  Anna Bessant Cassey and Henrietta Lockwood  
  Rosa Judith Cisneros  
  Florence Converse  
  Ella Cara Deloria, Native American Poet and Writer  
  Helen Fuller  
  Ann Gream  
  Angelina and Sarah Grimke  
  Sister Margaret Hawk, Church Army, Native American Activist  
  Addie D. Waites Hunton  
  Satoko Kitahara  
  Susan Trevor Knapp, NY Training School for Deaconesses
Eva Lee Matthews and Beatrice Henderson
Victoria Earle Matthews, Author and Settlement House Worker, 1907
Eleanor Laura McMain
Harriet O’Brien Monsell
Maria Montessori
Anna Newell, St. Margaret’s House, Berkeley
Phoebe Palmer
Katherine Parr
Ellen Albertina Polyblank [Sister Albertina] & Elizabeth Ann Rogers [Sister Beatrice]
Richeldis of Faverches
Eleanor Roosevelt
Dorothy Sayers
Mary Kingsbury Simkovich, Greenwich House, NYC
Therese of Lisieux
Adeline Blanchard Tyler
Ruth Elaine Younger (Mother Ruth, CHS); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,700 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to review the following persons in light of the criteria adopted by this General Convention:
1/3 Gladys Aylward
1/4 Thomas Atkinson
1/5 Amma Syncletica of Alexandria
1/12 Caesaria of Arles
1/30 Charles Stuart, King and Martyr, 1649
1/31 Marcella
2/10 Scholastica, Religious, 543
4/3 Katherine Drexel
4/3 Mary of Egypt
4/17 Kateri Tekakwitha
4/22 Maria Gabriella Sagheddu
4/30 Marie de l’Incarnation, Educator and Spiritual Teacher in New France, 1672
5/21 Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330
7/11 Olga of Kiev
7/23 Bridget of Sweden, Founder of Bridgettine Order, 1373
8/12 Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
9/28 Paula and Eustochium
10/3 Mother Theodore (Anne-Therese) Guerin, Religious, Educator, Prophetic Witness, 1856
10/12 Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845
11/5 Catherine of Alexandria
11/8 Elizabeth of the Trinity
11/16 Gertrude the Great and Mechtilde of Hackeborn
11/29 Dorothy Day
12/13 Ella Baker
Emily Ayckbowm, Founder of the Sisters of the Community of the Church, 1870
Kate Harwood Waller Barrett
Etheldred Berry
Mary McLeod Bethune
Louise De Koven Bowen, Hull House
Josephine Butler
Denzil A. Carty
Anna Bessant Cassey, Peter Cassey, and Henrietta Lockwood
Rosa Judith Cisneros
Atilano Coco
Florence Converse
Ella Cara Deloria, Native American Poet and Writer
Helen Fuller
Ann Gream
Angelina and Sarah Grimke
Sister Margaret Hawk, Church Army, Native American Activist
Addie D. Waites Hunton
Satoko Kitahara
Susan Trevor Knapp, NY Training School for Deaconesses
Queen Lili‘uokalani
Eva Lee Matthews and Beatrice Henderson
Victoria Earle Matthews, Author and Settlement House Worker, 1907
Eleanor Laura McMain
Harriet O’Brien Monsell
Maria Montessori
Anna Newell, St. Margaret’s House, Berkeley
Phoebe Palmer
Katherine Parr
Ellen Albertina Polyblank [Sister Albertina] & Elizabeth Ann Rogers [Sister Beatrice]
Richeldis of Faverches
Eleanor Roosevelt
Dorothy Sayers
Mary Kingsbury Simkovitch, Greenwich House, NYC
Therese of Lisieux
Adeline Blanchard Tyler
Ruth Elaine Younger (Mother Ruth, CHS); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention instruct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to create collects and biographies for those persons on this list who conform to the criteria and present these materials to the 79th General Convention for addition to “A Great Cloud of Witnesses,” with full explanation for those revisions; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,700 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #52)

End of Consent Calendar
Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to re-refer Resolution #A051 (Support LGBT African Advocacy) back to the original committee, the Committee on Social Justice and International Policy.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Fourth Legislative Day.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message # 10**: A024 (Affirm and Support Ministry to Appalachia) Adopted
- **HD Message # 11**: A039 (Fund the HoD Committee on the State of the Church) Adopted
- **HD Message # 12**: A113 (Global Mission Mapping Project) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 13**: D019 (Online Digital Evangelism Test) Committee Discharged
- **HD Message # 14**: A010 (Dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 15**: A121 (Amend Canon III.9.4(d)) Adopted
- **HD Message # 16**: A122 (Amend Canon III.12.3(a)(2)) Adopted
- **HD Message # 17**: A090 (Amend Canon III.8.5(g)) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 18**: A003 (Restructure Assets in Service of God’s Mission) Rejected
- **HD Message # 19**: A116 (Budget for Committee Expenses) Adopted
- **HD Message # 20**: A073 (Update Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 21**: A074 (Update the Safeguarding Materials) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 22**: A102 (Amend Canon III.12.4(a)) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 23**: A099 (Reduce Diocesan Apportionments) Committee Discharged
- **HD Message # 24**: A088 (Rates for Diocesan Apportionments) Committee Discharged
- **HD Message # 25**: A089 (Donor Bill of Rights) Rejected
- **HD Message # 26**: D012 (NAES: 50 Years of Service) Adopted with Amendment [Ed. Note: Replaced by HD Message #321]
- **HD Message # 27**: A014 (ERD’s: 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World) Adopted with Amendment [Ed. Note: Replaced by HD Message #319]
- **HD Message # 28**: A128 (Amend Canon IV.6.3) Adopted
- **HD Message # 30**: A087 (Create Task Force on Evangelism) Rejected
- **HD Message # 31**: A152 (Adopt HoD Rules of Order) Adopted with Amendment

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on Resolution B003 (Support for the Episcopal Church in Cuba) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:

(B003)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge and affirm the Episcopal Church of Cuba’s recent synodical decision to request membership as a diocese of The Episcopal Church; and identify and address the canonical issues involved in pursuing such an intention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society work with the Bishop and leaders of the Diocese of Cuba to strengthen relationships and ensure the necessary support of all parties to enable that transition; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm resolution GC2009-BO24 to encourage “…the establishment of a benevolent fund that will provide the clergy of The Episcopal Church in Cuba with an annuity upon retirement and requests the Presiding Bishop to take all such actions as the Presiding Bishop deems necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution.”

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention acknowledge and affirm The Episcopal Church of Cuba’s recent synodical decision to request membership as a Diocese of the Episcopal Church; and identify and address the canonical issues (including those around pension) involved in pursuing such an intention; and be it further
Resolved, That the office of the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Global Partnerships take action to continue to strengthen the relationship between the Episcopal Church and La Iglesia Episcopal De Cuba, with the goal of promoting both greater understanding and fellowship between the Anglican Diocese of Cuba and particularly the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church located in the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That such efforts seek to promote mutual ministry and understanding through cultural exchange, prayer, worship, fellowship, education, and humanitarian work- identifying and facilitating specific opportunities for exchange, including but not limited to, travel, so that an exchange may occur between Cuban and North American Episcopalians; that such efforts seek to strengthen and support the Diocesan Center in Havana and The Episcopal Church, through the Executive Council, seek to collaboratively enhance and bolster theological education, discernment, and preparation of lay and ordained leaders for ministry within the Diocese of Cuba; and be it further
Resolved, As the United States and Cuba move cautiously toward a time of more open relationship, reconciliation and peace after long years of political conflict that we encourage and support our nations leaders in moving to lift the embargo as we recognize the realities of the embargo and our hope for its end; and be it further,
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm resolution GC2009-B024 which called for the establishment of a benevolent fund that provides the clergy of The Episcopal Church in Cuba with an annuity upon retirement and requested the Presiding Bishop to take all actions as the Presiding Bishop deems necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church establish a team representative of a wide cross-section of the church including, but not limited to, Episcopal Relief & Development, Church Pension Fund and those experienced in foreign missions to work alongside the staff officer assigned in order to facilitate our collaboration around these endeavors with a budget of $30,000.00 for the triennium.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #66)
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #6 on Resolution A112 (Encourage Support for YASC and EVIM) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A112)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, seminaries, and parishes to recruit and support both Young Adult Service Core members (YASCers) and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission members (EVIMs), continuing General Convention’s commitment to increasing numbers of YASCers (30 for 2016, 40 for 2017, and 50 for 2018) and EVIMs (10 percent increase per year).

**Committee Substitute:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, seminaries, and parishes to recruit and support both Young Adult Service Corps members (YASCers) and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission members (EVIMs); and be it further
Resolved, that the General Convention continue its commitment to increasing numbers of YASCers by 10 per year for the triennium 2016-2018, (30 in 2016, 40 in 2017, and 50 in 2018, for a total of 120 for the triennium); and increasing the number of EVIMs by10 percent each year, for the triennium 2016-2018; and be it further
Resolved, that the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance increase the budget for the Young Adult Service Corps from $1,100,000 to $1,800,000, and a 10% increase for the Episcopal Volunteers in Mission, for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

**Motion carried**
**Substitute resolution adopted**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #67)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #7 on Resolution D035 (Support Christians in Pakistan) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D035)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That consistent with its prior Acts of Convention, specifically, Resolutions 2000-B047 and 2009-D084, the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its continued solidarity with the Church of Pakistan and the whole Christian community in Pakistan; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church express its commitment to the Church of Pakistan through a call to prayer issued to our congregations, inclusion of Pakistani Christians in formalized cycles of liturgical prayer, and other forms of considered, prayerful action to strengthen the social and legal position of religious minorities in Pakistan; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Government of Pakistan to ensure adequate protections for all religious minorities in Pakistan; that it take immediate action to discharge its international human rights obligations, specifically with respect to the prevention of the abduction, forced conversion to Islam and forced marriage of young women from minority religious communities; and that it bring to justice those responsible for human rights violations; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church and its members, through its Global Relations office and other means, utilize all measures at its disposal, including the United Nations special consultative status
granted to it in 2014, to ensure the protection of religious, gender, and other minorities by the Government of Pakistan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on World Mission shall, no later than July 1, 2016, report to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church as to the status of The Episcopal Church's undertakings with respect to the Church of Pakistan, including the status of the actions contemplated by Resolutions 2000-B047 and 2009-D084, and provide an interim report upon the actions contemplated herein, with dissemination to the Church of Pakistan as appropriate.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express continued solidarity with the Church of Pakistan (United) in this time of oppression of religious minorities in their country; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to learn about the realities of the Church in Pakistan and the oppression of religious minorities in that country, and to pray purposely and specifically for the Church of Pakistan (United); and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to enter into direct partnerships with the Church of Pakistan (United) including visits to provide active engagement and support for the persecuted Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Global Relations Office of the Episcopal Church, including the United Nations special consultative status granted to it in 2014, and other offices and agencies of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to utilize all measures at their disposal to advocate for the protection of religious, gender, and other minorities with the Government of Pakistan and international agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns (or other commission, committee or task-group as assigned by Executive Council) to report to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, no later than December 31, 2016, on the work of the Episcopal Church in these undertakings with respect to the Church of Pakistan, including the status of the actions contemplated by this and previous resolutions of General Convention pertaining to the plight of the Church of Pakistan, with such report being shared with the Church of Pakistan.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #68)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #1 on HD Message #8 on Resolution A302 (Letter of Condolence to Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #69)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A302)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, currently meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah joins in pain, grief, and sorrow with the families and friends of Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Rev. Depayn Middleton-Doctor, Myra Thompson, Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., Cynthia Hurd, Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Tywanza Sanders, Susie Jackson, and Ethel Lance, who were slain in a racist act of violence. As our hearts go out to them, The Episcopal Church stands in solidarity with the people of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, our brothers and sisters of the wider African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the people of Charleston, South Carolina as they respond with acts of forgiveness, reconciliation, and justice.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #13 on Resolution A044 (Maintain the Centrality of The Eucharist) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A044)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention provide and authorize ways in which small congregations can receive the sacrament at the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day in the absence of a deacon, priest, or bishop; and be it further
Resolved, That the licensing of lay ministers be expanded to allow distribution of previously consecrated sacrament in the context of Sunday public worship in the absence of a deacon, priest, or bishop; and be it further
Resolved, That a liturgical rite be designed for the distribution of communion by such licensed lay ministers in the congregation at Sunday public worship in the absence of a deacon, priest, or bishop; and be it further
Resolved, That congregations provide education regarding distribution of communion by such licensed lay ministers.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the ecclesiastical authority in each Diocese to discern and implement ways in which small congregations within their Diocese who are without benefit of clergy may receive Communion on a regular basis.

The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith, Bishop of North Dakota, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore the original text.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins, Bishop of Springfield, moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
Delete "direct" and insert "encourage."

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Add a final sentence: "This may include authorization of Eucharistic ministers to distribute previously consecrated elements in public worship."

The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas, moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Insert "implementation" after "this."

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. S. Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan, moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Add at the end, "on a temporary basis."

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Add "Bishop exercising" before "ecclesiastical authority."

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins, Bishop of Springfield, moved to refer the entire resolution to the House of Bishops Theology Committee.

Motion defeated

The question was called.
A vote was taken on Resolution A044 as substituted and amended.

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #70)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #14 on Resolution A058 (Authorize Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A058)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation, found in the Blue Book, for use in The Episcopal Church; and that the materials be made freely available; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider these liturgical materials for inclusion in a revised edition of the Book of Occasional Services.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation, found in the Blue Book Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music pp. 231-266 (found in the Adobe Acrobat section of the General Convention iPad), for use in The Episcopal Church; and that the materials be made freely available, with the following revisions:

Supplemental Materials pp. 233-234:

**Introduction**

When we see the great abundance, diversity, and intricacy of God’s creatures, we are awestruck by life on our planet. We are amazed by the God who has created all that is and who is the engineer or crafter of the cosmos, designing and assembling all the details. But we also know from science that the details of organisms change through time according to their situations—that is, they evolve through adaptation and natural selection.

Some people take this to mean that there is no role for God in the evolution of life on our planet, but they miss the point that it is through God’s love and humility that the processes of nature operate, bringing growth and adaptive change. God’s love grants creation the freedom to make and remake. Scripture is clear that divine mercy is over all God’s works. The material world is not something to be simply disregarded and destroyed as unimportant to God, whose love is unwavering.

Just as we do not read Scripture literally, so we must resist reading nature literally, but instead search for the big themes and the evolving stories, exploring a deeper and more sweeping narrative. It is in Jesus Christ that we see God’s humility most particularly and gain insight into what theologian John Haught has called the “extravagant generosity” of God. In the ancient hymn of Philippians 2 we gaze at Christ, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself to take the form of a servant, not simply on behalf of humankind, but on behalf of the whole cosmos which is redeemed in him.

Just as we are called to consider the lost and the least among our human brothers and sisters, so we may say that we are called to consider the dignity of all God’s creatures: Science currently is working on several fronts to discover more about kinship. There are both genetic/hereditary and ecological relationships among earth’s creatures. We share much of our DNA with plants and animals we do not usually consider as having much in common with us, and the air we breathe requires the healthy function of organisms far less complex than we are. For many people honoring the dignity of every creature involves thinking about threatened species of birds and mammals and large fish,
environmentalism’s poster children, but for those who study life on earth, whether professional biologists or backyard naturalists, it means considering the insects and the plankton, the mushrooms and molds, the plants that bring us joy and the ones we call weeds, the algae and the bacteria, and — it means considering the dignity of even those species that bring humans disease, such as mosquitoes and viruses. It means pondering the relationships among creatures which are not always pretty: predation, parasitism, scavenging. Each creature’s uniqueness is neither individual nor fixed. Living things develop their characteristics in their contexts in relationship to other creatures, other members of their population, and other species in their community. As the resources in their habitats change, and pressures from their fellow creatures shift, living things change. Death and even extinction of populations and species are a natural part of this process of change. But that reality does not mean that humans should accelerate extinction through our activities.

Our understanding of God as One, yet three persons, is a divine picture of diversity in community. Each person of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Spirit, gives to and receives from the others, in a community of exchange we call love. What is true of God may then be seen to be true of the community of life which God has loved into being and sustains through love. While each creature has its dignity, in life and in death, in struggle and in beauty, all creatures in their diversity, including human beings, are held in community with one another.

There is no doubt that human beings have changed the earth’s cycles, surface, and creatures by our activities. We have managed and bred for our use and enjoyment some plants and animals, and destroyed the habitats of others. We have extracted minerals, fossil fuels, and soils; and have been careless with our use of extracted water. We have preserved some biomes for their scenic beauty, but ignored the ecological services provided by others. We have trawled the bottom of the seas and used them as a trash repository. A growing and increasingly urban population’s hunger for food, clothing, shelter, and fuel is taking its toll, despite ongoing efforts to slow the loss of traditional rural wisdom about conservation and creation care. Human migration has fostered the spread of invasive species that displace native species, just as human migrants have often displaced indigenous peoples.

Scientists and activists. We may disagree about what is the greatest threat to human survival on the planet. Should the scarcity of water for drinking and sanitation be our biggest concern, or the challenge to feed a hungry world in an ecologically sustainable way? And which of our excesses put the whole planet in the greatest peril? Is it climate change or the loss of biodiversity that poses the greatest threat to the resilience of life on earth?

Ecologists understand that while entry points for concern and action vary, all these issues are interrelated. In agriculture, to take an example from our managed environment, resilience in the face of climate change will depend on better stewardship of water and increased preservation of the diversity of seed stock available for developing improved crops, while those engaged in agriculture continue to assess their contribution to greenhouse gases, polluted waste water, and soil erosion, and how all these negative impacts on the environment can be decreased.

There have been and will continue to be unintended consequences for our environment due to our choices and behaviors, but study and prayer can help us to become more conscious of the human impact on our planet. As we consider the risen and ascended Christ drawing all things to their perfection in himself, indeed drawing the cosmos into the heart of God in that process the Eastern Church calls “deification,” we find reason for hope and an impetus for the renewing and reconciling of our relationships within the creation of which we are a part.

Supplemental Materials, p. 251:
The Rogation Days are traditionally observed on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day. They may, however, be observed on other days, depending on local conditions and the convenience of the congregation. In ancient times, in the late medieval church, the observance consisted of an outdoor procession that culminated in a special celebration of the Eucharist. Prayers might be offered...
for the city and the neighborhood, for all who labor, for the fruitfulness of the land and waters; and for
delivery in time of war, disaster, or epidemic disease. The Church of England and the colonial
Anglican Church in North America retained the idea of rogation processions, but it was not until the 1928
Book of Common Prayer that American prayer books contained lessons and collects for these days. The
term from which this observance is drawn is the Latin rogare, meaning “to ask.”; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider these liturgical materials for

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #71)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its
Report #12 on Resolution A171 (Commendation of Papal Encyclical) and moved adoption with
amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A171)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend the Papal
Encyclical Letter LAUDATO SI’ OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME
Church for study and reflection; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage the House of Bishops to administer a Pastoral
Letter on the reality of Climate Change and the pastoral and theological implications of the same in
time for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Paris, France beginning on November 30,
2015.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend the Papal
Encyclical Letter LAUDATO SI’ OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME
Church for study and reflection; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage the House of Bishops to administer a Pastoral
Letter on the reality of Climate Change and the pastoral and theological implications of the same in
time for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Paris, France beginning on November 30,
2015.

The Rt. Rev. Kirk Smith, Bishop of Arizona, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete "of the Holy Father Francis On Care for Our Common Home" after "Laudato si".

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, Bishop of North Dakota, moved to postpone consideration to a time certain.  

\[ \text{Motion carried} \]
\[ \text{Consideration postponed} \]

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A171 in the afternoon of the Sixth Legislative Day.]

\textbf{Recess}

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. on the Fourth Legislative Day.  

\[ \text{Motion carried} \]

The House recessed at 5:40 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Bautista and Davidson.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:35 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Special Order of Business
The Hero of Camping Ministry Award was presented to the Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas, and his wife Catherine Lillibridge, and to Canon Peter Bergstrom, the Executive Director of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers.

Recognition of Visitors
The Presiding Bishop recognized representatives of:
   - Episcopal Migration Ministry: 75 Years of Welcoming the Stranger
   - Episcopal Relief and Development: 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World
   - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil: 125 Years of Gospel Witness
   - National Association of Episcopal Schools: 50 Years of Supporting our Episcopal Schools

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:13 p.m.

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 4:13 p.m.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day's minutes.

Introduction of Visiting Bishop
The Presiding Bishop welcomed Bishop Van Koeveryng of Niassa.

Appointments by the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishops announced she appointed the following members to the Board of Archives:

   - The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina
   - The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York

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The following members were appointed to the Board for Transition Ministry:

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #88)

**Nominations by the Presiding Bishop**

The Presiding Bishop nominated Juan Cabrero Oliver as the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, Bruce Mullin as Historiographer, and Church Pension Fund as the Recorder of Ordinations. The nominations were approved by acclamation.

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #89)

**Consent Calendar**

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #17 on Resolution A124 (Amend Title IV.2: Definitions: Advisor, Agreements, Church Attorney, Investigator, Procedural Officer, and Respondent) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A124)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.2, definitions of “Advisor,” “Agreements,” “Church Attorney,” “Investigator,” “Procedural Officer,” and “Respondent” are hereby amended to read as follows:

Accord shall mean a written resolution, which is negotiated and agreed among the parties resulting from an agreement for discipline under Canon IV.9, conciliation under Canon IV.10 or a Conference Panel proceeding under Canon IV.12. All Accords shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Administrative Leave shall mean a restriction on ministry in which the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry is suspended in its entirety during the period of the Administrative Leave and may include suspension from any ecclesiastical and related secular office.

Advisor shall mean a person familiar with the provisions and objectives of this Title who is designated to support, assist, consult with, advise and, where expressly so authorized under this Title, speak for a Complainant or Respondent in any matter of discipline under this Title, as provided in Canon IV.19.10.

Agreements regarding terms of discipline shall in all cases be incorporated into an Accord and shall not constitute a separate instrument under this Title IV, but shall be and become an Accord and reported accordingly under Canon IV.14.12.

Church Attorney shall mean one or more attorneys selected pursuant to Diocesan Canons to represent the Church in proceedings as provided in this Title. The Diocesan Canons may provide a process for the removal of a Church Attorney for cause. A Church Attorney shall perform all functions on behalf of the Church necessary to advance proceedings under this Title and shall have the following powers, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise provided in this Title: (a) to receive and review the Intake Officer’s report; (b) to conduct investigations and oversee the Investigator and, in connection with such investigations; to have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts; and to receive and review the reports of the Investigator; (c) to determine, in the exercise of the Church Attorney’s discretion, whether the reported information, if true, would be grounds for discipline; and (d) to exercise discretion...
consistent with this Title and the interests of the Church by declining to advance proceedings or by referring any matter back to the Intake Officer or the Bishop Diocesan for pastoral response in lieu of disciplinary action. In representing the Church, a Church Attorney may consult with the Conference Panel the President of the Disciplinary Board at any time after the matter has been referred out of the Reference Panel, and, when the prosecution of the case may impact the mission, life, or ministry of the Church, with the Bishop Diocesan.

Clear and Convincing shall mean proof sufficient to convince ordinarily prudent people that there is a high probability that what is claimed actually happened. More than a preponderance of the evidence is required but not proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Community shall mean that part of the Church in which a Member of the Clergy performs his or her ministry, such as a Diocese, Parish, Mission, school, seminary, hospital, damped or any similar institution.

Complainant shall mean (a) any person or persons from whom the Intake Officer receives information concerning an alleged Offense and who, upon consent of that person(s), is designated a Complainant by the Intake Officer or (b) any Injured Person designated by the Bishop who, in the Bishop Diocesan’s discretion, should be afforded the status of a Complainant, provided, however, that any Injured Person so designated may decline such designation.

Conciliator shall mean a person appointed to seek the resolution of a matter under Canon IV.10 Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy shall mean any disorder or neglect that prejudices the reputation, good order and discipline of the Church, or any conduct of a nature to bring material discredit upon the Church or the Holy Orders conferred by the Church.

Conference Panel shall mean a panel of one or more members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which an informal conference is held as provided in Canon IV.12, provided, however that no such member of the Conference Panel may serve as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Conference Panel. If the Conference Panel consists of more than one member, it shall include both clergy and lay members.

Disciplinary Board shall mean the body provided for in Canon IV.5.1.

Discipline of the Church shall be found in the Constitution, the Canons and the Rubrics and the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.

Doctrine shall mean the basic and essential teachings of the Church and is to be found in the Canon of Holy Scripture as understood in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and in the sacramental rites, the Ordinal and Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer.

Hearing Panel shall mean a panel of three or more members of the Disciplinary Board and shall include both clergy and lay members selected by the president of the Board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member of the Hearing Panel may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Hearing Panel.

Injured Person shall mean a person, group or Community who has been, is or may be affected by an Offense.

Intake Officer shall mean one or more persons designated by the Bishop Diocesan after consultation with the Disciplinary Board, unless otherwise selected pursuant to diocesan canons, to whom information regarding Offenses is reported.

Investigator shall mean a person having (a) sufficient knowledge, skill, experience and training to conduct investigations under this Title and (b) familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. Investigators shall be appointed by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board. The Investigator acts under the direction of the Reference Panel until a referral is
made pursuant to Canon IV.11.3; after such referral, the Investigator shall be overseen by and report to the Church Attorney.

Member of the Clergy shall mean Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church.

Offense shall mean any act or omission for which a Member of the Clergy may be held accountable under Canons IV.3 or IV.4.

Order shall mean a written decision of a Conference Panel or a Hearing panel which is issued with or without the Respondent’s consent. All orders shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Pastoral Direction shall mean a written direction given by a Bishop to a Member of the Clergy which meets the requirements of Canon IV.7.

Pastoral Relationship shall mean any relationship between a Member of the Clergy and any person to whom the Member of the Clergy provides or has provided counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction or spiritual guidance, or from whom such Member of the Clergy has received information within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

Privileged Communication shall mean any communication or disclosure made in confidence and with an expectation of privacy (a) within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent; (b) between a client and the client’s attorney; (c) between a Respondent and an Advisor or a Complainant and an Advisor; (d) between persons in a relationship in which communications are protected by secular law or Diocesan Canons; or (e) between and among a Conciliator and participants in a conciliation under Canon IV.10.

Procedural Officer shall mean a person learned in the law, experienced in litigation and having familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. The Procedural Officer shall be appointed annually by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the President of the Disciplinary Board.

Provincial Court of Review shall mean a court organized and existing as provided in Canon IV.5.4 to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canon IV.15.

Reference Panel shall mean a panel composed of the Intake Officer, the Bishop Diocesan and the president of the Disciplinary Board to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canons IV.6 and IV.11.

Respondent shall mean any Member of the Clergy (a) who is the subject of or a matter referred for conciliation or to the Conference Panel or to the Hearing Panel; (b) whose ministry has been restricted; (c) who has been placed on Administrative Leave; (d) who is the subject of an investigation and is asked by an investigator or by the Bishop Diocesan to provide information or to make a statement; or (e) who agreed with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9; or (f) any Member of the Clergy who requests a review pursuant to Canon IV.7.10.

[Ed. Note: The definition of "Sentence" was inadvertently omitted from the proposed text.]

Sexual Abuse shall mean any Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a person eighteen years of age or older and a person under eighteen years of age, in high school or legally incompetent.

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Sexual Misconduct shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse or (b) Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a Member of the Clergy with an employee, volunteer, student or counselee of that Member of the Clergy or in the same congregation as the Member of the Clergy, or a person with whom the Member of the Clergy has a Pastoral Relationship.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.2, definitions of “Advisor,” “Agreements,” “Church Attorney,” “Investigator,” “Procedural Officer,” and “Respondent” are hereby amended to read as follows:
Accord shall mean a written resolution, which is negotiated and agreed among the parties resulting from an agreement for discipline under Canon IV.9, conciliation under Canon IV.10 or a Conference Panel proceeding under Canon IV.12. All Accords shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Administrative Leave shall mean a restriction on ministry in which the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry is suspended in its entirety during the period of the Administrative Leave and may include suspension from any ecclesiastical and related secular office.

Advisor shall mean a person familiar with the provisions and objectives of this Title who is designated to support, assist, consult with, advise and, where expressly so authorized under this Title, speak for a Complainant or Respondent in any matter of discipline under this Title, as provided in Canon IV.19.10.

Agreements regarding terms of discipline shall in all cases be incorporated into an Accord and shall not constitute a separate instrument under this Title IV, but shall be and become an Accord and reported accordingly under Canon IV.14.12.

Church Attorney shall mean one or more attorneys selected pursuant to Diocesan Canons to represent the Church in proceedings as provided in this Title. The Diocesan Canons may provide a process for the removal of a Church Attorney for cause. A Church Attorney shall perform all functions on behalf of the Church necessary to advance proceedings under this Title and shall have the following powers, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise provided in this Title: (a) to receive and review the Intake Officer’s report; (b) to conduct investigations and oversee the Investigator and, in connection with such investigations; to have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts; and to receive and review the reports of the Investigator; (c) to determine, in the exercise of the Church Attorney’s discretion, whether the reported information, if true, would be grounds for discipline; and (d) to exercise discretion consistent with this Title and the interests of the Church by declining to advance proceedings or by referring any matter back to the Intake Officer or the Bishop Diocesan for pastoral response in lieu of disciplinary action. In representing the Church, a Church Attorney may consult with the Conference Panel or the President of the Disciplinary Board at any time after the matter has been referred out of the Reference Panel, and, when the prosecution of the case may impact the mission, life, or ministry of the Church, with the Bishop Diocesan.

Clear and Convincing shall mean proof sufficient to convince ordinarily prudent people that there is a high probability that what is claimed actually happened. More than a preponderance of the evidence is required but not proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Community shall mean that part of the Church in which a Member of the Clergy performs his or her ministry, such as a Diocese, Parish, Mission, school, seminary, hospital, d-camp or any similar institution.

Complainant shall mean (a) any person or persons from whom the Intake Officer receives information concerning an alleged Offense and who, upon consent of that person(s), is designated a Complainant by the Intake Officer or (b) any Injured Person designated by the Bishop who, in the Bishop Diocesan’s discretion, should be afforded the status of a Complainant; provided, however, that any Injured Person so designated may decline such designation.

Conciliator shall mean a person appointed to seek the resolution of a matter under Canon IV.10 Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy shall mean any disorder or neglect that prejudices the reputation, good order and discipline of the Church, or any conduct of a nature to bring material discredit upon the Church or the Holy Orders conferred by the Church.

Conference Panel shall mean a panel of one or more members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which an informal conference is held as provided in Canon IV.12, provided, however that no such member of the Conference Panel may serve as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the
Conference Panel. If the Conference Panel consists of more than one member, it shall include both clergy and lay members.

Disciplinary Board shall mean the body provided for in Canon IV.5.1.

Discipline of the Church shall be found in the Constitution, the Canons and the Rubrics and the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.

Doctrine shall mean the basic and essential teachings of the Church and is to be found in the Canon of Holy Scripture as understood in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and in the sacramental rites, the Ordinal and Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer.

Hearing Panel shall mean a panel of three or more members of the Disciplinary Board and shall include both clergy and lay members selected by the president of the Board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member of the Hearing Panel may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Hearing Panel.

Injured Person shall mean a person, group or Community who has been, is or may be affected by an Offense.

Intake Officer shall mean one or more persons designated by the Bishop Diocesan after consultation with the Disciplinary Board, unless otherwise selected pursuant to diocesan canons, to whom information regarding Offenses is reported.

Investigator shall mean a person having (a) sufficient knowledge, skill, experience and training to conduct investigations under this Title and (b) familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. Investigators shall be appointed by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board. The Investigator acts under the direction of the Reference Panel until a referral is made pursuant to Canon IV.11.3; after such referral, the Investigator shall be overseen by and report to the Church Attorney.

Member of the Clergy shall mean Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church.

Offense shall mean any act or omission for which a Member of the Clergy may be held accountable under Canons IV.3 or IV.4.

Order shall mean a written decision of a Conference Panel or a Hearing panel which is issued with or without the Respondent’s consent. All orders shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Pastoral Direction shall mean a written direction given by a Bishop to a Member of the Clergy which meets the requirements of Canon IV.7.

Pastoral Relationship shall mean any relationship between a Member of the Clergy and any person to whom the Member of the Clergy provides or has provided counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction or spiritual guidance, or from whom such member of the Clergy has received information within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

Privileged Communication shall mean any communication or disclosure made in confidence and with an expectation of privacy (a) within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent; (b) between a client and the client’s attorney; (c) between a Respondent and an Advisor or a Complainant and an Advisor; (d) between persons in a relationship in which communications are protected by secular law or Diocesan Canons; or (e) between and among a Conciliator and participants in a conciliation under Canon IV.10.

Procedural Officer shall mean a person learned in the law, experienced in litigation and having familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Procedural Officer in the same Diocese. Every Diocese shall have a Procedural Officer, who shall be appointed annually for a term of not less than one year by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the President of the Disciplinary Board to aid in the prompt and proper disposition of procedural motions and challenges in Title IV proceedings.

Provincial Court of Review shall mean a court organized and existing as provided in Canon IV.5.4 to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canon IV.15.
Reference Panel shall mean a panel composed of the Intake Officer, the Bishop Diocesan and the president of the Disciplinary Board to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canons IV.6 and IV.11.

Respondent shall mean any Member of the Clergy (a) who is the subject of or a matter referred for conciliation or to the Conference Panel or to the Hearing Panel; (b) whose ministry has been restricted; (c) who has been placed on Administrative Leave; (d) who is the subject of an investigation and is asked by an investigator or by the Bishop Diocesan to provide information or to make a statement; or (e) who agreed with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9; or (f) any Member of the Clergy who requests a review pursuant to Canon IV.7.10.

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Sexual Behavior shall mean any physical contact, bodily movement, speech, communication or other activity sexual in nature or that is intended to arouse or gratify erotic interest or sexual desires.

Sexual Misconduct shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse or (b) Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a Member of the Clergy with an employee, volunteer, student or counselee of that Member of the Clergy or in the same congregation as the Member of the Clergy, or a person with whom the Member of the Clergy has a Pastoral Relationship.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #83)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #3 on Resolution A114 (Honor Covenant and Bilateral Agreements) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A114)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in continuing to honor its financial and other commitments undertaken as part of its covenant and bilateral agreements with other provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Communion, will not reduce those financial commitments in any general, percentage-based reduction of the budget of the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That if these covenant and bilateral agreements permit, and if financial exigencies require a reduction in funding by the General Convention or Executive Council, consultation and notice of any reductions will be made immediately to our covenant or bilateral partners as well as to the members of the covenant or bilateral committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the policy of The Episcopal Church is to honor fully our financial commitments under our covenant or bilateral agreements.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #76)
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on Resolution A053 (Strengthen Relationship with Diocese of Cuba) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #75)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #5 on Resolution A016 (Provide Structural Support for Covenant Committees) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A016)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Covenant Committee and Bilateral Committee serving each of our global partners (Brazil, Philippines, Central America, Mexico, and Liberia) to submit to the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on World Mission, on an annual basis, a report reflecting the current status of work of the Covenant/Bilateral Committee, including actions and programs planned; implemented; or plans for future actions or programs, developments with regard to partnership priorities, financial challenges, and strategies for self-sustainability; and be it further Resolved, That such reports be submitted no later than October 1 of each calendar year.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention reaffirm and celebrate our Covenant Committee and Bilateral Committee relationships with our global partners (the Episcopal Church of Brazil [IEAB], the Episcopal Church of the Philippines, the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America [IARCA], the Episcopal Church of Mexico, and the Dioceses of Liberia) and direct the Standing Committee on World Mission of the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on World Mission to:

- endeavor to develop these relationships of mutual interdependence and responsibility through our sharing of vision, ministries, resources and challenges that support these global covenants;
- explore new initiatives that will sustain and increase our capacity to honor these covenants; and
- be it further

Resolved, that the 78th General Convention request the Covenant Committees and Bilateral Committees of our global partners and the Standing Committee on World Mission of the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on World Mission to strengthen the communication of the status of these covenantal relationships on an annual basis to each other.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #74)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #8 on Resolution B018 (Support for Sudan and South Sudan) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B018)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC), mindful of resolutions D-007 from 2009 and A-019 from 2012, joyfully recognize that there are more Episcopalians in South Sudan and Sudan than in the United States;
Heartily commend the Episcopal Church of Sudan and South Sudan (ECSSS) for its steadfast efforts to end the civil war which broke out in South Sudan in December 2013, and to help resolve older and continuing conflicts in the border areas of Abyei, and in Darfur, Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains in Sudan;
Strongly urge TEC dioceses and parishes to consider prayer partnerships and joint work with bishops, dioceses, and church organizations in ECSSS to reduce and resolve the current conflicts, help refugees, hold war criminals accountable, and improve people’s living conditions;
Request the Presiding Bishop, in cooperation with other denominations and other provinces of the Anglican Communion to set aside several weeks in 2016 for prayer for peace in South Sudan and Sudan;
Press for continued high level United States government help in conflict resolution, refugee relief, and sustainable development in South Sudan and Sudan.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC), mindful of resolutions D-007 from 2009 and A-019 from 2012; Joyfully recognize that there are more Episcopalians in South Sudan and Sudan than in the United States celebrate the vitality and growth of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan and Sudan and give thanks for the Church’s efforts to bring about justice and peace in South Sudan and Sudan; and be it further
Resolved, the 78th General Convention # heartily commend the Episcopal Church of Sudan and South Sudan (ECSSS) for its steadfast efforts to end the civil war which broke out in South Sudan in December 2013, and to help resolve older and continuing conflicts in the border areas of Abyei, and in Darfur, Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains in Sudan; and be it further
Resolved, the 78th General Convention $ strongly urge TEC dioceses and parishes to consider prayer partnerships and joint work with bishops, dioceses, and church organizations in ECSSS to support them to reduce and resolve the current conflicts, help refugees, hold war criminals accountable, and improve people’s living conditions; and be it further
Resolved, the 78th General Convention % request the Presiding Bishop, in cooperation with other denominations and other provinces of the Anglican Communion to set aside several weeks in 2016 for prayer for peace in South Sudan and Sudan; and be it further
Press for continued high level United States government help in conflict resolution, refugee relief, and sustainable development in South Sudan and Sudan.

Resolved, that the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the offices and agencies of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to utilize all measures at their disposal to advocate for the protection of refugees, conflict resolution and sustainable development in South Sudan and Sudan with appropriate governmental and international agencies and offices.

Resolution adopted with amendment

Motion carried

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #85)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #6 on Resolution A048 (Confront the Challenges and Impacts of Robotic and Cyberwarfare) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A048)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention bear witness to the moral challenges to the Just War tradition and to the implications for security, privacy, and other
human rights posed by evolving capabilities for cyberwarfare, by the integration of “big data” and robotics, and by the new types of combat enabled by these trends; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express concern for the personal and cultural impacts and social dislocations occurring in areas where remotely operated weapons are deployed; and call for greater attention to the need to mitigate the personal, cultural, and social impacts of cyberwarfare inasmuch as they are a factor that gives rise to continued violent extremism in the regions now experiencing conflicts; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, while acknowledging the greater tactical precision achieved through deployments of remotely operated aircraft and other weapons, articulate support for alternatives to targeted killings whenever and wherever feasible, and call for ministry by this Church to the moral dissonance and suffering of operators of remotely operated weapons who experience, as a consequence of sustained monitoring of targets, an experienced sense of involvement in the lives of their targets and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That the persons or committees designated by the Presiding Bishop, the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace and Justice Concerns, and the Committee on Science, Technology, and Faith report to the 79th General Convention on the implications for the Just War tradition, security, privacy, and other human rights of developments and trends in cyberwarfare, tactical uses of social media, and the integration of “big data” and robotics.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention bear witness to the moral challenges recognized that there are practical, military, and theological difficulties in applying to the Just War tradition principles and to the implications for security, privacy, and other human rights posed by evolving to the current problems of combating global and domestic terrorism, of responding to undeclared warfare, of responding to stateless combatants, of using evolving capabilities for cyberwarfare, by the integration of “big data” and robotics, and by the new types of combat enabled by these trends and of the use of social media in support of warfare and/or terrorism; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express concern for the personal and cultural impacts and social dislocations occurring in areas where remotely operated weapons are deployed; and call for greater attention to the need to mitigate the personal, cultural, and social impacts of cyberwarfare inasmuch as they are a factor that gives rise to continued violent extremism in the regions now experiencing conflicts; and be it further

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Resolved, That the persons or committees designated by the Presiding Bishop, the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace and Justice Concerns, and the Committee on Science, Technology, and Faith report to the 79th General Convention on the implications for the Just War tradition, security, privacy, and other human rights of developments and trends in cyberwarfare, tactical uses of social media, and the integration of “big data” and robotics.

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint a committee of theologians and other scholars in the field of the application and interpretation of Just War principles, military chaplains, active and/or retired military personnel, and such other ecumenical specialists as are required, to study the application of Just War principles to these issues and report to The 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #78)

Congregational Vitality
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #1 on HD Message #11 on Resolution A039 (Fund the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #81)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A039)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church assign $30,000 to the work of the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church for the 2015-2018 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #1 on Resolution B016 (Amend Canon I.8) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B016)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 1.8 is hereby amended by the insertion of a new section 3, with renumbering of subsequent sections, to read as follows:
Sec. 3. The General Convention empowers and authorizes the Church Pension Fund to devise and implement a plan for temporary disability for all clergy (Bishops, Priests, Deacons) and Lay Employees of The Episcopal Church/Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, including Church Center Staff, all Dioceses, all Institutions of this Church: national, Provincial, Diocesan, parochial, educational, including the seminaries of this Church, and other such institutions or organizations of this Church that participate in the Church Pension Fund. Such programs, support, and all other provisions of this plan shall be available upon the request of the clergy person or lay employee affected for the purposes of temporary disability for any such causes as defined and allowed by the Church Pension Fund. The implementation of temporary disability shall be for not less than six (6) months nor more than eighteen (18) months. Participation in the temporary disability plan as defined by the Church Pension Fund shall be mandatory for any and all canonical constituents of The Episcopal Church/Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (e.g., Church Center, Dioceses, parishes and missions), and all institutions, agencies, organizations, or affiliates of The Episcopal Church/Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society that participate in the Church Pension Fund on behalf of all employees and clergy. The Church Pension Fund shall have the authority to amend, modify, or change the program and provisions for temporary disability as needed or appropriate.
Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, The General Convention instructs the Church Pension Fund to study the feasibility of a mandatory, short-term disability plan for all lay employees of The Episcopal Church.
Resolved, the General Convention instructs the Church Pension Fund to report its findings and recommendations in this matter to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church no later than the final regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Council in 2016.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #73)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #2 on Resolution D042 (Repeal the Denominational Health Mandate) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #77)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #1 on Resolution B006 (Support the Potential of Genetically Engineered Foods in the Care for Creation) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B006)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention:
(i) Affirms that genetic engineering technologies have growing potential in care for creation and minimization of the human footprint in the community of life;
(ii) Affirms that sound uses of genetic engineering technologies flow from a proper sense of being human, as expressions of humanity’s creative task in care for creation;
(iii) Supports sound risk assessments of genetic engineering applications by limiting the scope of the Precautionary Principle and by directing attention instead to risks and risk management strategies; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations should advocate for the foregoing principles as they are implicated in federal legislation, policy and regulations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention should advocate for public policy and programs, investment of Church financial resources, and commitments of all other organizations affiliated with the Church to:
(i) Encourage development and deployment of crops suited to sustainable intensification of crop and livestock production.
(ii) Support technologies to mitigate and reverse threats to species and biodiversity caused by globalization and the resulting diffusions of invasive species and diseases;
(iii) Encourage development and deployment of crops and farming methods that compensate for limited capital resources of small producers in poor countries;
(iv) Encourage engineering and adoption of crops that promote public health by producing safer and more nutritious cultivars of crops important in traditional diets, particularly in poor countries; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention should encourage churches and individual Episcopalians to reflect upon the theology of food and faith as it may bear upon stewardship of creation, and that churches and all Episcopalians in their daily lives endeavor to:

(i) Model healthful diet in church functions and community service engagements;
(ii) Ensure that food waste is minimized and that food which is not consumed is distributed for consumption by others or recycled through composting.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #79)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #2 on Resolution A091 (Affirm Work for Food Ministries and Food Security) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A091)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th Convention affirm the work and projects being carried out across the Church in food ministry, including food pantries, feeding programs, community gardens, educational programs, and advocacy; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm and celebrate the continuing of Native and Indigenous Episcopalian communities in carrying out Asset-Based Community Development, including food ministry such as the project in Navajoland to teach the children to grow and prepare traditional Navajo food; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our understanding of the moral implications of how our food system works, through educational programs on food issues, looking at issues of sustainability, equity, and accessibility of all people to healthy food; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our commitments as Christian communities to address food insecurity, food-related health issues, and food-related environmental effects in our communities and nations, through new and creative community, regional, and ecumenical projects, such as, but not limited to, school and community gardens, church garden tithing to food banks, involvement with migrant ministries, and farm-worker and food-worker organizing; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to increase our involvement in advocacy on food issues, using principles of sustainability, equity, and accessibility of healthy food for all people; and it further
Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm this Church’s support for farm legislation that is based on the following principles (originally enumerated and affirmed by the Presbyterian Church, USA in its 220th General Assembly, 2012): "renewability, sustainability, resilience, minimized carbon emissions, participatory research and decision-making, revitalized rural communities, strong local food economies, security of food supply, ethical treatment of animals, and fair and dignified treatment of persons working throughout the food chain"; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws that protect the health and safety of workers throughout the food system, from farms to distribution systems to stores to restaurants, which support the workers' rights to organize; and which support a fair family wage for food workers throughout the system, from farm workers to warehouse workers to fast-food workers; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws designed to protect our Earth’s natural environment and to protect humanity’s ability to produce food for generations to come,
including restrictions on pesticide overuse, harmful industrial farming practices (e.g., overcrowding of livestock), and carbon emissions throughout the food system that threaten animal and human health, damage the soil, and threaten the climate for future generations; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this Convention support public policies, laws, and programs designed to increase access to healthy food for all people, including support and development for farmers’ markets, policies permitting use of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at farmers’ markets, and the development of policies and agreements that encourage the siting of full-service grocery stores in low-income neighborhoods and communities; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this Convention support policies and local school and community programs, such as school gardens, which support nutrition education for adults and children, recognizing that many people in recent generations are unaware of what is healthy food or how to prepare food; and to work with communities to help improve access to healthy and affordable food and places to be active; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this Convention reaffirm support for full and adequate funding for public food programs for the poor and vulnerable, such as the National School Lunch Program, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, SNAP, senior center feeding programs, and summer feeding programs for children, so that families, elderly, children, disabled, unemployed, and others can meet their basic nutritional needs with food that is healthy.

**Committee Amendment:**

**Resolved**, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm the work and projects being carried out across the Church in food ministry, including food pantries, feeding programs, community gardens, educational programs, and advocacy for programs that provide healthy, culturally appropriate food; and be it further

**Resolved**, that this Convention reaffirm and celebrate the continuing of Native and Indigenous Episcopal communities in carrying out Asset-Based Community Development, including food ministry such as the project in Navajoland to teach the children to grow and prepare traditional Navajo food; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the 78th General Convention encourages the further development of Native and Indigenous community food programs, such as the program in Navajoland Area Mission that maintains and teaches traditional growing methods and food preparation techniques; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our understanding of the moral implications of how our, cultural, and environmental relationships associated with food systems works, through educational programs on food issues, looking at issues of focused on: sustainability, equity, cultural diversity, and accessibility of all people to healthy food; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our commitments as Christian communities to address food insecurity, food-related health issues, and food-related environmental effects in our communities and nations, through new and creative community, regional, and ecumenical projects, such as, but not limited to, school and community gardens, church garden tithing to food banks, involvement with migrant ministries, and farm-worker worker and farm worker ministries, and food-worker organizing; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to increase our involvement in advocacy on food issues, using the principles of sustainability, equity, and accessibility of healthy food for all people for the development and maintenance of sustainable; equitable; culturally appropriate; and accessible food systems.

**Resolved**, That this Convention reaffirm this Church’s support for farm legislation that is based on the following principles (originally enumerated and affirmed by the Presbyterian Church, USA in its 220th General Assembly, 2012): “renewability, sustainability, resilience, minimized carbon emissions,
participatory research and decision-making, revitalized rural communities, strong local food economies, security of food supply, ethical treatment of animals, and fair and dignified treatment of persons working throughout the food chain; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws that protect the health and safety of workers throughout the food system, from farms to distribution systems to stores to restaurants, which support the workers’ rights to organize; and which support a fair family wage for food workers throughout the system, from farm workers to warehouse workers to fast food workers; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws designed to protect our Earth’s natural environment and to protect humanity’s ability to produce food for generations to come, including restrictions on pesticide overuse, harmful industrial farming practices (e.g., overcrowding of livestock), and carbon emissions throughout the food system that threaten animal and human health, damage the soil, and threaten the climate for future generations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support public policies, laws, and programs designed to increase access to healthy food for all people, including support and development for farmers’ markets, policies permitting use of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at farmers’ markets, and the development of policies and agreements that encourage the siting of full-service grocery stores in low income neighborhoods and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support policies and local school and community programs, such as school gardens, which support nutrition education for adults and children, recognizing that many people in recent generations are unaware of what is healthy food or how to prepare food; and to work with communities to help improve access to healthy and affordable food and places to be active; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm support for full and adequate funding for public food programs for the poor and vulnerable, such as the National School Lunch Program, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, SNAP, senior center feeding programs, and summer feeding programs for children, so that families, elderly, children, disabled, unemployed, and others can meet their basic nutritional needs with food that is healthy.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #80)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #3 on Resolution C013 (Facilitate Dialogue on Climate Change and Divestment Strategy) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C013)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church welcome the release of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed carbon rule for existing power plants (Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, 79 Fed.Reg. 34829 (proposed June 18, 2014) (to be codified at 40 C.F.R. Pt. 60)); power plants are the single largest source of carbon dioxide pollution in the United States and major contributors to climate change; these emissions not only threaten the environmental stability of our planet, but also the health of young children and their families, disproportionally affecting the poorest among us and all of God’s good Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church recommit to Oppose Environmental Racism; coal, gas, oil, and uranium extraction and subsequent transportation threaten the health, sanctity of communities, and the livelihood of future generations; we seek to eliminate the practice of locating such industries
disproportionately near neighborhoods inhabited by people of color and low income communities; and be it further

Resolved, That there continue to be diverse opinions and voices concerning whether the Church should divest its holdings in fossil fuel extraction companies as well as those that use substantial amounts of such fuels; it is important that we as a Church have extensive conversations on this critical issue; we ask that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council and the Church Pension Fund, in consultation with experts in the fields of economics and investing, ethics, renewable energy development, jointly assess whether the benefit of a divestment strategy would be in compliance with our values and issue a report thereon by the Summer of 2016 and we call on upon the Executive Council to facilitate church-wide dialogue on this subject following the issuance of this report and communicate the results of the dialogue to the 79th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved , the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church welcome the release of the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed carbon rule for existing power plants (Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, 79 Fed. Reg. 34829 (proposed June 18, 2014) (to be codified at 40 C.F.R. Pt. 60)); power plants are the single largest source of carbon dioxide pollution in the United States and major contributors to climate change; these emissions not only threaten the environmental stability of our planet, but also the health of young children and their families, disproportionately affecting the poorest among us and all of God’s good Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church the Church recommit to Oppose Environmental Racism oppose environmental racism, coal, gas, oil, and uranium extraction and subsequent transportation threaten the health, sanctity of communities, and the livelihood of future generations; we seek to eliminate the locating of coal and mineral extractive and processing industries disproportionately near neighborhoods inhabited by people of color and low income communities; and be it further expressed in such ways as the locating of extraction, production, and disposal industries where they disproportionately harm neighborhoods inhabited by people of color and low income communities.

Resolved, That because there continue to be diverse opinions and voices concerning whether the Church should divest its holdings in fossil fuel extraction companies as well as those that use substantial amounts of such fuels, it is important that we as a Church have extensive conversations on this critical issue; and we therefore ask that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council and the Church Pension Fund, in consultation with experts in the fields of economics and investing, ethics, renewable energy development, jointly to assess whether the benefit of a divestment strategy would be in compliance with our values, and issue a report thereon by the Summer of 2016; and we call on upon the Executive Council to facilitate church-wide dialogue on this subject following the issuance of this report and communicate the results of the dialogue to the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #82)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #11 on Resolution A170 (Develop and Continue Food System Advocacy) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A170)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention, encourages the Episcopal Public Policy Network (and related bodies in non-US countries) to continue efforts to create and modify laws and policies that support Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm this Church's support for farm legislation, joining with our PCUSA brothers and sisters, that is focused on "renewability, sustainability, resilience, minimized carbon emissions, participatory research and decision-making, revitalized rural communities, strong local food economies, security of food supply, ethical treatment of animals, and fair and dignified treatment of persons working throughout the food chain" (Journal of the 2012 General Assembly, PCUSA, Item 11-03.2. https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/journal2012.pdf); and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws that protect the health and safety of workers throughout the food system, that support the workers’ rights to organize, and that support a living wage for food workers throughout the system, from farm to table; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws designed to protect our Earth’s natural environment and to protect humanity's ability to produce food for generations to come, including restrictions on pesticide overuse, harmful industrial farming practices (e.g., overcrowding of livestock and mono-cropping), and carbon and methane emissions throughout the food system that threaten animal and human health, damage the soil, and threaten the climate for future generations; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention support public policies, laws, and programs designed to increase access to healthy food for all people, including support and development for farmers’ markets, policies permitting use of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at farmers’ markets, and the development of policies and agreements that encourage the siting of full-service grocery stores in low-income neighborhoods and communities; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm support for full and adequate funding for public food programs for the poor and vulnerable, such as the National School Lunch Program, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, SNAP, senior center feeding programs, and summer feeding programs for children.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention, encourages the Episcopal Public Policy Network (and related bodies in non-US countries) to continue efforts to create and modify laws and policies that support Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm this Church's support for farm legislation, joining with our PCUSA brothers and sisters, that is focused on "renewability, sustainability, resilience, minimized carbon emissions, participatory research and decision-making, revitalized rural communities, strong local food economies, security of food supply, ethical treatment of animals, and fair and dignified treatment of persons working throughout the food chain" (Journal of the 2012 General Assembly, PCUSA, Item 11-03.2. https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/journal2012.pdf); and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws that protect the health and safety of workers throughout the food system, that support the workers’ rights to organize, and that support a living wage for food workers throughout the system, from farm to table; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws designed to protect our Earth’s natural environment and to protect humanity’s ability to produce food for generations to come, including restrictions on pesticide overuse, harmful industrial farming practices (e.g., overcrowding of livestock and mono-cropping), and carbon and methane emissions carbon, methane, and nitrogen pollution throughout the food system that threaten animal and human health, damage the soil, and threaten the climate for future generations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support public policies, laws, and programs designed to increase access to healthy food for all people, including support and development for farmers’ markets, policies permitting use of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at farmers’ markets, and the development of policies and agreements that encourage the siting of full-service grocery stores in low-income neighborhoods and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm support for full and adequate funding for public food programs for the poor and vulnerable, such as the National School Lunch Program, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, SNAP, senior center feeding programs, and summer feeding programs for children.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #84)

End of Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Fifth Legislative Day.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message # 32:** E002 (The President of the House of Deputies) Elected
- **HD Message # 33:** A025 (Native American Ministries Engaging At-Risk Teens) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 34:** A026 (Young Men’s Ministries in Indigenous Congregations) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 35:** A027 (Tribal College Campus Ministry) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 36:** A028 (Support Indigenous Theological Training) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 37:** A033 (Support Latinas in Ordained Ministry) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 38:** A034 (Support Latinas in Lay Ministry) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 39:** Ao82 (Theological Education for Latino/Hispanic Ministries) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 40:** A092 (Government Entitlements) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 41:** A093 (Evaluate Defense Spending) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message # 42:** D027 (Remove Neal from OFAC List) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HD Message # 43:** A164 (Appreciation to Canon Bonnie Anderson) Adopted
- **HD Message # 44:** A161 (Gratitude to the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner) Adopted
- **HD Message # 45:** A165 (Appreciation to Dr. Charles Willie) Adopted
- **HD Message # 46:** A160 (Gratitude to Vincent C. Currie, Jr.) Adopted
- **HD Message # 47:** A167 (Appreciation for the Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby) Adopted
- **HD Message # 48:** A163 (Commend the Rt. Rev. Brian Prior) Adopted
- **HD Message # 49:** A166 (Gratitude to the Very Rev. David Collins) Adopted
HD Message # 50: A168 (Gratitude for Dr. Louis Crew Clay) Adopted
HD Message # 51: C028 (Disclosure of Criminal Records) Re-referred to Legislative Committee
HD Message # 52: A151 (Budget for College for Bishops) Rejected
HD Message # 53: A153 (Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop) Adopted
HD Message # 54: C001 (Set Rates for Diocesan Commitments) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 55: C038 (Change the Asking Formula) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 56: A035 (125th Anniversary of UTO) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 57: D014 (Question Ordinands about Addiction) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 58: C019 (Response to Systemic Racial Injustice) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 59: A100 (Assess Diocesan Viability and Vitality) Rejected
HD Message # 60: A098 (Endorse Principle of Subsidiarity) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 61: D039 (Send Delegation to AME Race Symposium) Adopted
HD Message # 62: D015 (Hunger Relief) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 63: D028 (Oppose Conversion Therapy) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 64: C037 (Supporting Scouting Units) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 65: D025 (Abolish the Death Penalty) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 66: A094 (Support Income Tax Parity) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 67: A049 (Make Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women a Focus of Aid) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 68: A015 (Province IX Sustainability) Adopted
HD Message # 69: A123 (Amend Canon III.11.3(a)) Adopted
HD Message # 70: A080 (Affirm Confirmation as Formation) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 71: A150 (Develop Title IV Training Materials) Concurred
HD Message # 72: B004 (Report on Relations with Church of Sweden) Concurred
HD Message # 73: A019 (Affirm the Inter-Anglican Secretariat) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 74: A040 (Response to the Anglican Covenant Process) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 75: D022 (Response to Anglican Covenant Process) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 76: A017 (Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies) Concurred
HD Message # 77: A070 (Appointments to Dialogues and Coordinating Committees) Concurred
HD Message # 78: A042 (Sites for the 80th General Convention) Re-referred to Committee [Ed.
Note: Replaced by HD Message #111.]
HD Message # 79: A011 (Criminal Justice Reform) Adopted with Amendment

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #4 on Resolution Co45 (Environmentally Responsible Investing) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(Co45)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention join with Episcopalians for Fossil Fuel Divestment/Reinvestment who share a common commitment to act for a sustainable environment in calling upon the Episcopal Church Pension Fund and the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy, and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention calls on the Episcopal Church Pension Fund and the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund to adopt a policy to refrain from this time forward from purchasing any new holdings of public equities and corporate bonds of the world’s leading 200 fossil fuel companies as identified by the Carbon Underground, and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention calls on the Episcopal Church Pension Fund and the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund to develop and implement a plan to divest within five years from direct ownership of public equities and corporate bonds of the world's leading 200 fossil fuel companies as identified by the Carbon Underground, and be it further

Resolved, That, given the proven dangers to the environment and all life on earth fur to the burning of fossil fuels, and given fossil fuel companies’ business plans to extract and use all fossil fuel reserves in the ground, the 78th General Convention urges all dioceses of the Episcopal Church and the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in clean energy within the coming year.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church welcomes the release of the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed carbon rule for existing power plants; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention join with Episcopalians for Fossil Fuel Divestment/Reinvestment who share a common commitment to act for a sustainable environment in calling calls upon the Investment Committee of the Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Pension Fund, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner, and be it further

Resolved, That this 78th General Convention calls on the Investment Committee of the Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Pension Fund, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation to adopt a policy to refrain from this time forward from purchasing any new holdings of public equities and corporate bonds of the world's leading 200 fossil fuel companies as identified by the Carbon Underground, and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention calls on the Episcopal Church Pension Fund and the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund to develop and implement a plan to divest within five years from direct ownership of public equities and corporate bonds of the world's leading 200 fossil fuel companies as identified by the Carbon Underground, and be it further

Resolved, That, given the proven dangers to the environment and all life on earth fur to the burning of fossil fuels, and given fossil fuel companies' business plans to extract and use all fossil fuel reserves in the ground, the 78th General Convention urges all dioceses and parishes of the Episcopal Church and the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in clean energy within the coming year.

Bishop Robinson moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete "Episcopal Church Pension Fund" from second and third resolves.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Proposed Amendment:
Remove any reference to specific funds and call upon "this Church".
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. William Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Change "calls" to "urges" in all resolves. In the second and third resolves change "calls upon the Investment Committee of the Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Pension Fund, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation" to "calls upon all entities affiliated with the Episcopal Church".

The question was called.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C045.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #86)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #13 on Resolution A030 (Create Task Force on Climate Change) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Bishop Sauls moved to postpone to a time certain.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A030 on the morning of the Fifth Legislative Day.]

Special Legislative Committee on Marriage
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #3 on Resolution A054 (Adopt Resources and Rites from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded and moved adoption with amendment. It was moved that consideration of the resolution be postponed.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A054 on the morning of the Fifth Legislative Day.]

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 11:15 a.m. on the Fifth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 6:00 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Spellers, Davidson, and Bautista.
Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 11:02 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.  
Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Personal Privilege
Bishop Wright and Bishop Ousley addressed the House regarding their experience delivering the message of the Presiding Bishop election to the House of Deputies.

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day's minutes.  
Motion carried

Personal Privilege of the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop commended the Armenian genocide materials to the House.

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Sixth Legislative Day.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that no messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #13 on Resolution A030 (Create Task Force on Climate Change) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A030)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church call upon the Executive Council to create a task force to begin to create resources for parish and diocesan use that will equip faithful Christians to respond pastorally and materially in their local context.
The Task Force is asked to report back to the 79th General Convention on its progress and to share what is already happening at the local and diocesan levels in The Episcopal Church.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, shall appoint a Taskforce on the Stewardship of Creation composed of one person from each Province by April 1, 2016. Each Provincial member of the taskforce shall convene, in their respective Province Regional Consultative Groups (hereinafter, “RCGs”) on the
Stewardship of Creation. The RCGs shall develop parish and diocesan resources designed to support local ecologically responsible stewardship of church-related properties and buildings. Each RCG shall be comprised of no fewer than five experts in areas of environmental sustainability appropriate to the demographic, ecological, cultural and geographic specifics of each region. These should include, but not be limited to, consultants in food and water security, property development, alternative energy, and engineering. Each RCG will also include theologians, educators and liturgists to provide resources in education and formation. These RCGs shall:

1. Compile and develop theological and formational material for teaching the theology of stewardship of creation;
2. Create networks designed to share ideas and information for practical application among the regions, such as sustainable development and green conversions of church-related properties, including without limitation, energy audits, solar conversions and other alternative energy, community gardens, and development of fallow property;
3. Be available for consultation to the Dioceses and Parishes.

The Task Force on the Stewardship of Creation shall create a structure for allocation of money to fund RCG initiatives at Parish and Diocesan levels within a year of the 78th General Convention, and serve as the granting body; and be it further

Resolved, that $700,000 be allocated for this purpose, which includes the $500,000 already allocated to the Fifth Mark of Mission, so that $100,000 will be available for the support of the RCGs themselves, and $600,000 be available to provide direct grants to Dioceses and Parishes in the implementation of these programs and support of measurable pilot projects. Of the $100,000 funding the RCGs, $40,500 is to be allocated for the Task Force meetings. Recognizing that this is new work, and a newly formed taskforce, they shall convene in person for their initial meeting, and thereafter determine their needs for future meetings, with funding available for them to meet once yearly. The remaining $59,500 is to be used for regional meetings of the RCGs according to regional needs. The 78th General Convention requests the Presiding Bishop appoint a staff person from DFMS to support the Task Force, and the RCGs as necessary; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force shall report back to the 79th General Convention on the progress and ongoing results at the local and provincial levels.

The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, shall appoint a Taskforce on the Stewardship of Creation composed of one person from each Province by April 1, 2016. Each Provincial member of the taskforce shall convene, in their respective Province Regional Consultative Groups (hereinafter, “RCGs”) on the Stewardship of Creation. The RCGs shall the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is directed to implement a program to develop parish and diocesan resources designed to support local ecologically responsible stewardship of church-related properties and buildings. The program shall be implemented in cooperation with an Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation composed of one person from each province by April 1, 2016. Each province member of the Advisory Council shall convene, in their respective provinces, Regional Consultative Groups (“RCG’s”) on the Stewardship of Creation. Each RCG shall be comprised of no fewer than five experts in areas of environmental sustainability appropriate to the demographic, ecological, cultural and geographic specifics of each region. These should include, but not be limited to, consultants in food and water security, property development, alternative energy, and engineering. Each RCG will also include theologians, educators and liturgists to provide resources in education and formation. These RCGs shall:
1. Compile and develop theological and formational material for teaching the theology of stewardship of creation;
2. Create networks designed to share ideas and information for practical application among the regions, such as sustainable development and green conversions of church-related properties, including without limitation, energy audits, solar conversions and other alternative energy, community gardens, and development of fallow property;
3. Be available for consultation to the Dioceses and Parishes.

The Task Force Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation shall create a structure for allocation of money to fund RCG initiatives at Parish and Diocesan levels within a year of the 78th General Convention, and serve as the granting body; and be it further

Resolved, that $700,000 be allocated for this purpose, which includes the $500,000 already allocated to the Fifth Mark of Mission, so that $100,000 will be available for the support of the RCGs themselves, and $600,000 be available to provide direct grants to Dioceses and Parishes in the implementation of these programs and support of measurable pilot projects. Of the $100,000 funding the RCGs, $40,500 is to be allocated for the Task Force meetings. Recognizing that this is new work, and a newly formed taskforce, they shall convene in person for their initial meeting, and thereafter determine their needs for future meetings, with funding available for them to meet once yearly. The remaining $59,500 is to be used for regional meetings of the RCGs according to regional needs.

The 78th General Convention requests the Presiding Bishop appoint a staff person from DFMS to support the Task Force, and the RCGs as necessary; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force Advisory Council shall report back to the 79th General Convention on the progress and ongoing results at the local and provincial levels.

The Rt. Rev. Samuel J. Howard, Bishop of Florida, moved to amend the resolution.

Consideration of the resolution was tabled for technical issues.

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A030 in the afternoon of the Fifth Legislative Day.]

Conversation on Marriage Resolutions
The Presiding Bishop announced 15 minutes of table conversations on A054 and A036.

Special Legislative Committee on Marriage
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #3 on Resolution A054 (Adopt Resources and Rites from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015”) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A054)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” as found in the Blue Book, for study and use in congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for use “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for use “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage,” “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage II,” and “The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and
Resolved, That bishops, particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-sex marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships are legal, may continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the provision of Canon I.18.4 applies by extension to “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to” preside at any rite contained herein; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to all the rites of “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” in accordance with guidelines established by each diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality; and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities, as a result of his or her theological objection to or support for the 78th General Convention’s action contained in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music continue to monitor the use of this material and report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange for the publication of the material contained in “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015” as approved by the 78th General Convention, no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2015.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” as found in the Blue Book, for study and use in congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Liturgy Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (BBLSM), pp. 2-151 with the following revisions:

BBLSM p. 84: In The Commitment, change the rubric to read “Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the right hand of the other and says”

BBLSM p.84: After “I N., give myself to you, N.” add “, and take you to myself.”

BBLSM p. 85: At the Pronouncement, change the rubric to read “The Presider joins the right hands and says”

BBLSM p. 87: In Concerning the Service, change the second paragraph to read “At least one of the couple must be a baptized Christian, and the marriage shall conform to the laws of the state and canons of this church.

BBLSM p. 88: Under Gathering, change the rubric to read “The couple to be blessed joins the assembly.”

BBLSM p. 89: Change “In marriage according to the laws of the state [or civil jurisdiction] of X” to “In marriage [according to the laws of the state or civil jurisdiction of X]”

BBLSM p. 89: Change “Solemnize their marriage according to the laws of the state [or civil jurisdiction] of X” to “are married Solemnize their marriage [according to the laws of the state or civil jurisdiction of X]”

BBLSM p.94: After “I N., give myself to you, N.” add “, and take you to myself.”

BBLSM p. 95: At the Pronouncement, change the rubric to read “The Presider joins the right hands of the couple and says”
BBLSM p. 95: Replace “I pronounce that they are married according to the laws of the state [or civil jurisdiction] of X” to “I pronounce that they are married [according to the laws of the state or civil jurisdiction of X]”

BBLSM p. 100: At The Marriage, change the rubric to read “Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the right hand of the other and says”

for study and use in congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for use “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” (as found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 77-86, (as amended)),” beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015; under the direction and with the permission of the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for trial use in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6 “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage,” “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2,” and “The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” (as found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 87-108) beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015, under the direction and with the permission of the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority who will during this triennium make provisions for all couples desiring to be married in this church to have access to these liturgies; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops, particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-sex marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships are legal, may continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the provision of Canon I.18.4 applies by extension to “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to” preside at any rite contained herein; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to all the rites of “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” in accordance with guidelines established by each diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality; and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities, as a result of his or her theological objection to or support for the 78th General Convention’s action contained in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music continue to monitor the use of this material and report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention, and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange for the publication with Church Publishing of the material (in English and Spanish) contained in “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015” as approved by the 78th General Convention, no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2015, these materials to be available electronically at no cost.

The Rt. Rev. Brian Thom, Bishop of Idaho, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fourth resolve, delete "particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-sex marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships are legal".
The question was called. Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment. Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee, moved to divide the resolution into two parts, paragraphs 1-14 (Part I) and paragraphs 15-21 (Part II). Motion carried

The question was called. Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on paragraphs 1-14. Motion carried
Part I adopted as amended

Bishop Henderson moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for trial use in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6 “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage,” “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2,” and “The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” (as found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 87-108) beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015. Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority are urged to make provision for all couples desiring to be married in this Church to have access to these liturgies. Trial use will only be under the direction and with the permission of the Bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority who will during this triennium make provisions for all couples desiring to be married in this church to have access to these liturgies; and be it further

[Ed. Note: The proposed amendment reflects Bishop Henderson's amendment. The amendment was not captured by the Chair.]

Bishop Magness moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Following "ecclesiastical authority", insert " or, where appropriate, ecclesiastical supervision "

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of Vermont, moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Change the words, "are urged to make provision" to " will make provision "

The question was called. Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas, moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third Resolve, strike “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2,” and “The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony”

The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri, moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third Resolve, restore "The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2"

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the third Resolve (paragraph 15).

[Ed Note: The following version of the text was read by the Chair before the vote. It differs slightly from Bishop Henderson's earlier amendment, but this version was not contested when the question was called.]

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for trial use in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6 “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage,” “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2,” and “The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony” from “Liturical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” (as found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 87-108) beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015, Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority are urged to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to these liturgies. Trial use is only to be under the direction and with the permission of the Diocesan Bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority who will during this triennium make provisions for all couples desiring to be married in this church to have access to these liturgies; and be it further

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

[Ed Note: The following version of the text was read by the Chair before the vote. It differs slightly from Bishop Henderson's earlier amendment, but this version was not contested when the question was called.]

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for trial use in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6 “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage,” “The Celebration and
Blessing of a Marriage 2,” and “The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” (as found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 87-108) beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015. Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority are urged to make provision for all couples desiring to be married in this Church to have access to these liturgies. Trial use will only be under the direction and with the permission of the Bishop-exercising ecclesiastical authority who will during this triennium make provisions for all couples desiring to be married in this church to have access to these liturgies; and be it further

Bishop Miller moved to postpone to a time certain.

Motion defeated

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A054 in the afternoon of the Fifth Legislative Day.]

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. on the Fifth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 1:00 p.m. with prayers led by Chaplain Bautista and Mr. Davidson.
Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:40 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Special Order of Business
The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California, moved that the House reprimand the Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida, for a breach of its rules regarding social media during its special session to elect a presiding bishop. Our brother has apologized and we have held him accountable and in love have forgiven him.

Motion carried

Continuation of Debate on A054
The House continued its discussion on Resolution A054 (Adopt Resources and Rites from “Liturical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015).

The Rt. Rev. Edwin Gulick, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fifth Resolve, add "in those jurisdictions where the marriage of same gendered couples is not legally possible."

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on A054 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #104)

The House of Bishops Special Committee on Marriage presented its Report #2 on Resolution A036 (Amend Canon I.18 Marriage) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A036)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 18: Of the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony

Canon 18: Of the Celebration and Blessing of Marriage

Sec. 1. Every Member of the Clergy of this Church shall conform to the laws of the State governing the creation of the civil status of marriage, and also to the laws of this Church governing these canons concerning the solemnization of marriage. Members of the Clergy may solemnize a marriage using any of the liturgical forms authorized by this Church.
Sec. 2. Before solemnizing a marriage the Member of the Clergy shall have ascertained:

(a) That both parties have the right to contract a marriage according to the laws of the State.
(b) That both parties understand that Holy Matrimony is a physical and spiritual union of a man and a woman, entered into within the community of faith, by mutual consent of heart, mind, and will, and with intent that it be lifelong;
(c) That both parties freely and knowingly consent to such marriage, without fraud, coercion, mistake as to identity of a partner, or mental reservation;
(d) That at least one of the parties has received Holy Baptism.
(e) That both parties have been instructed as to the nature, meaning, and purpose of Holy Matrimony by the Member of the Clergy, or that they have both received such instruction from persons known to the Member of the Clergy to be competent and responsible.

Sec. 2. The couple shall notify the Member of the Clergy of their intent to marry no less than thirty days prior to the solemnization; Provided, that if one of the parties is a member of the Congregation of the Member of the Clergy, or both parties can furnish satisfactory evidence of the need for shortening the time, this requirement can be waived for weighty cause; in which case the Member of the Clergy shall immediately report this action in writing to the Bishop.

Sec. 3. No Member of the Clergy of this Church shall solemnize any marriage unless the following procedures are complied with:

(a) The intention of the parties to contract marriage shall have been signified to the Member of the Clergy at least thirty days before the service of solemnization; Provided, that for weighty cause, this requirement may be dispensed with if one of the parties is a member of the Congregation of the Member of the Clergy, or can furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility. In case the thirty days’ notice is waived, the Member of the Clergy shall report such action in writing to the Bishop immediately.
(b) There shall be present at least two witnesses to the solemnization of marriage.
(c) The Member of the Clergy shall record in the proper register the date and place of the marriage, the names of the parties and their parents, the age of the parties, their residences, and their Church status; the witnesses and the Member of the Clergy shall sign the record.
(d) The Member of the Clergy shall have required that the parties sign the following declaration:
(e) "We, A.B. and C.D., desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.
(f) "We believe that the union of husband and wife, in heart, body, and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.
(g) "And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

Sec. 3. Prior to the solemnization, the Member of the Clergy shall determine, and shall require the couple to sign a declaration attesting

(a) that both parties have the right to marry according to the laws of the State and consent to do so freely, without fraud, coercion, mistake as to the identity of either, or mental reservation; and
(b) that at least one of the parties is baptized; and
(c) that both parties have been instructed by the Member of the Clergy, or a person known by the Member of the Clergy to be competent and responsible, in the rights, duties, and responsibilities of marriage as embodied in the marriage vows: that the covenant of marriage is unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and lifelong; and
(d) that both parties understand these duties and responsibilities, and engage to make the utmost effort, with the help of God and the support of the community, to accept and perform them.
Sec. 4. It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize any marriage.

Sec. 4. At least two witnesses shall be present at the solemnization, and together with the Member of the Clergy and the parties, sign the record of the solemnization in the proper register; which record shall include the date and place of the solemnization, the names of the witnesses, the parties and their parents, the age of the parties, Church status, and residence(s).

Sec. 5. A Member of the Clergy may pronounce a blessing upon a civil marriage using the liturgical forms authorized by this Church.

Sec. 6. It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 1.I.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 18: Of the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony
Canon 18: Of the Celebration and Blessing of Marriage
Sec. 1. Every Member of the Clergy of this Church shall conform to the laws of the State governing the creation of the civil status of marriage, and also to the laws of this Church governing these canons concerning the solemnization of marriage. Members of the Clergy may solemnize a marriage using any of the liturgical forms authorized by this Church.

Sec. 2. Before solemnizing a marriage the Member of the Clergy shall have ascertained:
(a) That both parties have the right to contract a marriage according to the laws of the State.
(b) That both parties understand that Holy Matrimony is a physical and spiritual union of a man and a woman, entered into within the community of faith, by mutual consent of heart, mind, and will, and with intent that it be lifelong.
(c) That both parties freely and knowingly consent to such marriage, without fraud, coercion, mistake as to identity of a partner, or mental reservation.
(d) That at least one of the parties has received Holy Baptism.
(e) That both parties have been instructed as to the nature, meaning, and purpose of Holy Matrimony by the Member of the Clergy, or that they have both received such instruction from persons known by the Member of the Clergy to be competent and responsible.

Sec. 2. The couple shall notify the Member of the Clergy of their intent to marry no less than at least thirty days prior to the solemnization; Provided, that if one of the parties is a member of the Congregation of the Member of the Clergy, or both parties can furnish satisfactory evidence of the need for shortening the time, this requirement can be waived for weighty cause; in which case the Member of the Clergy shall immediately report this action in writing to the Bishop.

Sec. 3. No Member of the Clergy of this Church shall solemnize any marriage unless the following procedures are complied with:
(a) The intention of the parties to contract marriage shall have been signified to the Member of the Clergy at least thirty days before the service of solemnization; Provided, that for weighty cause, this requirement may be dispensed with if one of the parties is a member of the Congregation of the Member of the Clergy, or can furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility. In case the thirty days' notice is waived, the Member of the Clergy shall report such action in writing to the Bishop immediately.
(b) There shall be present at least two witnesses to the solemnization of marriage.
(c) The Member of the Clergy shall record in the proper register the date and place of the marriage, the names of the parties and their parents, the age of the parties, their residences, and their Church status; the witnesses and the Member of the Clergy shall sign the record.
(d) The Member of the Clergy shall have required that the parties sign the following declaration:
(e) "We, A.B. and C.D., desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

(f) "We believe that the union of husband and wife, in heart, body, and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

(g) "And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

Sec. 3. Prior to the solemnization, the Member of the Clergy shall determine, and shall require the couple to sign a declaration attesting

Sec. 4. Prior to the solemnization, the Member of the Clergy shall determine:

(a) that both parties have the right to marry according to the laws of the State and consent to do so freely, without fraud, coercion, mistake as to the identity of either, or mental reservation; and

(b) that at least one of the parties is baptized; and

(c) that both parties have been instructed by the Member of the Clergy, or a person known by the Member of the Clergy to be competent and responsible, in the nature, purpose, and meaning, as well as the rights, duties and responsibilities of marriage, as embodied in the marriage vows: that the covenant of marriage is unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and lifelong; and

(d) that both parties understand these duties and responsibilities, and engage to make the utmost effort, with the help of God and the support of the community, to accept and perform them.

Sec. 4. Prior to the solemnization, the parties shall sign the following Declaration of Intention:

We understand the teaching of the church that God’s purpose for our marriage is for our mutual joy, for the help and comfort we will give to each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God’s will, for the gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God. We also understand that our marriage is to be unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and lifelong; and we engage to make the utmost effort to accept these gifts and fulfill these duties, with the help of God and the support of our community.

Sec. 5. It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize any marriage.

Sec. 5. At least two witnesses shall be present at the solemnization, and together with the Member of the Clergy and the parties, sign the record of the solemnization in the proper register; which record shall include the date and place of the solemnization, the names of the witnesses, the parties and their parents, the age of the parties, Church status, and residence(s).

Sec. 6. A Member of the Clergy may pronounce a blessing upon a civil marriage using any of the liturgical forms authorized by this Church.

Sec. 7. It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage. and be it further

Resolved that this canon shall become effective on the First Sunday of Advent, 2015.

Proposed Substitute:
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins, Bishop of Springfield, moved to substitute the language of Minority Report #1 for the entire resolution.

A Roll Call vote was requested.

The Rt. Rev. Pierre W. Whalon, Bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, moved to challenge the Chair's ruling that the Substitute motion was in order.
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion carried

The Chair was overruled. The motion was not in order.

The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri, moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Replace the Declaration of Intention with: "We, A. B. and C.D. desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of two people, as set forth in the rites of this church. We believe that the union of two people in heart, body, and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity's and, when it is "God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lives, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

The Rt. Rev. William Lambert, Bishop of Eau Claire, moved to amend the amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Change "procreation" to "gift and heritage of children."

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Robert O'Neill, Bishop of Colorado, moved to amend the amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Substitute "marriage" for "Holy Matrimony."

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A Roll Call vote was requested on the main motion.

Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In Section 6, delete "member of the clergy" and add "Bishop or Priest."

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Rt. Rev. Kirk Smith, Bishop of Arizona, moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the Declaration of Intention in Section 4, replace "God's purpose" with "the sacrament of marriage".

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Prayers were offered by Chaplain Spellers prior to voting.

A roll call vote was taken on A036 as amended (See Appendix 1, Day 5).

Results of Roll Call:
129 Yes
26 No
5 Abstain

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #104)

A 10-minute recess was called.

Election of Members of Executive Council
Election Ballot #1 was taken for Members of Executive Council.

Ballot #1 taken

Election of Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains
Election Ballot #1 was taken for Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Ballot #1 taken

Election of Members of the General Theological Seminary Board
Election Ballot #1 was taken for Members of the General Theological Seminary Board.

Ballot #1 taken

Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
Election Ballot #1 was taken for Members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Ballot #1 taken

Election of Treasurer
Election Ballot #1 was taken for Treasurer.

Ballot #1 taken
Consent Calendar

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #2 on HD Message #10 on Resolution D024 (Affirm and Support Ministry to Appalachia) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #97)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D024)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm and renew the Church’s longstanding support to the ongoing mission of Episcopal Appalachian Ministries and its mission to the people of the Appalachian Region; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the ongoing high rates of poverty that continue to exist in Appalachia disproportionate to other regions of the country; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention continue to acknowledge and support financially the “Appalachian Initiative” to increase grassroots ministry and mission that directly address poverty, substance abuse, illiteracy and inadequate health care found in the Appalachian Region; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $120,000.00 ($40,000 per year) for the implementation of this resolution during the next triennium.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #3 on HD Message #40 on Resolution A092 (Affirm Support for Government Entitlements) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #100)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A092)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm that God has provided for all of creation, forming a world of sufficiency for all, and that inequality exists not because there is not enough, but because of the way resources are distributed; we depend on God and one another and are commanded to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the suffering and afflicted; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention affirm its support for full and adequate funding of social safety net programs such as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), food assistance for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the National School Lunch Program, all of which lift and keep people out of poverty and address basic food and health care needs in vulnerable populations.
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #4 on HD Message #41 on Resolution A093 (Evaluate Defense Spending) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #101)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A093)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to work for a reordering of federal budget priorities, evaluating the balance between legitimate military security needs and poverty alleviation programs; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church through the office of Government Relations encourage the federal government to control military expenditures through leveraging technology, operational efficiencies, and other cost cutting measures wherever possible and that these savings be redirected to poverty alleviation programs.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #5 on HD Message #33 on Resolution A025 (Support Native American Ministries Engaging At-Risk Teens) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #98)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A025)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize establishment of a rapid response to Episcopal Ministries that are engaged in intervention to prevent an ongoing crisis in communities such as teen pregnancies, gang violence, school drop-outs, (LGBT) suicides; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministry’s Subcommittee on Adolescent Ministries develop and administer a support system and financial resources that the Church can provide to these local communities (for example, asset-based community development); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $54,000 ($18,000 per year) for the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #12 on Resolution A064 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(6)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A064)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n)(6) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(6) A Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.
(ii) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.

(iii) Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or House of Bishops.

(iv) Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.

(v) Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.

(vi) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications regularly in use in this Church and encourage the composition of new musical materials.

(vii) Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.

(viii) At the direction of the General Convention, to serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and strategies concerning Church music.

(ix) Collaborate with the Secretary of General Convention to make final edits to the text of resolutions adopted by General Convention and that establish new or revised liturgical materials, and to arrange for their publication. For the sole purpose of this collaboration, members of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music are exempt from the terms of office set forth in I.1.2(b) and shall remain in office until their successors are appointed and take office.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n)(6) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(6) A Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.

(ii) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.

(iii) Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or House of Bishops.

(iv) Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.

(v) Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.

(vi) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications regularly in use in this Church and encourage the composition of new musical materials.

(vii) Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.

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(ix) Collaborate with the Secretary of General Convention to make final edits to the text of resolutions adopted by General Convention and that establish new or revised liturgical materials, and to arrange for their publication. For the sole purpose of this collaboration, members of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music are exempt from the terms of office set forth in I.1.2(b) and shall remain in office until their successors are appointed and take office.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #99)

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #24 on Resolution A145 (Amend Canon IV.19.6 Clarifying Consequences of Default by Respondent) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #103)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #5 on Resolution C039 (Fossil Fuel Divestment and Clean Energy Reinvestment) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #92)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #6 on Resolution C041 (Eliminating Fossil Fuel Holdings and Investing in Clean Energy) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #93)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #7 on Resolution C042 (Responding to Climate Change) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #94)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #8 on Resolution C047 (Promote Policies that Combat Adverse Climate Change) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #95)
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #9 on Resolution C049 (Fossil Fuel Divestment and Clean Energy Reinvestment) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #96)

End of Consent Calendar

Continuation of Debate on A030
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation continued its Report #13 on Resolution A030 (Create Task Force on Climate Change) and moved adoption of a substitute.

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Howard, Bishop of Florida, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Add "... representing the diversity of scientific opinion on issues of climate change and global warming."

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, shall appoint a Taskforce on the Stewardship of Creation composed of one person from each Province by April 1, 2016. Each Provincial member of the taskforce shall convene, in their respective Province Regional Consultative Groups (hereinafter, "RCGs") on the Stewardship of Creation. The RCGs shall the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is directed to implement a program to develop parish and diocesan resources designed to support local ecologically responsible stewardship of church-related properties and buildings. The program shall be implemented in cooperation with an Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation composed of one person from each province by April 1, 2016. Each province member of the Advisory Council shall convene, in their respective provinces, Regional Consultative Groups ("RCG's") on the Stewardship of Creation. Each RCG shall be comprised of no fewer than five experts in areas of environmental sustainability appropriate to the demographic, ecological, cultural and geographic specifics of each region. These should include, but not be limited to, consultants in food and water security, property development, alternative energy, and engineering. Each RCG will also include theologians, educators and liturgists to provide resources in education and formation. These RCGs shall:
1. Compile and develop theological and formational material for teaching the theology of stewardship of creation;
2. Create networks designed to share ideas and information for practical application among the regions, such as sustainable development and green conversions of church-related properties,
including without limitation, energy audits, solar conversions and other alternative energy, community gardens, and development of fallow property;

3. Be available for consultation to the Dioceses and Parishes.

The Task Force Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation shall create a structure for allocation of money to fund RCG initiatives at Parish and Diocesan levels within a year of the 78th General Convention, and serve as the granting body; and be it further

Resolved, that $700,000 be allocated for this purpose, which includes the $500,000 already allocated to the Fifth Mark of Mission, so that $100,000 will be available for the support of the RCGs themselves, and $600,000 be available to provide direct grants to Dioceses and Parishes in the implementation of these programs and support of measurable pilot projects. Of the $100,000 funding the RCGs, $40,500 is to be allocated for the Task Force meetings. Recognizing that this is new work, and a newly formed taskforce, they shall convene in person for their initial meeting, and thereafter determine their needs for future meetings, with funding available for them to meet once yearly. The remaining $59,500 is to be used for regional meetings of the RCGs according to regional needs.

The 78th General Convention requests the Presiding Bishop appoint a staff person from DFMS to support the Task Force, and the RCGs as necessary; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force Advisory Council shall report back to the 79th General Convention on the progress and ongoing results at the local and provincial levels.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A030 as amended.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #106)

Recess

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 11:15 a.m. on the Sixth Legislative Day for a Joint Session with the House of Deputies.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:59 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Spellers and Davidson.
## Appendix 1
### Day 5

**Roll Call Vote for A036**

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:52 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Introduction
The Presiding Bishop recognized the Rev. George Sumner, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Dallas.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #6 on Resolution A129 (Amend Canons IV.6.5, IV.6.6 and IV.19.10(b) Notice of Dismissal and Appeal Matters) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A129)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canons IV.6.5 and IV.6.6 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 5. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would not constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall inform the Bishop Diocesan of an intention to dismiss the matter. If the Bishop Diocesan does not object, the Intake Officer shall dismiss the matter. The Intake Officer shall provide written notice to the Complainant, the subject Member of the Clergy, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision of dismissal, the reasons therefor, and the Complainant’s right to appeal the decision within thirty days of the date of the notice and shall send a copy of that notice and the written intake report to the president of the Disciplinary Board. If the Complainant wishes to appeal the dismissal, the Intake Officer shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent by the Intake Officer to the president of the Disciplinary Board, along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant within 15 days of the date of the notice of dismissal. The Advisor shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent by the Advisor to the president of the Disciplinary Board, along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The intake report and any related information, in the case of a dismissal, shall be retained by the Intake Officer and may be considered in connection with any additional information that may come to the Intake Officer thereafter concerning the subject Member of the Clergy.
Sec. 6. In the event of an appeal of a dismissal, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall, within thirty days of the receipt of the appeal, review the intake report and either affirm or overrule the dismissal. The president shall promptly notify the Complainant, the subject Member of the Clergy, the Intake Officer, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision. If the decision is to overrule the dismissal, the president shall refer the intake report to the Reference Panel within 15 days.; and be it further Resolved, That Canon IV.19.10(b) be amended to read as follows:

(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall make an Advisor available to the Complainant not later than the earliest of (1) the forwarding of the intake report to the Reference Panel, (2) the Complainant's appeal of 15 days after the Complainant receiving word of a dismissal under Canon IV.6.5, (3) the Respondent or Bishop Diocesan proposing terms of discipline to the other under Canon IV.9, or (4) the Bishop's designation of an Injured Person as a Complainant.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canons IV.6.5 and IV.6.6 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would not constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall inform the Bishop Diocesan of an intention to dismiss the matter. If the Bishop Diocesan does not object, the Intake Officer shall dismiss the matter. The Intake Officer shall provide written notice to the Complainant, the subject Member of the Clergy, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision of dismissal, the reasons therefor, and the Complainant’s right to appeal the decision within thirty days of the date of the notice and shall send a copy of that notice and the written intake report to the president of the Disciplinary Board. If the Complainant wishes to appeal the dismissal, the Intake Officer shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent by the Intake Officer to the president of the Disciplinary Board, along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant within 15 days of the date of the notice of dismissal. The Advisor shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent by the Advisor to the president of the Disciplinary Board, along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The intake report and any related information, in the case of a dismissal, shall be retained by the Intake Officer and may be considered in connection with any additional information that may come to the Intake Officer thereafter concerning the subject Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 6. In the event of an appeal of a dismissal, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall, within thirty days of the receipt of the appeal, review the intake report and either affirm or overrule the dismissal. The president shall promptly notify the Complainant, the subject Member of the Clergy, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision. If the decision is to overrule the dismissal, the president shall refer the intake report to the Reference Panel within 15 days.; and be it further Resolved, That Canon IV.19.10(b) be amended to read as follows:

(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall make an Advisor available to the Complainant not later than the earliest of (1) the forwarding of the intake report to the Reference Panel, (2) the Complainant's appeal of 15 days after the Complainant receiving word of a dismissal under Canon IV.6.5, (3) the Respondent or Bishop Diocesan proposing terms of discipline to the other under Canon IV.9, or (4) the Bishop's designation of an Injured Person as a Complainant.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #124)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #18 on Resolution A125 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(g) Qualification of Clerk) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A125)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.5.3(g) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(g) The Disciplinary Board shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Board, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Disciplinary Board and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Board. The clerk, or an assistant clerk who may be appointed at the discretion of the Board, may be any person otherwise qualified who has no conflict of interest in the matter before the Board and who is not barred from serving on the Disciplinary Board under the provisions of IV.5.3(c) or serving on the staff of persons so barred.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #122)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #19 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(j) Residence of Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, Conciliators) on Resolution A126 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(j) Residence of Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, Conciliators) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A126)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.5.3(j) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(j) Church attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, and Conciliators, and Procedural Officers need not reside in or be members of the Diocese proceeding under this Title. Members of the Disciplinary Board shall be members of the Diocese in which they serve unless such Diocese has entered into an agreement for the sharing of resources as provided in Canon IV.5.3(i).

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.5.3(j) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(j) Church attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, and Conciliators, and Procedural Officers need not reside in or be members of the Diocese proceeding under this Title. Members of the Disciplinary Board shall be members of the Diocese in which they serve unless such Diocese has entered into an agreement for the sharing of resources as provided in Canon IV.5.3(i).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #123)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #20 on Resolution A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.12 Move to 14.8) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A134)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.12.12 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 12. The Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the objection to the president of the Conference Panel, within...
fifteen days following the effective date of the Order as defined in Canon IV.14.10. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the objection and the matter will proceed as provided in Canon IV.14.11. and the other party(ies) in accordance with Canon IV.14.8.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.12.12 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 12. The Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the objection to the president of the Conference Panel, within fifteen days following the effective date of on which the Order is issued, as defined in Canon IV.14.10. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the objection and the matter will proceed as provided in Canon IV.14.11. and the other party(ies) in accordance with Canon IV.14.8. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify and provide copies of the notice of objection to the Bishop, President of the Disciplinary Board and the non-objecting party. The President of the Disciplinary Board shall promptly notify members of the Hearing Panel and refer the matter to the Hearing Panel.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #125)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #21 on Resolution A138 (Amend Canon IV.14.8 Shorten Times) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A138)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.8 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 8. (a) The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty two days from the date of the issuance of the Order in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney, and the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever Panel issued the Order) whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Order as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Order.

(b) The Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the objection to the president of the Conference Panel and the other party(ies) within 10 days following the issuance date of the Order as defined in Canon IV.14.10. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the objection and the matter will proceed as provided in Canon IV.14.11.

(c) The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty twenty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty forty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the Bishop Diocesan may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Order.
This amendment moves provisions in section (b) from former Canon IV.12.12 regarding objections to Conference Panel Orders. The change also adds more specific deadlines for the Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of Sentence.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.14.8 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 8. (a) Except for an Order from a Conference Panel to which the Respondent or Church Attorney has timely filed a notice of objection, the Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty twenty days from the date of the issuance of the Order in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney, and the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever Panel issued the Order) whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Order as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Order. (b) The Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the objection to the president of the Conference Panel and the other party(ies) within ten days following the issuance date of the Order as defined in Canon IV.14.10. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the objection and the matter will proceed as provided in Canon IV.14.11. (c) The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty twenty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty forty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the Bishop Diocesan may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Order.

This amendment moves provisions in section (b) from former Canon IV.12.12 regarding objections to Conference Panel Orders. The change also adds more specific deadlines for the Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of Sentence.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #126)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #22 on Resolution #A143 (Amend Canon IV.16 Clarification of Matters Concerning Abandonment) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A143) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.16 be amended as follows: A. By a Bishop Sec. 1. If the Disciplinary Board for Bishops receives information suggesting that a Bishop may have abandoned The Episcopal Church (i) by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church; or (ii) by formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the same; or (iii) by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in communion with the Church, so as to extend to such body Holy Orders as the
Church holds them, or to administer on behalf of such religious body Confirmation without the express consent and commission of the proper authority in the Church, the Board shall promptly notify the Presiding Bishop and the Bishop in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Presiding Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, place restrictions on the ministry of the Bishop in question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Board. If, after consideration of the matter, the Board concludes, by a majority vote of all of its members, that the Bishop in question has abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Board shall be the duty of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, by a majority vote of all of its members, to certify the fact to the Presiding Bishop and with the certificate to send a statement of the acts or declarations which show such abandonment, which certificate and statement shall be recorded by the Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop shall then place a restriction on the exercise of ministry of said Bishop until such time as the House of Bishops shall investigate the matter and act thereon. During the period of such restriction, the Bishop shall not perform any Episcopal, ministerial or canonical acts.

Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop, or the presiding officer, shall forthwith give notice to the Bishop of the certification and restriction on ministry. Unless the restricted Bishop, within sixty days, makes declaration by a verified written statement to the Presiding Bishop, that the facts alleged in the certificate are false or utilizes the provisions of Canon III.12.7, the Bishops will be liable to Deposition or Release and Removal. If the Presiding Bishop is reasonably satisfied that the statement constitutes (i) a good faith retraction of the declarations or acts relied upon in the certification to the Presiding Bishop of (ii) a good faith denial that the Bishop made the declarations or committed the acts relied upon in the certificate, the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, shall terminate the restriction. Otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to present the matter to the House of Bishops at the next regular or special meeting of the House. The House may, by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote, (1) consent to the deposition of the subject Bishop, in which case the Presiding Bishop shall depose the Bishop from the ordained ministry of The Episcopal Church, and pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Bishops that the Bishop has been so deposed, or (2) consent to the release and removal of the subject Bishop from the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church, in which case the Presiding Bishop shall declare such release and removal in the presence of two or more Bishops.

(B) By a Priest or Deacon

Sec. 3. If it is reported to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which a Priest or Deacon is canonically resident that the Priest or Deacon, without using the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, has abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Standing Committee shall promptly notify the Bishop Diocesan and the Priest or Deacon in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, place restrictions on the ministry of the Priest or Deacon in question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Standing Committee. Then, the Standing Committee shall ascertain and consider the facts, and if it shall determine by a vote of three-fourths of all the members that the Priest or Deacon has abandoned the Episcopal Church by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or worship of the Church, or by the formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the Church, or in any other way, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese to transmit in writing to the Bishop Diocesan, or if there be no such Bishop, to the Bishop Diocesan of an adjacent Diocese, its determination, together with a statement setting out in a reasonable detail the acts or declarations relied upon in making its determination. If the Bishop Diocesan affirms the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall place a restriction on the exercise of ministry by that Priest or Deacon for sixty days and shall send to the Priest or Deacon a copy of the determination and statement, together with a notice that the Priest or Deacon has the rights...
specified in Section 2 of this Canon and at the end of the sixty day period the Bishop Diocesan will consider deposing the Priest or Deacon in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.

Sec. 4. Prior to the expiration of the sixty-day period of restriction, the Priest or Deacon may utilize the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable. If within such sixty day period the Priest or Deacon shall transmit to the Bishop Diocesan a statement in writing signed by the Priest or Deacon committed the acts or made the declarations relied upon in the determination or good faith denial that the Priest or Deacon shall withdraw the notice and the restriction on ministry shall expire. If, however, within the sixty day period, the Bishop Diocesan does not declare the release and removal of the Priest or Deacon in accordance with Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable, or the Priest or Deacon does not make retraction or denial as provided above, then it shall be the duty of the Bishop Diocesan either (i) to deposer of the Priest or Deacon or (ii) if the Bishop Diocesan is satisfied that no previous irregularity or misconduct is involved, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Priests that the Priest or Deacon is released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the obligations attendant thereto, and (for causes which do not affect the person's moral character) is deprived of the right to exercise in The Episcopal Church the gifts and spiritual authority conferred in Ordination.

Sec. 5. For the purposes of Section 3 and 4 of this Canon, if there is no Bishop Diocesan, the Standing Committee shall submit the matter to the Bishop Diocesan of an adjacent Diocese, who shall have the authority of a Bishop Diocesan in the matter.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.16 be amended as follows:
A. By a Bishop
Sec. 1. If the Disciplinary Board for Bishops receives information suggesting that a Bishop may have abandoned The Episcopal Church (i) by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church; or (ii) by formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the same this Church; or (iii) by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in communion with the Church, so as to extend to such body Holy Orders as the Church holds them, or to administer on behalf of such religious body Confirmation without the express consent and commission of the proper authority in the Church, the Board shall promptly notify the Presiding Bishop and the Bishop in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Presiding Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, place restrictions on the ministry of the Bishop in question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Board. If, after consideration of the matter, the Board concludes, by a majority vote of all of its members, that the Bishop in question has abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Board it shall be the duty of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, by a majority vote of all of its members, to certify the fact to the Presiding Bishop and with the certificate send a statement of the acts or declarations which show such abandonment, which certificate and statement shall be recorded by the Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop shall then place a restriction on the exercise of ministry of said Bishop until such time as the House of Bishops shall investigate the matter and act thereon. During the period of such restriction, the Bishop shall not perform any Episcopal, ministerial or canonical acts.
Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop, or the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, shall forthwith give notice to the Bishop of the certification and restriction on ministry. Unless the restricted Bishop, within sixty days, makes declaration by a verified written statement to the Presiding Bishop, that the facts alleged in the certificate are false or utilizes the provisions of Canon III.12.7, the Bishops will be liable to Deposition or Release and Removal. If the Presiding Bishop is
reasonably satisfied that the statement constitutes (i) a good faith retraction of the declarations or acts relied upon in the certification to the Presiding Bishop of (ii) a good faith denial that the Bishop made the declarations or committed the acts relied upon in the certificate, the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, shall terminate the restriction. Otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to present the matter to the House of Bishops at the next regular or special meeting of the House. The House may, by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote, (1) consent to the deposition of the subject Bishop, in which case the Presiding Bishop shall depose the Bishop from the ordained ministry of The Episcopal Church, and pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Bishops that the Bishop has been so deposed, or (2) consent to the release and removal of the subject Bishop from the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church, in which case the Presiding Bishop shall declare such release and removal in the presence of two or more Bishops.

(B) By a Priest or Deacon

Sec. 3. If it is reported to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which a Priest or Deacon is canonically resident that the Priest or Deacon, without using the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, has may have abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Standing Committee shall promptly notify the Bishop Diocesan and the Priest or Deacon in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, place restrictions on the ministry of the Priest or Deacon in question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Standing Committee. Then the Standing Committee shall ascertain and consider the facts, and if it shall determine by a vote of three-fourths of all the members that the Priest or Deacon has abandoned the Episcopal Church by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or worship of the Church, or by the formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the Church, or in any other way, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese to transmit in writing to the Bishop Diocesan, or if there be no such Bishop, to the Bishop Diocesan of an adjacent Diocese, its determination, together with a statement setting out in a reasonable detail the acts or declarations relied upon in making its determination. If the Bishop Diocesan affirms the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall place a restriction on the exercise of ministry by that Priest or Deacon for sixty days and shall send to the Priest or Deacon a copy of the determination and statement, together with a notice that the Priest or Deacon has the rights specified in Section 2 4 of this Canon and at the end of the sixty day period the Bishop Diocesan will consider deposing the Priest or Deacon in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.

Sec. 4. Prior to the expiration of the sixty-day period of restriction, the Priest or Deacon may utilize the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable. If within such sixty day period the Priest or Deacon shall transmit to the Bishop Diocesan a statement in writing signed by the Priest or Deacon, which the Bishop Diocesan is reasonably satisfied constitutes a good faith retraction of such declarations or acts relied upon in the determination or good faith denial that the Priest or Deacon committed the acts or made the declarations relied upon in the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall withdraw the notice and the restriction on ministry shall expire. If, however, within the sixty day period, the Bishop Diocesan does not declare the release and removal of the Priest or Deacon in accordance with Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable, or the Priest or Deacon does not make retraction or denial as provided above, then it shall be the duty of the Bishop Diocesan either (i) to depose the Priest or Deacon or (ii) if the Bishop Diocesan is satisfied that no previous irregularity or misconduct is involved, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Priests that the Priest or Deacon is released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the obligations attendant thereto, and (for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character) is deprived of the right to exercise in The Episcopal Church the gifts and spiritual authority conferred in Ordination.
Sec. 5. For the purposes of Section 3 and 4 of this Canon, if there is no Bishop Diocesan, the Standing Committee shall submit the matter to the Bishop Diocesan of an adjacent Diocese, who shall have the authority of a Bishop Diocesan in the matter.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #127)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #9 on Resolution A174 (Encourage Ongoing Support for Episcopal Gap Year Program) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A174)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to continue development of an Episcopal Gap Year program for young adults between high school and college, modeled after the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $90,000 for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to continue development of an Episcopal Gap Year program for young adults between high school and college, modeled after the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $90,000 for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to continue the development of the Episcopal Gap Year Program.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #118)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #10 on Resolution A176 (Humanitarian Relief in Liberia) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A176)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention expresses its deepest love and concern for the people of Liberia, the Most Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hart, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and his clergy as they continue to struggle with rebuilding their church and country in the aftermath of the Ebola crisis, military conflicts and economic disaster caused by these conditions; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize the established and ongoing covenant relationship with our global partner within the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and recommit The Episcopal Church, the Presiding Bishop, and the Executive Committee of The Episcopal Church to this relationship; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the crisis being experienced by our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living and working in the midst of these heinous conditions; and be it further
Resolved, That we encourage and challenge Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to create diocesan partnerships with the church of Liberia and other initiatives that will address the humanitarian needs of our brothers and sisters in the Church of Liberia.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention expresses its deepest love and concern for the people of Liberia, the Most Rev. Dr. Jonathan B.B. Hart, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and his the clergy and people of the Church of Liberia as they continue to struggle with rebuilding their church and country in the aftermath of the Ebola crisis, military conflicts and economic disaster caused by these conditions; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize the established and ongoing covenant relationship with our global partner within the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and recommit The Episcopal Church, the Presiding Bishop, and the Executive Committee of The Episcopal Church to this relationship; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the crisis being experienced by our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living and working in the midst of these heinous conditions; and be it further
Resolved, That we encourage and challenge Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to create diocesan partnerships with the church of Liberia and other initiatives that working together will address the humanitarian needs and economic development that will bring about the financial sustainability of our brothers and sisters in the Church of Liberia.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #128)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #7 on Resolution A047 (Address Moral and Spiritual Injury in the Context of Trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A047)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call the Church to a triennium of pastoral care and Christian formation that is focused upon those whose lives have been directly and indirectly impacted by exposure to traumatic events related to global and domestic terrorism, the violence of warfare, and displacement through natural and man-made disasters, to address the effects of massive and chronic exposure to these particular expressions of violence and global chaos; and be it further
Resolved, That a consortium be formed among the of the Office of Global Partnerships; the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries; the Office of Diversity, Social, and Environmental Ministries; and Episcopal Migration Ministries, along with representatives of the Church appointed by the Executive Council, to consult with relevant experts in the field, to collect and make available relevant resources, and to coordinate communication among a wide network of ministries focused upon healing from traumatic stress injuries related to warfare, terrorism, and population displacement; and be it further
Resolved, That the same consortium make available to military chaplains, parish clergy, and lay ministers resources and training specific to helping them address the needs of uniformed men and women of the armed forces and of veterans who either continue to be directly or virtually involved in global combat engagements or who are returning from service with “spiritual and moral injuries;” and be it further

Resolved, That the same consortium work with Anglican Communion partners and with migration and refugee organizations to develop or disseminate resources for the relief of traumatic stress and to promote spiritual healing for women, men, and children who are affected by terrorist organizations that continue to be intent on harming innocent, non-combatant populations through intimidation, recruitment, physical violence, and geographic displacement; who are the non-combatant victims of military engagements; or who are the subjects of population displacements due to terrorism, military combat, or large scale environmental disasters; and be it further

Resolved, That the same consortium present annual progress reports to the Executive Council, and a triennial report to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, on the progress that has been made to address this need, with recommendations for further action; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call the Church to a triennium of pastoral care and Christian formation that is focused upon those whose lives have been directly and indirectly impacted by exposure to traumatic events related to global and domestic terrorism, the violence of warfare, and displacement through natural and man-made disasters, to address the effects of massive and chronic exposure to these particular expressions of violence and global chaos; and be it further

Resolved, That a consortium be formed among the of the Office of Global Partnerships; the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries; the Office of Diversity, Social, and Environmental Ministries; and Episcopal Migration Ministries, along with representatives of the Church appointed by the Executive Council, to consult with relevant experts in the field, to collect and make available relevant resources, and to coordinate communication among a wide network of ministries focused upon healing from traumatic stress injuries related to warfare, terrorism, and population displacement; and be it further

Resolved, That the same consortium make available to military chaplains, parish clergy, and lay ministers resources and training specific to helping them address the needs of uniformed men and women of the armed forces and of veterans who either continue to be directly or virtually involved in global combat engagements or who are returning from service with “spiritual and moral injuries;” and be it further

Resolved, That the same consortium work with Anglican Communion partners and with migration and refugee organizations to develop or disseminate resources for the relief of traumatic stress and to promote spiritual healing for women, men, and children who are affected by terrorist organizations that continue to be intent on harming innocent, non-combatant populations through intimidation, recruitment, physical violence, and geographic displacement; who are the non-combatant victims of military engagements; or who are the subjects of population displacements due to terrorism, military combat, or large scale environmental disasters.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #109)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #8 on Resolution D071 (Call for Ratification of the UN CRPD) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D071)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention in accordance reaffirm and renew the Church’s longtime commitment to the principles of inclusion and the advancement of the human rights of all people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize and acknowledge that the United States of America is the last developed nation member of the United Nations that has yet to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and recognize that other countries in which The Episcopal Church exists have ratified the treaty; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during the 114th Congress of the United States, and direct the Office of Government Relations to lobby the Senate for the ratification of this treaty and direct the Episcopal Public Policy Network to urge all members of the Church in the United States to contact their Senators and advocate for ratification of the treaty.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #131)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #9 on Resolution C018 (Pursue Justice, Peace and Security in the Holy Land) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C018)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its concern over renewed violence in the Holy Land and urge Israel and Palestine to engage in talks toward ending Israel’s occupation of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, and achieving a just and peaceful solution which allows both Israel and Palestine to live in peace and security; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention express its profound love and concern for all the people of the Holy Land, both Israeli and Palestinian, and of all faiths, Christian, Muslim and Jewish, and call on all to refrain from the use of violence, terror and oppression; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention recognize again, as it did at its 70th General Convention, that a distinction exists between the propriety of legitimate criticism of Israeli governmental policy and action and the impropriety of anti-Jewish prejudice; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge dioceses, parishes and members to continue to support the efforts of the Diocese of Jerusalem in serving the people of the region and, in particular, given the many casualties and substantial destruction in Gaza in July 15 and August of 2014, fundraising to benefit the Diocese of Jerusalem’s Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Social Responsibility in Investment Committee to present a full and public report to the first meeting of the Executive Committee in 2016 documenting all actions, including corporate dialogues and shareholder resolutions, taken in response to the Executive Committee resolution passed in October of 2005 regarding companies that contribute to the infrastructure of Israel’s ongoing occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and companies that have connections to organizations responsible for violence against Israel; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church should contribute to a just and peaceful solution to the continuing crisis in the Holy Land through responsible and informed action; and to do so, that the General Convention call on individual parishes to take immediate steps to increase their understanding of the issues so they can engage actively to this end, especially with respect to considering non-violent approaches and actions to ending the occupation in light of the failure of peace talks and continued expansion of settlements.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church express its solidarity with and support for Christians in Israel and the Occupied Territories; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in healing, education, and pastoral care; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm the work of Christians engaged in relationship building, interfaith dialogue, non-violence training, and advocacy for the rights of Palestinians; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge Episcopalians to demonstrate our solidarity by making pilgrimage to Israel and the Occupied Territories and learning from our fellow Christians in the region; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention request the Program, Budget and Finance Committee consider allocating $15,000 during the next triennium for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to produce a video and study guide based on the experiences and learnings of pilgrims to the region and Christians living in the region, to be distributed to the Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #130)

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #6 on HD Message #79 on Resolution A011 (Criminal Justice Reform Study and Advocacy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #198)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A011)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledges that implicit racial bias and racial profiling result in a criminal justice system that disproportionately incarcerates people of color damaging individuals, families, and communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention challenges The Episcopal Church at every level to commit mindfully and intentionally to dismantling our current mass incarceration system; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urges the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the Office of Governmental Relations of The Episcopal Church to advocate publicly for changes in Federal policies that perpetuate the mass incarceration system; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage each congregation and Diocese to undertake at least one specific initiative aimed at addressing the destructive consequences of the mass incarceration system. These initiatives include such possibilities as:

1. Advocating for alternatives to incarceration for those who are addicted, and increased funding for treatment programs;
2. Advocating for alternatives to incarceration for those who are mentally ill, and increased funding for treatment programs;
3. Advocating for protection of the civil rights and provision of appropriate support and accommodation for people with disabilities who are arrested and incarcerated;
4. Advocating for funding for job training and apprentice programs for those who are at risk of incarceration and those who are formerly released from prison;
5. Working with local businesses to create pathways to living wage jobs for formerly incarcerated people;
6. Establishing mentoring and accompaniment programs for those leaving prison;
7. Advocating for the repeal of mandatory-minimum sentences for nonviolent offenses;
8. Calling for the abolition of the sentencing disparity between crack-cocaine and powder-cocaine offenses and, as an intermediate step, urging the U.S. Congress, in accordance with the recommendation of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, to make retroactive the 2010 Fair Sentencing Act, which reduces the disparity in sentencing from previous levels;
9. Advocating to eliminate “three strikes” sentencing protocols;
10. Joining local “Ban the Box” campaigns to remove questions about arrest records in on-line and written job application forms;
11. Opposing the creation of “for profit” prisons and immigration detention centers, and, where they exist, organizing against guaranteed nightly numbers of prisoners and detainees, and advocate for access to education and rehabilitation programs for those being incarcerated or detained;
12. Reforming monetary bail bond systems, which rely upon often-unlicensed and unregulated bail bond agents and on conditioning release from pre-trial incarceration solely on the ability to pay;
13. Advocating for immediate return of the right to vote for those who have served their sentences and left prison; and
14. Calling for the exploration and creation of restorative justice programs to transform juvenile justice systems; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that each Diocese report back to the 79th General Convention on the initiatives engaged at congregational and Diocesan levels.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #7 on HD Message #67 on Resolution A049 (Make Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women a Focus of Foreign and Church Aid) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #158)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A049)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend giving priority to the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of all women, including transgender individuals, by using the following principles as appropriate standards for distribution of foreign aid by the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed economic aid will increase economic capacity, using methods such as global trade and financial and investment agreements, and will include the direct involvement of and capacity building for women; and be it further
Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid for health care will require a goal of universal coverage, ensuring access without discrimination for women, girls and transgender individuals to all types of services offered, without imposing financial hardship on the patient; and be it further
Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid for agriculture or aquaculture will facilitate the participation of women in these programs; and be it further
Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid responding to financial or economic crises or natural disasters and their aftermaths will include steps to minimize negative impacts on gender equality and empowerment of women, providing opportunities for women's employment, and access to essential services and social protection systems for women's and girls’ and other vulnerable and disadvantaged persons’ human rights; and be it further
Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid for environmental and climate-change issues will promote full and equal participation of women at all levels of decision making regarding the use of such aid; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend the same principles of achievement of gender equality and empowerment of all women, including transgender individuals, to dioceses and congregations throughout the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society as a criterion for engagement in domestic and international projects, whether through direct aid or involvement of personnel.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #8 on HD Message #66 on Resolution A094 (Support Income Tax Parity) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #157)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A094)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support efforts to reduce economic disparities in the United States by:
Calling for a reversal of federal and state tax cuts that have increased the wealth gap and reduced budget revenue for domestic needs; and
Calling for a reversal of the recent erosion of progressivity in federal and state tax rates, as progressive tax rates are a means of building a strong middle class, and an important means of reducing severe inequalities of income and wealth.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #10 on HD Message #64 on Resolution C037 (Sponsoring and Supporting Scouting Units) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #155)
Final Text of Resolution:
(C037)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention congratulate the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for over 100 years of fine work with American youth, teaching leadership, cooperation, teamwork, and ethics in a non-sectarian program emphasizing outdoor and life skills, a program which has reached millions of boys; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend the BSA for its recent change to a non-discriminatory membership policy, welcoming all youth to be scouts, irrespective of their sexual orientation, a change consistent with Resolution C031 adopted by the 73rd General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recommend that vestries and clergy in charge of congregations sponsor or continue to sponsor scouting units (packs, troops, posts and crews), especially those units recently displaced by decisions from other denominations to cease sponsoring scouting units as a consequence of the BSA’s recent change to a non-discriminatory membership policy concerning sexual orientation; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge that parishes strongly consider, at the time they charter or renew the registration of their Boy Scout unit, communicating to the Boy Scout Council and to the public that The Episcopal Church strongly disagrees with the BSA’s policy of discriminating against qualified adult leaders based on sexual orientation; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage qualified adults to volunteer as leaders, and otherwise to support the BSA work with youth in their communities; and engage in educational programs within their churches to inform members and others about these nondiscrimination issues; and be it further
Resolved, That insofar as the 77th General Convention affirmed our full inclusion, support, and love for our brothers and sisters in the transgender community at all levels of church leadership and membership, the Episcopal Church is eager to work with the BSA in hopes of making the great benefits and life-long lessons of scouting available to all; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs that the Office of General Convention send a copy of this resolution to the BSA’s National Office and the National Executive Board of the Boys Scouts, and to seek discussions to alter its membership policy for adult leaders which discriminates against qualified adults based on sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #11 on HD Message #62 on Resolution D015 (Encouraging Advocacy for Hunger Relief) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #153)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D015)
Resolved, That dioceses, parishes, and faithful Episcopalians are called to advocate changes in public policy to help poor and hungry people; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention congratulate Bread for the World (BFW) for forty years of effective, non-partisan Christian public policy advocacy to make U.S. government rules and policies work better to combat hunger and poverty; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend BFW’s objective to change public policy in order to end extreme poverty and hunger in the United States and worldwide by 2030; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize that BFW’s current advocacy efforts, including prayer, letters, and personal visits with lawmakers by committed Christians, are a faithful path for our dioceses, congregations and people to follow as Christian advocates for the poor and hungry.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #12 on HD Message #65 on Resolution D025 (Abolish the Death Penalty State by State) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #163)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D025)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its longstanding call to put an end to the death penalty in recognition that the death penalty remains legal in thirty-one states and in federal jurisdictions with over 3,000 persons awaiting execution; and that the death penalty is disproportionately applied to the poor and to minorities and is in direct opposition to the witness of Jesus; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to governors in all states where the death penalty is legal, encouraging them to submit and support legislation in their respective states to abolish the death penalty; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the bishops in all states where the death penalty is legal, encouraging them to appoint task forces of clergy and lay persons to develop a witness to eliminate the death penalty, and requesting that these bishops report back on their actions to the Standing Commission on Justice and Public Policy prior to the 79th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #13 on HD Message #63 on Resolution D028 (Oppose Conversion Therapy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #151)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D028)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention supports legislation banning state-licensed therapists and other service providers from engaging in discredited and dangerous practices that try to change a person’s sexual orientation or force them to deny their gender identity.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #14 on HD Message #61 on Resolution D039 (Send Delegation to AME Race Symposium) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #116)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D039)
Resolved, That the Presiding Officers will appoint lay and clergy representatives to attend the African Methodist Episcopal Church Symposium on Race in September 2015; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Congregational Vitality
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #2 on HD Message #68 on Resolution A015 (Continue to Support Province IX Sustainability) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #108)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A015)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the Church's dedication for the ongoing work of Mark of Mission II — “To Teach, Baptize, and Nurture New Believers,” especially as it pertains to the agreed-upon plan for Province IX Sustainability; and be it further
Resolved, That plan adopted by the Project Team for the Second Mark of Mission, meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from July 8-11, 2013 be continued and supported by the representation of the General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, working through the Joint Standing Committee on World Mission, or through a similarly tasked representative body or committee of the Executive Council assigned to exert fiduciary responsibility for this crucial component of the ongoing mission of the Church in Province IX, continue to support the work of Province IX Sustainability in the 2016-2018 triennium as detailed in the plan adopted by Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council, Church management, and key leaders of bishops, clergy, and lay representatives from throughout Province IX continue to work together to implement this plan through such time as all dioceses in Province IX reach self-sustainability.

Evangelism and Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #1 on HD Message #14 on Resolution A010 (Dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #150)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A010)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology; and be it further
Resolved, that Canon I.1.3 be amended by the removal of paragraph 12.
[Ed. note: the relevant canon number is Canon I.1.2(n)(12).]
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #2 on HD Message #12 on Resolution A113 (Continue Development of Global Mission Mapping Project) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #149)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A113)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage the Office of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to continue the development of the Global Mission Mapping Project.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #17 on Resolution C023 (Amend Canon I.17.7) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C023) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following section of Title I is hereby amended to read as follows:
Canon I.17.7. No unbaptized person shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion in this Church, except as provided as follows:
(a) The unbaptized person must be receiving communion with the intent of beginning or strengthening a relationship with Christ and eventually being baptized, and the clergy in charge of the congregation in which the person is receiving shall provide counsel as needed.
(b) Congregations inviting the unbaptized to receive communion must do so as a part of an evangelistic plan to welcome all people to Christ’s table and to strengthen them in their relationship with Christ and the Church.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #117)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #19 on Resolution C015 (Addition to Baptismal Covenant Language) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C015) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize the trial addition to the Baptismal Covenant of a sixth question concerning our responsibility as baptized Christians to care for God’s creation; and be it further
Resolved, That the additional question and response be worded as follows:
"Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?"
I will, with God’s help." ; and be it further
Resolved, That use of this additional question and response be authorized for trial use as part of the Baptismal Covenant for the triennium 2016 - 2018.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #129)

**Church Pension Fund**

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #3 on Resolution A181 (Study of Costs of Employee Benefits for Clergy and Lay Employees in Province IX) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A181)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Church Pension Group to conduct a study of compensation and costs and fees for all employee benefits, e.g., retirement, health care, short-term and long-term disability, etc. for clergy and lay employees in the dioceses of Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti, The Episcopal Church in Cuba, and Covenant Partners; to discuss their findings with diocesan leaders, and to report their findings back to the 79th General Convention.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Church Pension Group to conduct a study of compensation and costs and fees for all employee benefits, e.g., retirement, health care, short-term and long-term disability, etc. for clergy and lay employees in the dioceses of Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti, The Episcopal Church in Cuba, and Covenant Partners, to provide to the CPF Trustees information and guidance on alternative programs and strategies, such as employee contribution plans, that will improve clergy and lay pension plans in these areas, to discuss their findings with diocesan leaders, and to report their findings back to the 79th General Convention. The purpose of this study would be to provide appropriate information and costs about employee benefit coverages to diocesan leaders, and to provide the Church information on the current state of employee benefits in those areas.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #119)

**End of Consent Calendar**

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Seventh Legislative Day.

**Messages from the House of Deputies**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message # 80:** E013 (Trustees of the Church Pension Fund) Elected
- **HD Message # 81:** E010 (Executive Council-Clergy) Elected
- **HD Message # 82:** A162 (Gratitude to The Rev. Canon Dr. Gregory S. Straub) Adopted
- **HD Message # 83:** A020 (Work of TEC at the UN) Concurred
- **HD Message # 84:** A021 (Commitment of 0.7% of the MDGs) Concurred
- **HD Message # 85:** A029 (Human Trafficking Victims on Indian Reservations) Concurred
- **HD Message # 86:** C030 (Control of Automatic Weapons) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 87:  D018 (Curb Gun Violence) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 88:  A012 (Funding of Mission Enterprise Zones) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 89:  A069 (Affirm Participation in IALC) Concurred
HD Message # 90:  A061 (Leadership Program for Musicians) Concurred
HD Message # 91:  A060 (Continue the Congregational Song Task Force) Concurred
HD Message # 92:  D003 (Amend Article V [first reading]) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message # 93:  E008 (Treasurer of the General Convention) Elected
HD Message # 94:  E002 (Trustees of the GTS-Lay) Elected
HD Message # 95:  A023 (Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 96:  A046 (Lay Leadership Formation Resources) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 97:  B002 (End of the Embargo of Cuba) Concurred
HD Message # 98:  E020 (Executive Council-Lay) Elected
HD Message # 99:  E022 (Trustees of the GTS-Lay) Confirmed
HD Message # 100: E021 (Disciplinary Board for Bishops-Clergy) Elected
HD Message # 101: E021 (Disciplinary Board for Bishops-Lay) Elected
HD Message # 102: E015 (Trustees of the GTS-Clergy) Elected
HD Message # 103: A068 (Translate Portions of Book of Common Prayer) Concurred
HD Message # 104: A018 (Encourage Interfaith Engagement) Concurred
HD Message # 105: E004 (Vice President of the House of Deputies) Elected
HD Message # 106: D004 (Task Force to Study Episcopal Elections) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message # 107: A059 (Continue Revision of the Book of Occasional Services) Concurred
HD Message # 108: A086 (Task Force for Latino-Hispanic Congregational Development and Sustainability) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 109: A056 (Authorize New Liturgical Resources: A Great Cloud of Witnesses) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 110: D005 (Creating a Capacity to Plant Churches) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 111: A042 (Consider 80th General Convention Sites) Re-referred to Committee
HD Message # 112: D009 (Revitalization of Congregations) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 113: X012 (Special Order of Debate for Structure) Adopted
HD Message # 114: C005 (Decreasing Gun Violence) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 115: C048 (Increase the Minimum Wage) Adopt with Amendment
HD Message # 116: D044 (Removal of Confederate Battle Flag) Adopted
HD Message # 117: B008 (Support Handgun Purchaser Licensing) Adopted
HD Message # 118: B009 (Online Digital Evangelism Test) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 119: A042 (Consider 80th General Convention Sites) Adopted
HD Message # 120: A037 (Continue Work of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) Concurred
HD Message # 121: E005 (Secretary of the HoD and General Convention) Elected
HD Message # 122: E005 (Secretary of the HoD and General Convention) Confirmed

Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
The Secretary announced the results of the ballot on Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Province I  The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut HB Message# 136
Province II The Rt. Rev. William Franklin Bishop of Western New York HB Message# 138
Province III The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde Bishop of Washington HB Message# 139
Province IV The Rt. Rev. Terry White Bishop of Kentucky HB Message# 140
Province V  The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee Bishop of Chicago  HB Message# 141
Province VI  The Rev. Alan Scarfe Bishop of Iowa  HB Message# 142
Province VII  The Rev. Michael Milliken Bishop of Western Kansas  HB Message# 143
Province VIII  The Rev. Brian Thom Bishop of Idaho  HB Message# 144
Province IX  The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench Bishop of Puerto Rico  HB Message# 145

**Election of Treasurer of the General Convention**
The Secretary announced the election of N. Kurt Barnes.
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #160)

**Election of Trustees of General Theological Seminary**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #161)

**Election of Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains**
The Secretary announced the results of the election for the General Board of Examining Chaplains:

**Bishops for six-year terms:**
- The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, (Arkansas)
- The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens (Bishop Suffragan, Connecticut)

**Lay persons for six-year terms:**
- Liza Anderson
- Norma N. Givens
- Anne LeVeque

**Priests from accredited seminary faculties or other educational institutions for six-year terms:**
- The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ferguson
- The Rev. Dr. Hugh R. Page, Jr.
- The Rev. Dr. Duane Andre Smith

**Priests with pastoral cures or in specialized ministries for six-year terms:**
- The Very Rev. Canon Michael A. Bamberger
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Katharine C. Black
- The Rev. Adam Paul Kradel

**Election of Bishops to Executive Council**
The Secretary announced that the Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida, was elected to one of two positions.
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #154)

**Ballot #2 for Bishop to Executive Council**
Election Ballot #2 was taken for Bishop to Executive Council.

Ballot #2 taken
Continuation of Debate on A171
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #12 on Resolution A171 (Commendation of Papal Encyclical) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A171)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend the Papal Encyclical Letter LAUDATO SI’ OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (24 May 2015, http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html) to the dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church for study and reflection; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage the House of Bishops to administer a Pastoral Letter on the reality of Climate Change and the pastoral and theological implications of the same in time for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Paris, France beginning on November 30, 2015.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention welcomes the release of the Papal Encyclical Letter Laudato Si’ of Pope Francis, a landmark encyclical focusing on the reality of climate change and the interrelated nature of our world; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop to write a Pastoral Letter to the Church on climate change before the United Nations Climate Change Summit in Paris in late 2015.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #132)

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #9 on HD Message #58 on Resolution C019 (Establish Response to Systemic Racial Injustice) and moved concurrence.

Bishop Sauls moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
At the end of the last Resolve, insert "through a plan to be developed by the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in consultation with the Executive Council."

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called on the Resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution C019.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #133)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C019)
Resolved,
That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church confesses that, despite repeated efforts at anti-racism training as well as racial justice and racial reconciliation initiatives including the passage of more than 30 General Convention resolutions dating back to 1952, the abomination and sin of racism continue to plague our society and our Church at great cost to human life and human dignity; we formally acknowledge our historic and contemporary participation in this evil and repent of it; and be it further
Resolved, That in the wake of the brutal, overtly racist murders of nine of our Christian brothers and sisters of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015; numerous inexcusable deaths of unarmed black men and youth at the hands of law enforcement personnel; and the moral atrocity of mass incarceration in which a hugely disproportionate number of persons of color have been unfairly caught in the net of an unjust criminal justice system, the 78th General Convention affirms as a top priority of The Episcopal Church in the upcoming triennium the challenging and difficult work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church understands and affirms that the call to pray and act for racial reconciliation is integral to our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to our living into the demands of our Baptismal Covenant; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Bishops, and Vice President of the House of Deputies be charged to lead, direct, and be present to assure and account for the Church’s work of racial justice and reconciliation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $1.2 million for the Triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #15 on Resolution A067 (Revise Book of Common Prayer for Revised Common Lectionary [second reading]) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A067)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standard Book of Common Prayer shall be revised as follows:
p.271: Palm Sunday, Liturgy of the Palms
Year A: Matthew 21:1-11
Year B: Mark 11:1-11, or John 12:12-16
Year C: Luke 19:29-40
p. 272: Palm Sunday, at the Eucharist
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
p. 273: Palm Sunday, at the Eucharist  
p. 274: Maundy Thursday  
Psalm: 70:5-25, 116:1,10-17 (omit Hallelujah in verse 17)  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:22-26 (27-32)  
p. 276: Good Friday  
p. 277: Good Friday  
p. 283: Holy Saturday  
Old Testament: Job 14:1-14, or Lamentations 3:1-9,19-24  
Psalm: 43, or 34:1-5 31:1-4,15-16  
Epistle: I Peter 4:1-8  
pp. 288-295: The Great Vigil of Easter  
p. 288: The story of Creation  
Genesis 1:1–2:4a  
Psalm 33:1-4, or Psalm 36:5-10 136:1-9,23-26  
p. 288: The Flood  
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13  
Psalm 46  
p. 289: Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Psalm 33:1-22, or Psalm 16  
p. 289: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea  
Canticle 8, The Song of Moses  
p. 290: God's Presence in a Renewed Israel  
Isaiah 42:6 Baruch 3:9-15,32–4:4, or Proverbs 8:1,8,19-21;9:4b-6  
Psalm 122 Psalm 19  
p. 290: Salvation Offered Freely to All  
Isaiah 55:1-11  
Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah, or Psalm 42:4-7  
p. 290: A New Heart and a New Spirit  
Ezekiel 36:24-28  
Psalm 42:1-7, or Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah Psalms 42 and 43  
p. 291: The Valley of Dry Bones  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 30, or Psalm 143  
p. 291: The Gathering of God's People  
Zephaniah 3:12-14 Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Psalm 98, or Psalm 126  
p. 295: At the Eucharist
Gospel:

Year A: Matthew 28:1-10
Year B: Mark 16:1-8
Year C: Luke 24:1-12

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #134)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #16 on Resolution A169 (Establish a Process for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A169)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to prepare a plan for the comprehensive revision of the current Book of Common Prayer and present that plan to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That such a plan for revision utilize the riches of our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship; and be it further

Resolved, That the plan for revision take into consideration the use of current technologies which provide access to a broad range of liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #135)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #20 on Resolution C010 (Invite All to Holy Communion) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C010)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church expresses awareness of growing favor within the Episcopal Church for a practice commonly called “Open Table,” that all persons, baptized and unbaptized, may be invited to receive Holy Communion, and

Expresses awareness that some communities within the Episcopal Church have already been experimenting with the practice of Open Table on an unofficial basis, and that it has not been unknown in the history of the Church for changes in local practice occasionally to precede and inform changes in wider-Church doctrine; and

Expresses awareness of the complexity of changing the canons for authorizing the practice of Open Table on an official church-wide basis, recognizing that there are significant liturgical, theological, relational, and other factors deserving of our careful and ongoing discernment; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention calls for the formation of a task force, the members of which shall be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, to
study and facilitate church-wide dialogue concerning the practice of Open Table in consultation with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, the Standing Commission on Interreligious and Ecumenical Relations, and the Theology Committee in the House of Bishops, and to report its findings and recommendations to the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $10,000 per year of the 2015-2018 triennium for the implementation of this Resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo (Upper South Carolina) moved an amendment in paragraph one of the second Resolve adding "include a balance of diverse theological perspectives" after the word "shall".

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution C010.

The results of the vote were: 77 Yes and 79 No.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #137)

The Presiding Bishop called for a 15-minute recess.
The House resumed at 4:30 p.m.

Election of Bishops to Executive Council
The Secretary announced that the Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma, was elected to one of two positions.

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #154)

Congregational Vitality
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #6 on HD Message #110 on Resolution D005 (Creating a Capacity to Plant Churches) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D005.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #146)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D005)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention create a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters; and establishing new congregations each triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the budget for creating this congregational network will be $5,000,000 to be allocated as follows:
- $200,000 to identify and support existing programs to produce training in planting congregations for clergy and lay leaders
- $600,000 to provide resources for planters of congregations
- $1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders for Latino/Hispanic ministries
- $500,000 to support a staff person to oversee the planting network
- $2,700,000 for grants to support up to 30 congregations with the size and grant depending on the context and need of the congregation; and be it further
Resolved, That the convention encourages the Episcopal Church Development Office to prioritize raising $5 million per triennium to plant new congregations, with the hope that a network of interested donors will be developed; and be it further
Resolved, That Dioceses receiving money for planting new congregations under this program will contribute a minimum of 20% of the costs of any new plants; and be it further
Resolved, the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies appoint an advisory group of not more that twelve people, consisting of those with experience in planting congregations, diocesan oversight of such work, and academics working with evangelism and mission, to carry out provisions of this resolution, including developing criteria for receiving grants, providing a reporting process, making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to identify potential planters, and developing a network of coaches and internship sites; and be it further
Resolved, That the Communications Office be directed to make a priority of reporting on the stories of plants of new congregations on an ongoing basis through news media, video, and other means, and through developing a website that provides detailed information about the various planting initiatives happening throughout the church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #7 on HD Message #112 on Resolution D009 (Revitalization of Congregations) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #147)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D009)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention shall promote the revitalization of existing congregations within The Episcopal Church through the creation of a congregational revitalization network; and be it further
Resolved, That a churchwide staff position be created to facilitate the creation of this network, coordinate training opportunities for congregational leaders, and encourage collaboration between existing revitalization ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That regional coaches with practical revitalization experience be identified and trained in congregational revitalization, who shall be available to congregations in varying parts of the church to consult with them on revitalization efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That the staff leader and the coaches shall provide training opportunities for congregational clergy and lay leaders in order to help them re-vision their purpose, use of space, outreach to their communities, evangelism efforts, and new ways of proclaiming the gospel of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That a Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund be created to fund grants to existing congregations, with special attention given to congregations reaching out to populations that are underrepresented in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund grants shall be administered by a grants committee established for that purpose by Executive Council in consultation with the staff leader; and be it further

Resolved, That the Development Office be directed to make raising $300,000 for the Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund one of its priorities in the 2016-18 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance be requested to consider an allocation of $700,000 for the 2016-18 triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 11:15 a.m. on the Seventh Legislative Day.  

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:15 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Bautista and Davidson.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 11:20 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day's minutes.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Eighth Legislative Day.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

HD Message # 123: X013 (Special Order for Debate on Marriage) Adopted
HD Message # 125: A137 (Amend Canon IV.14.5) Concurred
HD Message # 126: A136 (Amend Canon IV.14.4) Concurred
HD Message # 127: A117 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3)) Concurred
HD Message # 128: A119 (Amend Canon III.5.2(b)) Concurred
HD Message # 129: B015 (Funding for GBEC) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 130: A130 (Amend Canon IV.6.7) Concurred
HD Message # 131: A131 (Amend Canon IV.6.8) Concurred
HD Message # 132: A132 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) Concurred
HD Message # 133: A139 (Amend Canon IV.14.11) Concurred
HD Message # 134: A159 (Church in Culture of Alcohol and Drug Abuse) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 135: A140 (Amend Canon IV.12) Concurred
HD Message # 136: A141 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(b)) Concurred
HD Message # 137: A149 (Amend Canon V.4.1(a)) Concurred
HD Message # 138: A148 (Amend Canon IV.19.30) Concurred
HD Message # 139: A147 (Amend Canon IV.19.25) Concurred
HD Message # 140: A085 (Funding Mission Enterprise Zones) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 141: A084 (Modify Parochial Report) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 142: C020 (Ministry to People with Mental Illness) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 143: A096 (Affirm Relationship-Based Social Justice) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 144: A179 (Commending Memorial V: A Call to Action) Adopted
HD Message # 145: A172 (Leveraging Social Media for Jesus) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 146: A173 (Gathering and Sharing for Evangelism) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 147: A044 (Maintain the Centrality of The Eucharist) Concurred
HD Message # 148: A158 (Policy on Substance Abuse, Addiction, Recovery) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 149:  A063 (Criteria for Biblical Translations and Amend Canon II.2) Concurred
HD Message # 150:  A062 (Address Christian Anti-Judaism) Concurred
HD Message # 151:  D029 (Thanks for the Ministry of David Booth Beers) Adopted
HD Message # 152:  D059 (The 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh) Adopted
HD Message # 153:  D078 (Institute for Healing of Memories) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 154:  B016 (Amend Canon I.8) Concurred
HD Message # 155:  A175 (Ministry of the Development Office) Adopted
HD Message # 156:  A105 (Financial Assistance for Deputies) Rejected
HD Message # 157:  D066 (Worship Offerings at General Convention) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 158:  A048 (Challenges and Impacts of Robotic and Cyberwarfare) Concurred
HD Message # 159:  E032 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province I (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 160:  E035 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province II (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 161:  E033 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province I (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 162:  E034 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province II (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 163:  E036 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province III (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 164:  E037 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province III (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 165:  E039 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province IV (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 166:  E040 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province V (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 167:  E041 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province V (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 168:  E042 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VI (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 169:  E043 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VI (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 170:  E045 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VII (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 171:  E046 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VIII (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 172:  E048 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province IX (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 173:  E049 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province IX (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 174:  E047 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VIII (Lay)) Elected
HD Message # 175:  E038 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province IV (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 176:  E044 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VII (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message # 177:  C013 (Dialogue on Climate Change and Divestment) Concurred
HD Message # 178:  A057 (Create Additional Liturgical Commemorations) Concurred
HD Message # 179:  A055 (Revised Liturgical Commemorations) Concurred
HD Message # 180:  A058 (Authorize Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation) Concurred
HD Message # 181:  A091 (Food Ministries and Food Security) Concurred

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #25 on Resolution D050 (Authorizing "An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist" as a Principal Service) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D050)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church authorize “An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist” (BCP 400) for use at a principal Sunday or weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority may authorize a congregation to use “An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist” (BCP pp. 400-405) at a principal Sunday or weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist, if the Eucharistic Prayer is written and
submitted in advance of its use to the Bishop; while the BCP states that the rite “is not intended for use at the principal Sunday or weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist,” the BCP does not forbid its use in such contexts.

Motion carried   Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #164)

Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse presented its Report #1 on HD Message #57 on Resolution D014 (Question Ordinands about Addiction) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried   The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #165)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D014)
Resolved, That Sponsoring Clergy, Vestries, Commissions on Ministry, Standing Committees, and Bishops interviewing and evaluating Nominees, Postulants, and Candidates for Ordination explore directly issues regarding substance use in their lives and family systems; and be it further
Resolved, That Nominees, Postulants, and Candidates who may have addiction issues be offered appropriate resources and referred to qualified mental health, healthcare, and/or addiction professionals for further evaluation prior to proceeding in the ordination process.

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse presented its Report #2 on HD Message #148 on Resolution A158 (Task Force to Review and Revise Policy on Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Recovery) and moved concurrence.

The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Bishop of Montana, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete "and consider providing a non-alcoholic alternative."

Motion defeated   Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete "a" and substitute "alternative" with "wine" to read "... consider providing non-alcoholic wine."

The question was called.

Motion carried   Debate terminated
Motion carried   Amendment adopted
Motion carried   Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #166)
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse presented its Report #3 on HD Message #134 on Resolution A159 (The Role of the Church in the Culture of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #167)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A159)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize that the field of substance use disorders and addiction has advanced substantially since 1985 when the 68th General Convention passed the current policy, acknowledging that alcohol use, addiction and recovery all involve biological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions; and be it further
Resolved, That, as Holy Baptism is the entrance to the life of wholeness and holiness and addiction disrupts relationships with God, others, and ourselves, impairing body, mind, and spirit, the Church, respecting the dignity of every human being, has a moral and ethical responsibility to:
1. Confront and repent of the Episcopal Church’s complicity in a culture of alcohol, denial, and enabling,
2. Speak to cultural norms that promote addiction,
3. Promote spiritual practices as a means of prevention and healing,
4. Advocate for public funding and health insurance coverage for prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery, and collaborate with qualified community resources offering these services, and to respond with pastoral care and accountability.; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirms the need for exercising a healing ministry to all whose lives are affected by addiction and encourages all members of The Episcopal Church to pursue healing in their personal, professional, relational and vocational lives, and to seek help at the first sign of the disease of addiction; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge that the epidemic of addiction has a severely adverse social, economic, environmental, and spiritual impact on all communities, and presents particular challenges to communities of marginalized people at home and abroad; and be it further
Resolved, The Episcopal Church directs dioceses to work in partnership with The Episcopal Church Medical Trust, Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church, and community-based organizations in order to address most effectively prevention, intervention/diversion, education, advocacy, treatment, and recovery, including developing a list of trained therapists and consultants who are available to assist clergy and laity in this education process.

Bishop Knudsen moved to reconsider Resolution C010.

Motion defeated

Recess
The Presiding Bishop announced that the House would stand in recess for private conversation and would reconvene at 2:15 p.m. for a Joint Session with the House of Deputies.

The House recessed at 12:04 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:45 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Consent Calendar

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #1 on HD Message #2 on Resolution X001 (Appointment of Michael Barlowe as Secretary of General Convention) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #168)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X001)
Resolved, That The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, having been duly elected Secretary of the House of Deputies, be made Secretary of the General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #2 on HD Message #6 on Resolution X003 (Appointments on the Board of Archives) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #169)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X003)
Resolved, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board of Archives of:

Ms. Anne Bardol, Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania
Mr. Frederick Gerbracht, Diocese of Long Island
Ms. Pan Adams-McCaslin, Diocese of [Western] North Carolina
The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Diocese of Chicago
The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert, Diocese of Ohio

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on HD Message #7 on Resolution X004 (Appointments for the Board for Transition Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #170)
Final Text of Resolution:
(X004)
Resolved, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of:

Ms. Denise Obando, Diocese of California  
Canon Jill Mathis, Diocese of Pennsylvania  
The Rev. Paula Clark, Diocese of Washington  
The Rev. Elizabeth Easton, Diocese of Nebraska

And for three-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of:

Mr. Michael Spencer, Diocese of Eastern Michigan  
Ms. Judy Stark, Diocese of Southwest Florida

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #25 on Resolution D076 (Collect Title IV Information) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D076)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to study the need to collect information relating to all Title IV proceedings, identify the information to be collected, the methodology to collect and report the information, and the person or office responsible for administration of the process.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #172)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #26 on Resolution B010 (Amend Canon III.9.3(d)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B010)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, Canon III.9.3(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:  
(d) Chaplains.
(1) A Priest may be given ecclesiastical endorsement for service as a Chaplain in the Armed Services Forces of the United States of America or as a Chaplain for the Veterans' Administration, or in any Federal Correctional Institution, or any other Federal Ministries including the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, by the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces elected pursuant to Article II.7 of the Constitution, subject to the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.
(2) Any Priest serving as a Chaplain in an active duty, Reserve or National Guard capacity with the Armed Services Forces or employed as a Chaplain in the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the Federal Bureau of Prisons shall retain the Priest's canonical residence and shall be subject to the ecclesiastical supervision authority of the Bishop of the Diocese of in which the Priest is canonically resident, even though the Priest's work as a Chaplain shall be subject to the general ecclesiastical supervision of the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces, or such other Bishop as the Presiding Bishop may designate elected pursuant to Article II.7 of the Constitution; provided, however, that in the event...
of a vacancy the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as the substitute in charge until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.

(3) Any Priest serving as a Chaplain on a military installation, or at a Veterans’ Administration facility or Federal Correctional Institution Department of Veterans’ Affairs Medical Center, or Federal Bureaus of Prisons Correctional Institution shall not be subject to Canons III.9.3.(e)(1) or III.9.4.(a). When serving other than on a military installation, or at a Veterans’ Administration facility, or Federal Correctional Institution Department of Veterans’ Affairs Medical Center or Federal Bureau of Prisons Correctional Institution, a Chaplain shall be subject to these Sections.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #220)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #11 on Resolution C055 (Church-wide Day of Prayer) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C055)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church condemns the heinous acts of violence and persecution directed toward our brothers and sisters in Christ and all others throughout the world persecuted for their faith; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call for a Church-wide Day of Prayer in remembrance of the martyrs; and be it further
Resolved, That we commit the Church to continual prayer for the cessation of all violent acts against believers.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church condemns the heinous acts of violence and persecution directed toward our brothers and sisters in Christ and all others throughout the world persecuted for their faith; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention ask the Presiding Bishop to call for a specific Church-wide Day of Prayer in 2016 in remembrance of these contemporary martyrs and in solidarity with persecuted Christians in our own day; and be it further
Resolved, That we commit the Church to continual prayer for the cessation of all violent acts against believers.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #173)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #10 on Resolution B012 (Peacemaking through Restorative Justice) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #199)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A051 (Support LGBT African Advocacy) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A051)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage parishes, dioceses, especially those with companion relationships in Anglican Africa, as well as advocacy groups, to build relationships with African Anglican scholars and activists who are working to advance generous understandings of the Bible that affirm the dignity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Global Partnerships, Justice, and Advocacy Ministries; the Office of the Presiding Bishop; and other relevant church-wide offices be directed to support efforts of African Anglicans who publicly oppose laws that criminalize homosexuality and incite violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns or other appropriate standing commission to compile for church-wide reference and use a listing of information and resources developed by African Anglican leaders and organizations working to curb anti-gay violence, discrimination, and marginalization. In the event that there is no Standing Commission whose charge encompasses this work, a task force pursuant to Joint Rule of Order IX.22 of at least two priests or deacons, two lay people, and two bishops shall be appointed to complete this work by the 79th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize and commend the unconditional love and support that families, communities, scholars, and activists have shown to their Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) sisters and brothers in Africa who are at risk of violence, discrimination, and imprisonment; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the following redemptive words in the statement of the Primates of the Anglican Communion in the Dromantine Communiqué (2005) that: “The victimisation or diminishment of human beings whose affections happen to be ordered towards people of the same sex is anathema to us. We assure homosexual people that they are children of God, loved and valued by him, and deserving of the best we can give of pastoral care and friendship;” and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage parishes and dioceses, especially those with companion relationships in with Anglicans in Africa, as well as advocacy groups, to build relationships with African Anglican scholars and activists who are already offering Biblical interpretations that affirm the dignity and humanity of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex people; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Global Partnerships, Justice, and Advocacy Ministries; the Office of the Presiding Bishop; and other relevant church-wide offices be directed to support efforts of work in partnership with African Anglicans who publicly oppose laws that criminalize homosexuality and incite violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex people; and be it further
Resolved, That The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns or other appropriate standing commission body as designated by Executive Council to compile, for church-wide reference and use, a listing of information and resources developed by African Anglican leaders and organizations working to curb anti-gay and anti-transgender violence, discrimination, and marginalization. In the event that there is no Standing Commission whose charge encompasses this work, a task force
pursuant to Joint Rule of Order IX.22 of at least two priests or deacons, two lay people, and two bishops shall be appointed to complete this work by the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage parishes and dioceses to offer prayers for the safety of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex sisters and brothers, their families and communities, and for the scholars and activists who tirelessly work on their behalf.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #174)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #11 on Resolution D062 (Addressing Prison Conditions and Areas for Advocacy) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D062)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention requires that each Province designate one or more persons to investigate and develop a report regarding the criminal justice system, conditions for prisoners, and areas for advocacy and reform and report to the President of the House of Deputies prior to the 79th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention requires that each Province designate one or more persons call on the Bishop for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries and the Office of Government Relations to investigate conditions of prisoners, parolees and probationers in the criminal justice systems of the countries which are represented in The Episcopal Church and develop a report regarding outlining the criminal justice system, conditions for prisoners, and areas for advocacy and reform and report to the President of the House of Deputies prior to the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #176)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #12 on Resolution B013 (Peacemaking through Political Action) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B013)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm this Church’s commitment to a just and peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated settlement between the parties that involves two states for two peoples: a secure and universally recognized Israel living alongside a secure and viable state for the Palestinian people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church commend the United States government for its efforts during the present triennium to broker negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, but express grave sorrow at the collapse of those negotiations in 2014 and the subsequent deterioration of political relations between the parties; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, recognizing that simple calls for the parties to return to the negotiating table are no longer sufficient to the urgency of the situation, challenge the United States
government – in coordination with global partners, including the Quartet for Middle East Peace – to offer a new, comprehensive, and time-bound framework to the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, (based on dialogue and partnership with both parties), for the conclusive negotiation of a two-state peace agreement and the resolution of all final-status issues; and be it further

Resolved, That the comprehensive framework, should (1) recognize a sovereign and viable Palestinian State living alongside a secure and universally recognized State of Israel; (2) define borders; and (3) and resolve all cores issues such as status of Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, and security arrangements; and be it further

Resolved, That such a peace plan should include strong, built-in incentives – including economic, commercial, diplomatic, and travel-related incentives – to encourage both parties to adopt this as the framework for a final status agreement; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges all national governments, including those of the sovereign nations in which The Episcopal Church exists, to invest substantial diplomatic capital in support of such a framework; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges the Presiding Bishop and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to work to build political consensus within the Episcopal Church for this sort of new and muscular government action and to organize grassroots support toward that end; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend The Episcopal Church’s investment of $500,000/$1,000,000 this triennium in the infrastructure of the Palestinian economy as a tangible step toward building a viable Palestinian state and helping restore all parties in this conflict to right relationship in an atmosphere of trust, peace and justice; and urge The Episcopal Church to expand this investment at least twofold in the next triennium and develop a plan to support joint economic ventures between Israelis and Palestinians so they can begin the work towards building trust and reconciliation.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The 78th General Convention reaffirm the vocation of the Church as an agent of reconciliation and restorative justice, and recognize that meaningful reconciliation can help to engender sustainable, long-lasting peace and that such reconciliation must incorporate both political action and locally driven grassroots efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, lamenting the diplomatic and political stalemate following recent elections in Israel, reaffirm this Church’s commitment to a just and peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated settlement between the parties resulting in two states for two peoples: a secure and universally recognized Israel living alongside a secure and viable state for the Palestinian people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church commend the United States government for its efforts during the past triennium to broker negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, but express grave sorrow at the collapse of those negotiations in 2014 and the subsequent deterioration of political relations between the parties; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, recognizing that simple calls for the parties to return to the negotiating table are no longer sufficient to address the urgency of the situation, challenge the United States government, in coordination with global partners, to develop and offer a new, comprehensive, and time-bound framework to the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority for the conclusive negotiation of a two-state peace agreement and the resolution of all final-status issues; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge all national governments represented in The Episcopal Church to invest substantial diplomatic capital in support of such a framework; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop and the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to continue its exemplary work to enhance understanding, build political consensus, and organize grassroots support within The Episcopal Church for this political action; and be it further

Resolved, That Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society: (1) convene a collaborative group of experts and interfaith partners to collect a wide range of resources designed to inform and enliven a conversation among those holding differing convictions; (2) encourage early travel of the 27th Presiding Bishop to the Holy Land, in the spirit of interfaith fellowship, to establish and build relationships with leaders of the communities of the Children of Abraham working for peace, justice, and reconciliation; and (3) continue its commendable efforts to assist Episcopalians to learn about and understand the traumas, hurt, suffering, fears, pain, aspirations, and hopes that shape the daily lives of all living in Israel and the Palestinian Territories; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention commend the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society’s investment of $500,000 during the last triennium in the infrastructure of the Palestinian economy as a tangible step toward building a viable Palestinian state and strengthening the economic well-being of Palestinian communities; and to urge Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to expand this loan investment at least twofold in the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage The Episcopal Church to (1) embrace the principles of restorative justice in its advocacy and engagement for the just resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; and (2) engage and support the voices of both Israelis and Palestinians—especially those who are themselves victims of violence and injustice—who seek peace with justice through nonviolent and restorative responses to the conflict; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support existing efforts toward restorative justice by urging the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to identify and find creative ways to commend, support, and elevate the work of local peace-building and economic development initiatives, including those of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and grassroots organizations jointly led by Israelis and Palestinians; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $675,000 for the implementation of this resolution to be used as follows: (1) a total of $60,000 over the course of the triennium to each of five existing local, grassroots peace-building initiatives jointly led by Israelis and Palestinians to support and expand their work; (2) $300,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East to support and expand its sustainable peace-building efforts in Israel and the Palestinian Territories through its ministries of health care and education; and (3) $75,000 to cover other costs associated with the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #177)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #15 on HD Message #117 on Resolution B008 (Support Handgun Purchaser Licensing) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #178)
Final Text of Resolution:

(C008)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support handgun purchaser licensing in order to prevent gun violence and save lives; and be it further

Resolved, That the dioceses of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to advocate for handgun purchaser licensing in their local contexts.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #16 on HD Message #114 on Resolution C005 (Decreasing Gun Violence) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #180)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C005)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention on the 50th anniversary of the murder of seminarian Jonathan Daniels, urge all legislators at federal, state and local levels to help decrease gun violence by implementing laws that;

1. Require permits to carry concealed weapons and criminal background checks for every gun purchase, including those made at gun shows; and
2. Except for the use of military and law enforcement agencies, ban the sale, transfer, importation and manufacture of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and
3. Ban the importation and manufacture of Full-Auto Conversion kits that convert guns into automatic weapons; and
4. Tighten laws against gun trafficking, and increase penalties for those who engage in "straw purchases" of firearms for ineligible persons; and
5. Prohibit persons from purchasing guns without evidence of gun safety training; and
6. Recognize the impact of existing inheritance laws on the transfer of gun ownership; and
7. Promote funding for research into the prevention and causes of gun violence.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #17 on HD Message #115 on Resolution C048 (Increase the Minimum Wage) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #179)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C048)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirms resolution 2003-A130, “Support the Establishment of a Living Wage,” which confirms that “it is the policy of The Episcopal Church and its dioceses and congregations to provide employees with a living wage;” and that the church “continue to support living wage campaigns in the cities and counties of every diocese;” and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, at all levels, engage in and advocate for increasing the minimum wage to $15.00 an hour or a living wage; including increasing the minimum wage for tipped employees to a level that also enables them to earn a living wage.
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #18 on HD Message #116 on Resolution D044 (Removal of Confederate Battle Flag) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #181)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D044)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize that icons and symbols are and have always been important to the liturgical life and practice of The Episcopal Church in leading us to Jesus Christ and in inspiring us to share the Good News that is at the heart of our ministry; and be if further
Resolved, That as our Baptismal Covenant calls Episcopalians to "respect the dignity of every human being" and as the fourth Mark of Mission calls Episcopalians to "transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation," we consider the continued display of the Confederate Battle Flag to be at odds with a faithful witness to the reconciling love of Jesus Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church strongly urges all persons, along with public, governmental, and religious institutions, to discontinue the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

Congregational Vitality
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #3 on HD Message #88 on Resolution A012 (Continue Funding of Mission Enterprise Zones) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #182)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A012)
Resolved, That the Church celebrate and continue the good work initiated by GC2012-A073 to Establish Diocesan Mission Enterprise Zones, defined as a geographic area, as a group of congregations or as an entire dioce commited to mission and evangelism that engages under-represented groups, including youth and young adults, people of color, poor and working-class people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church honors the holy experiments emerging throughout the Church – experiments that are building partnerships, expanding the language of ministry, creating new ways to engage the people of God, harvesting and sharing learnings, and lending courage to those leading new ministries and lowering the cost of failure; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention continue to fund the start-up of Mission Enterprise Zones including New Church Starts from the 2012-2015 triennium with a significantly increased budget allocation over the initial grant funding; and be it further
Resolved, That in the coming triennium, dioceses are encouraged to apply for one of more Mission Enterprise Zone matching grants to facilitate and support the development of Mission Enterprise Zones including New Church Starts with exceptions to the requirement for diocesan matching funds in cases of diocesan financial limitations; and be it further
Resolved, That applications for partnership and funding from these new ministries will be discerned, supported and called by the existing Mission Enterprise Zone leadership (established in A073, GC2012) and grant discernment process in the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church continue to develop the Mission-Centered Episcopalians web-based sharing platform and to bring together mission developers for a face-to-face gathering where they can share best practices, upholding ministry leader wellness, mutual guidance and support, and sharing of stories, resources, and prayer; and be it further
Resolved, That Bishops and other diocesan leaders be encouraged to share what they are learning from the Mission Enterprise Zones in their Dioceses, specifically in the disciplines of: a.) financing and sustaining these experiments, b.) adapting liturgical practices for increased missional impact, c.) exploring new processes for mentoring and training emerging leaders in situ, and d.) blessing our diocesan families by more readily incorporating these non-traditional faith communities with seat and voice as discerned by the leadership of that Mission Enterprise Zone or New Church Start; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance allocate not less than the three million dollars designated in the EC draft budget for 2016-18 to continue funding the start-up of Mission Enterprise Zones including New Church Starts to implement this resolution during the 2016-2018 triennium.

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #5 on HD Message #108 on Resolution A086 (Create Task Force for Latino-Hispanic Congregational Development and Sustainability) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #183)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A086)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the work that the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries has done to identify congregations located in areas with high Latino/Hispanic populations and to provide them with detailed demographic reports, leadership training, training in cross-cultural awareness and marketing and advertising resources to help these congregations and other resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, with the advice of the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries, create a churchwide Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development to provide coaches and mentors who will work with congregations, lay leaders, clergy, and diocesan staff to implement the provisions of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, to continue creating formation and leadership development resources and programs to meet the needs of clergy and lay leaders currently serving in Latino/Hispanic ministries, including the programs with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners focused on the continuing education and leadership development of clergy and lay leaders; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create mechanisms for mentoring and coaching of clergy currently working in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create resources for congregational development and redevelopment intended for diocesan staff, clergy, and lay leaders who are exploring establishing Latino/Hispanic bilingual, multiethnic, and multicultural worship ministries in their communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create an intensive cultural-competency training program for diocesan staff members, seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders to gain language and cultural skills for ministry in bilingual, multiethnic, and multicultural Latino/Hispanic communities, including collaborations with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners; and provide educational and media resources that will be easily accessible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development conduct an annual evaluation of programs and review of the use of resources based on a survey of those being served; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $1,500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Evangelism and Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #3 on HD Message #118 on Resolution B009 (Conducting an Online Digital Evangelism Test) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #184)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B009)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to develop and conduct a digital evangelism initiative consisting of several campaigns, with equitable representation among the domestic provinces, with at least one campaign per year in a language other than English, for the benefit of the entire church, and for the purpose of meeting the demand online for the gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of The Episcopal Church; to build and maintain a database of prospects; to cultivate those prospects via email, social media, blogs, and other means as shall prove effective; and to partner with dioceses to refer qualified prospects to local congregations, church plants, or other appropriate ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the budget allocated for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be assumed to include funding for creating this digital evangelism initiative of $3,000,000; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Development Office is directed to prioritize raising funds for this digital evangelism initiative, with the expectation that $1.5 million will be raised this triennium to support this initiative from dioceses that stand to benefit as well as other interested networks, persons, and entities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society report back to this Convention in three years’ time with the results of this initiative, and with a recommendation for or against the creation of a permanent digital missionary presence online of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $3,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #21 on HD Message #109 on Resolution A056 (Authorize New Liturgical Resources: A Great Cloud of Witnesses; Weekday Eucharistic Propers) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #185)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A056)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention make available for publication and distribution by individuals and in congregations and other church groups for devotional or catechetical use, or use in public worship subject to the provision for optional commemorations on page 18 of the Book of Common Prayer, the liturgical resource entitled, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations” (GCW) as outlined in the Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 174-219 revising and renaming Holy Women, Holy Men; and be it further

Resolved, That A Great Cloud of Witnesses be revised to conform to the commemorations in Holy Women, Holy Men and any changes to liturgical commemorations made at this Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the following criteria for further additions to this resource:

Criterion 1
Historicity: Christianity is a radically historical religion, so in almost every instance it is not theological realities or spiritual movements, but exemplary witness to the Gospel of Christ in lives actually lived that is remembered in our family story. Like all families, however, our family includes important matriarchs and patriarchs about whom little verifiable information is known, yet whose names and influence still exert influence on how we understand ourselves in relation to them.

Criterion 2
Christian Discipleship: The family story captured here is uniquely and identifiably a Christian story. This set of stories commemorates the ways particular Christians live out the promises of baptism. A worthy summary of these promises is captured in our Baptismal Covenant, including a commitment to the Triune God as captured in the Apostles’ Creed; continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers; resisting evil and repenting when necessary; proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; seeking and serving Christ in all persons; and striving for justice and peace among all people. Rather than being an anachronistic checklist, these should be considered general guidelines for considering holistic Christian life and practice. There may be occasional exceptions where not all of these promises are successfully kept, or when the person in question is not a Christian, yet the person’s life and work exemplify Christ, significantly impacting the ongoing life of the Church and contributing to our fuller understanding of the Gospel.

Criterion 3
Significance: Those remembered should have been in their lifetime extraordinary, even heroic servants of God and God’s people for the sake, and after the example, of Jesus Christ. They may also be people whose creative work or whose manner of life has glorified God, enriched the life of the Church, or led others to a deeper understanding of God. In their varied ways, those remembered have revealed Christ’s presence in, and Lordship over, all of history; and continue to inspire us as we carry forward God’s mission in the world.
Criterion 4
Range of Inclusion: Particular attention should be paid to Episcopalians and other members of the Anglican Communion. Attention should also be paid to the inclusion of people of different genders and races, of lay people (witnessing in this way to our baptismal understanding of the Church), and of ecumenical partners and people who have had their own distinctive influence upon us. In addition to the better-known, it is important also to include those “whose memory may have faded in the shifting fashions of public concern, but whose witness is deemed important to the life and mission of the Church” (Thomas Talley).

Criterion 5
Local Observance: Normally, significant remembrance of a particular person already exists within the Church at the local and regional levels before that person is included in the Church’s larger story.

Criterion 6
Perspective: The introduction of new names should be done with a certain economy lest the balance of the whole be overwhelmed. In the cases of those departed less than forty years ago — particularly in the case of controversial names — care should be given to seeing them from the perspective of history. Names added should show a broad influence upon the Church and should result from a widespread desire expressed across the Church over a reasonable period of time.

Criterion 7
Combined Remembrances: Not all those included need to be remembered “in isolation.” Where there are close and natural links between persons to be remembered, a joint commemoration would make excellent sense (e.g., the Reformation martyrs, Latimer and Ridley; and two bishops of Lincoln, Robert Grosseteste and Hugh); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention authorize for trial use the liturgical resource entitled, “Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015,” as outlined in the Blue Book, replacing Holy Women, Holy Men; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to review the list of names in “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” in light of these criteria and recommend revisions to the 79th General Convention, with a full explanation for any revisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to gather feedback from congregations, seminaries, religious orders, and other eucharistic communities on "A Great Cloud of Witnesses" and "Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015" and to report to the next General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange for the publication of the material contained in “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” and in “Weekday Eucharistic Propers 2015” as approved by the 78th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #22 on Resolution D036 (Adding Name Change Rite to the Book of Occasional Services) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D036)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include the “Rite for Claiming a New Name” from the resource Changes: Prayers and Services Honoring Rites of Passage in the comprehensive revision of the Book of Occasional Services that it has proposed over the next triennium.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include a rite for the changing of a name in the comprehensive revision of the Book of Occasional Services that it has proposed over the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider the “Rite for Claiming a New Name” from the resource Changes: Prayers and Services Honoring Rites of Passage in the comprehensive revision of the Book of Occasional Services that it has proposed over the next triennium as one possible rite for inclusion in the Book of Occasional Services.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #186)

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #25 on Resolution A075 (Develop Awareness of Online Christian Formation Resources) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A075)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Episcopal Church Center establish a prominent tab or link on the website of The Episcopal Church to give persons seeking Christian Formation resources access to websites that provide suitable Christian Formation resources, including the websites maintained by Forma, the Center for Spiritual Resources of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, Anglicans Online, and the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize to dioceses, congregations, and Christian Formation leaders the availability of these websites that provide helpful Christian Formation resources; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations with websites consider including links to websites that provide suitable Christian Formation resources; and be it further
Resolved, That Christian Formation leaders throughout The Episcopal Church be encouraged to share with these websites suitable formation resources that they themselves have developed.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Episcopal Church Center establish a prominent tab or link on the website of The Episcopal Church to give persons seeking Christian Formation resources access to websites that provide suitable Christian Formation resources, including the websites maintained by Forma, the Center for Spiritual Resources of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, Anglicans Online, and the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize to dioceses, congregations, and Christian Formation leaders the availability of these websites that provide helpful Christian Formation resources; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations with websites consider including links to websites that provide suitable Christian Formation resources; and be it further
Resolved, That Christian Formation leaders throughout The Episcopal Church be encouraged to share with these websites suitable formation resources that they themselves have developed.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #187)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #4 on Resolution A177 (Revision in How Pensions are Determined) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A177)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention directs the Church Pension Fund to actively work toward revision in how pensions are determined, in order to be responsive to the changing nature of church leadership, in order to serve the leadership of this renewed church God is calling us to be. Particular revision is sought for bi-vocational, non-stipendiary, interrupted continuity of service, and those serving in interim ministries.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention directs the Church Pension Fund to continue to work actively to revision in how pensions are determined, in order to be responsive to the changing nature of church leadership, in order to serve the leadership of this renewed church God is calling us to be. Particular revision is sought for bi-vocational, non-stipendiary, interrupted continuity of service, and those serving in interim ministries.

Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund report their findings to the Executive Council in the next triennium.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #188)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #5 on Resolution A178 (Faith Community Workers and Affordable Health Care) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #200)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #6 on Resolution A180 (Gratitude to the Church Pension Fund) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A180)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its gratitude to the staff, management and leadership of the Church Pension Group for their commitment to anticipating and meeting the needs of the clergy, laity and institutions of
the domestic and non-domestic dioceses of The Episcopal Church in an ever increasing variety of important ways.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #190)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #7 on Resolution D021 (Reevaluate the Denominational Health Plan Mandate) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D021)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Church Medical Trust to reevaluate the Denominational Health Plan mandate previously approved by General Convention (GC 2009-A177 and GC 2012-B026), with consideration for the impact that the Affordable Care Act and the subsequently created Health Insurance Exchanges have had on health insurance costs and coverage; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Church Medical Trust seek to alleviate the unanticipated and disproportionate financial burden that participation in the Denominational Health Plan has had on parishes in the midwestern United States; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Church Medical Trust advise plan participants of the tax implications for clergy and lay employees covered under the Denominational Health Plan with respect to the ACA excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Church Medical Trust to implement a plan with minimal variance in premium costs from diocese to diocese, thereby reducing cost differences for similar health insurance coverage between dioceses and regions of The Episcopal Church; and be it further  
Resolved, That if the Church Medical Trust cannot offer competitively priced healthcare plans under the Denominational Health Plan in comparison to plans available in each region of the country, it allow dioceses to seek comparable health insurance quotes for coverage equivalent to or greater than that offered by the Church Medical Trust for all of its employees and parishes; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Church Medical Trust, when presented with such a health insurance quote from a diocese, will either reduce the cost of the Denominational Health Plan to the amount of the quote or allow the diocese to opt out of the Denominational Health Plan, and that any diocese that has opted out of the Denominational Health Plan must annually submit its quote for the next year’s health insurance plan and provide for the opportunity for the Church Medical Trust to match the price quoted.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Church Medical Trust to continue to reevaluate the Denominational Health Plan mandate previously approved by General Convention (GC 2009-A177 and GC 2012-B026), with consideration for the impact that the Affordable Care Act and the subsequently created Health Insurance Exchanges have had on health insurance costs and coverage; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Church Medical Trust seek to alleviate the unanticipated and disproportionate financial burden that participation in the Denominational Health Plan has had on parishes in the midwestern United States; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Church Medical Trust advise plan participants of the tax implications for clergy and lay employees covered under the Denominational Health Plan with respect to the ACA excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Church Medical Trust to implement a plan with minimal variance in premium costs from diocese to diocese, thereby reducing cost differences for similar health insurance coverage between dioceses and regions of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That if the Church Medical Trust cannot offer competitively priced healthcare plans under the Denominational Health Plan in comparison to plans available in each region of the country, it allow dioceses to seek comparable health insurance quotes for coverage equivalent to or greater than that offered by the Church Medical Trust for all of its employees and parishes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Medical Trust, when presented with such a health insurance quote from a diocese, will either reduce the cost of the Denominational Health Plan to the amount of the quote or allow the diocese to opt out of the Denominational Health Plan, and that any diocese that has opted out of the Denominational Health Plan must annually submit its quote for the next year’s health insurance plan and provide for the opportunity for the Church Medical Trust to match the price quoted.

Resolved, That, in its ongoing evaluation, the Church Medical Trust give special attention to the geographically disproportionate financial burden that participation in the Denominational Health Plan reportedly has had on some parishes and dioceses.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #191)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #8 on Resolution D047 (Retirement Benefits for Same-Gender Couples) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D047)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to review and revise the Clergy Pension Plan rules so that clergy participants in the plan with same-gender partners or spouses and their same-gender partners or spouses are treated the same as clergy with opposite-gender spouses in all respects; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clergy Pension Plan be revised so that the rules and definition of “Eligible Spouse,” “surviving spouse,” “spouse” or any other similar terms include the person with whom the clergy participant in the plan had a same-gender partnership, whether or not that partnership was recognized by any civil authority and whether or not at some time during the partnership the clergy participant and his/her same-gender partner were married in a civil jurisdiction; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clergy Pension Plan be revised so that the rules on “Late Marriage” prior to a clergy person’s retirement not apply to clergy with same-gender partners until civil marriage has been legal for at least five years in all civil jurisdiction where the clergy person resided for at least five years before the date of the clergy person’s retirement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clergy Pension Plan be revised so that the same-gender partners of clergy participants who retired up to ten years before the date(s) on which all the revisions described above become effective and who were the same-gender partner of a clergy participant for the length of time required under the “Late Marriage” rules be provided all of the benefits to which the same-gender
partner would have been entitled had the partner been an “Eligible Spouse,” “surviving spouse,” “spouse” or any other similar terms at the date of the clergy participant's retirement or death prior to retirement.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to continue to review and revise the Clergy Pension Plan rules so that clergy-participants in the plan with same-gender partners or spouses and their same-gender partners or spouses are treated the same as clergy participants with opposite-gender spouses in all respects; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clergy Pension Plan be revised so that the rules and definition of “Eligible Spouse,” “surviving spouse,” “spouse” or any other similar terms include the person with whom the clergy participant in the plan had a same-gender partnership, whether or not that partnership was recognized by any civil authority and whether or not at some time during the partnership the clergy participant and his/her same gender partner were married in a civil jurisdiction; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clergy Pension Plan be revised so that the rules on “Late Marriage” prior to a clergy person’s retirement not apply to clergy with same gender partners until civil marriage has been legal for at least five years in all civil jurisdiction where the clergy person resided for at least five years before the date of the clergy person’s retirement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clergy Pension Plan be revised so that a clergy person who has had the same same-gender partner for the period of time required under the “Late Marriage” rules be treated as if the clergy person had been married to an “Eligible Spouse,” “surviving spouse,” “spouse” or any other similar terms for the period of time the same-gender partnership existed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clergy Pension Plan be revised so that the same-gender partners of clergy participants who retired up to ten years before the date(s) on which all the revisions described above become effective and who were the same-gender partner of a clergy participant for the length of time required to be an “Eligible Spouse,” “surviving spouse,” “spouse” or any other similar terms under the rules of the Clergy Pension Plan be provided all of the benefits to which the same-gender partner would have been entitled had the partner been an “Eligible Spouse,” “surviving spouse,” “spouse” or any other similar terms at the date of the clergy participant’s retirement or death prior to retirement.

Resolved, That, so as not to discriminate against same-gender couples who in the past were not able to marry under civil law, there be a transition period to provide equal benefits to married couples, including special provisions for surviving partners of deceased participants in the plan.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #192)

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #9 on Resolution D049 (Sustainability Option regarding the Denominational Health Plan) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #201)
Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #5 on Resolution C046 (Promote Multi-Faith Knowledge Among Lay and Ordained Leaders) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #202)

Special Legislative Committee on Marriage
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #4 on Resolution D026 (Interpretation of "Man & Woman" and "Husband & Wife" in the Book of Common Prayer) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #203)

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #5 on Resolution C007 (Make Available Rite of Holy Matrimony) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #209)

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #6 on Resolution C017 (Liturgical Marriage Equality) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #204)

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #7 on Resolution C009 (Make Available Rite of Holy Matrimony) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #205)

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #8 on Resolution C022 (Amend Canon I.18 and Authorize Use of Liturgical Services) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #206)

The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #9 on Resolution C026 (Amend Canon I.18) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #207)
The House of Bishops Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #10 on Resolution C024 (Amend Canon I.18) and to discharge the Committee of further action.

**Motion carried**
**Committee discharged**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #208)

**Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #6 on Resolution D063 (Ongoing Episcopal Church Dialog with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D063)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations or its successor continue the dialog between the Episcopal Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for the ongoing “interreligious purposes of friendship, good will, mutual understanding, and the possibilities of partnering for mission and ministry throughout the world” (2012 D081); and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention express its profound gratitude for the enormous hospitality extended by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to The Episcopal Church and the 78th General Convention throughout the current triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention offer this new interreligious relationship as a witness to loving our neighbors as ourselves.

**Committee Substitute:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations or its successor to continue the conversation between The Episcopal Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the purposes of friendship, good will, and mutual understanding; and be it further,
Resolved, that the 78th General Convention express its profound gratitude for the enormous hospitality extended by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to The Episcopal Church and the 78th General Convention throughout the current triennium.

**Motion carried**
**Substitute resolution adopted**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #197)

**End of Consent Calendar**

**Messages from the House of Deputies**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:
- **HD Message # 182:** A004 (Amend 1.4.1-8) Adopted with Substitute
- **HD Message # 183:** A006 (Amend 1.1.2) Adopted with Substitute

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**
Original Text of Resolution:
(A066)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article X of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the authority of this Church, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the same shall be first proposed in one regular meeting of the General Convention and by a resolve thereof be sent within six months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5, except that concurrence by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.
But notwithstanding anything herein above contained, the General Convention may at any one meeting, by a majority of the whole number of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies, voting by orders as previously set forth in this Article:
(a) Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.
(b) Authorize for trial use throughout this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to the established Book of Common Prayer or to any section or Office thereof, a proposed revision of the whole Book or of any portion thereof, duly undertaken by the General Convention.
(c) Provide for use of other forms for the renewal and enrichment of the common worship of this Church for such periods of time and upon such terms and conditions as the General Convention may provide.
And Provided, that nothing in this Article shall be construed as restricting the authority of the Bishops of this Church to take such order as may be permitted by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer or by the Canons of the General Convention for the use of special forms of worship.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article X of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the authority of this Church, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the same shall be first proposed in one regular meeting of the General Convention and by a resolve thereof be sent within six months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5, except that concurrence by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.
But notwithstanding anything herein above contained, the General Convention may at any one meeting, by a majority of the whole number of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies, voting by orders as previously set forth in this Article:
(a) Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.
(b) Authorize for trial use throughout this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to the established Book of Common Prayer or to any section or Office thereof, a proposed revision of the whole Book or of any portion thereof, duly undertaken by the General Convention.

(c) Provide for use of other forms for the renewal and enrichment of the common worship of this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to any section or Office of the established Book of Common Prayer for such periods of time and upon such terms and conditions as the General Convention may provide, under the direction and subject to the permission of the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority.

And Provided, that nothing in this Article shall be construed as restricting the authority of the Bishops of this Church to take such order as may be permitted by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer or by the Canons of the General Convention for the use of special forms of worship.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #194)

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #24 on Resolution B011 (Amend Constitution Article II.7 [first reading]) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B011)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Constitution of the General Convention (2012) Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans’ Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church and other Federal Ministries. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be ordained and consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Constitution Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans’ Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church and other Federal Ministries, and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be ordained and consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.

Bishop Matthews moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
Amend by adding after "and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop." "
Such other agencies shall be made known to the House of Bishops." 
Motion carried
Amendment adopted
Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #210)

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #1 on HD Message #183 on Resolution A006 (Amend I.1.2 -- Restructure Standing Commissions and Interim Bodies of General Convention) and moved concurrence.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee, moved Amendment A.

Proposed Amendment A:
In paragraph 8, add "The chair and vice-chair shall come from different Houses." 
Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Bishop Miller moved Amendment B.

Proposed Amendment B:
Ahead of paragraph 35, add "The Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations." 
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins, Bishop of Springfield, moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Add a new paragraph after paragraph 25 with the following: "No Standing Commission or Task Force may initiate any resolution for consideration by the General Convention that would have the effect of creating work for itself during the ensuing triennium." 
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion defeated
Debate not terminated

Bishop Miller moved to reconsider Amendment A previously passed.

Motion carried

The question was called to vote on Amendment A.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
The question was called to vote on the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #196)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A006)
Resolved, That Title I, Canon 1, Section 2 be stricken in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:
Sec. 2 (a) The General Convention by Canon may establish Standing Commissions to study and draft policy proposals on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church. The Canon shall specify the duties of each Standing Commission. Standing Commissions shall be composed of five Bishops, five Priests and/or Deacons of this Church and ten Lay Persons, who shall be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. The Priests, Deacons, and Lay Persons are not required to be Deputies to General Convention.
(b) The terms of all members of Standing Commissions shall be equal to the interval between the regular meeting of the General Convention preceding their appointment and the adjournment of the second succeeding regular meeting of the General Convention, and such terms shall be rotated so that, as near as may be, the term of one-half of the members shall expire at the conclusion of each regular meeting of the General Convention. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Commission occurring in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Commission for good cause.
(c) The Presiding Bishop shall appoint the Episcopal members and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint the Lay and other Clerical members of each Commission as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the General Convention, but not later than 90 days after adjournment. Episcopal members appointed after the adjournment of any General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is elected shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop-elect. Vacancies shall be filled in similar manner; provided, however, that vacancies occurring within one year after the next regular General Convention shall not be filled unless requested by the Commission.
(d) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall jointly appoint members of the Executive Council as liaisons to facilitate communication between the Executive Council and each Standing Commission and the coordination of the work of each Standing Commission and the committees of Executive Council. Notice of such appointments shall be given to the Secretary of General Convention. These liaisons shall not be members of the Commission but shall have seat and voice. The reasonable expenses of these liaisons shall be provided for by the Executive Council. Each Commission shall have staff support from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society designated by the Presiding Bishop. Each Commission may constitute committees from among members or non-members of the Commission, and, subject to the Commission's budget, engage the services of consultants and coordinators necessary to complete its work.
(e) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall be members ex officiis of every Commission, or may appoint personal representatives to attend any meeting in their stead, but without vote.
(f) The Executive Officer of the General Convention shall, not later than 120 days following the meeting of the General Convention, notify the members of the General Convention of the Commission appointments and their duty to present reports to the next Convention and shall schedule an organizational meeting for each Commission. One year prior to the opening day of the Convention, the Executive Officer of the General Convention shall remind the Chairs and Secretaries of all Commissions of this duty.
(g) Every Commission shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary.
(h) The General Convention may refer a relevant matter to a Commission for its consideration; but may not direct the Commission to reach any particular conclusion.
(i) A Commission shall give timely and appropriate notice to the Church of the time, place, and agendas of meetings; and instructions on how members of the Church may address their views to the Commission.
(j) Every Commission shall prepare a report, which, together with any minority report, shall be sent, not later than 150 days prior to the opening day of each Convention, to the Executive Officer of the General Convention, who shall distribute the same to all members of the Convention.
(k) The Report of every Commission presented at the General Convention shall:
   Set forth the names of its original members, any changes in membership, the names of all those who concur in, and all those who dissent from, its recommendations.
   Summarize the work of the Commission, including the various matters studied, the recommendations for action by the General Convention, and drafts of Resolutions proposed for adoption to implement the recommendations of the Commission.
   Include a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures, including moneys received from any source whatsoever, and if it recommends that it be continued, the estimated requirements for the ensuing interval until the next regular meeting of the General Convention.
(l) Every Commission, as a condition precedent to the presentation and reception of any report to General Convention in which such Commission proposes the adoption of any Resolution, shall, by vote, authorize a member or members of General Convention, who, if possible, shall be a member of the Commission, with such limitations as the Commission may impose, to accept or reject, on behalf of the Commission, any amendments proposed by General Convention to any such Resolution; provided, however, that no such amendment may change the substance of the proposal, but shall be primarily for the purpose of correcting errors. The name of the member or members of General Convention upon whom such authority has been conferred, and the limitations of authority, shall be communicated in writing to the Presiding Officers of General Convention not later than the presentation of such report to the General Convention.
(m) Every Commission whose Report requests expenditure out of the funds of the General Convention (except for the printing of the Report) shall present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance its written request, on or before the first business day of the session. Resolutions requiring additional expenditures shall be immediately referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance. No resolution involving such expenditures shall be considered unless so presented and until after report of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance.
(n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:
   (1) A Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:
      Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form, including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the General Convention, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.
      Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons with respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and on the basis of such a review, propose to the General Convention such technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the
Commission are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such consistency and clarity without altering the substance of any Constitutional and Canonical provisions; provided, however, that the Commission shall propose, for the consideration of the appropriate Legislative Committees of the General Convention, such amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are technically desirable but involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision.

On the basis of such review, suggest to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society such amendments to its By-laws as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to conform the same to the Constitution and Canons.

Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the authorized “Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as The Episcopal Church” to reflect actions of General Convention which amend the Constitution and Canons and, in the discretion of the Commission, develop other materials which are appropriate to the purpose of the “Annotated Constitution and Canons,” and facilitate the publication of this document and related materials. The Commission may provide or support forums to promote commentary, discussion, and understanding of the Constitution and Canons.

Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions, and Boards to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee, Commission, Board or Agency, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

(2) A Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

- Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.
- Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.
- Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or Convocation of Bishops.
- Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.
- Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.
- Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications regularly in use in this Church, and encourage the composition of new musical materials.
- Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.
- At the direction of the General Convention, to serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and strategies concerning Church music.

(o) At the first meeting of the Executive Council following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, having reviewed the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide
for any study or further action, shall thereupon recommend to Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body's report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and the composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church's orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the beginning of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies and reauthorized by the Executive Council.

The Presiding Bishop announced a recess for 15 minutes.
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #2 on HD Message #182 on Resolution A004 (Amend I.4.1-8 -- Restructure Executive Council) and moved adoption with amendment.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee, moved to postpone to time certain the next Legislative Day.

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A004 on the morning of the Eighth Legislative Day.]

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 11:15 a.m. on the Eighth Legislative Day.

The House recessed at 6:28 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Bautista and Davidson.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 11:15 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Ninth Legislative Day.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- HD Message # 184: D013 (Budget Process) Adopted with Substitute
- HD Message # 185: A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 186: A054 (Adopt Resources and Rites from “Liturgical Resources I”) Concurred
- HD Message # 187: A108 (Budget for Web Conference of Interim Bodies) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 188: A107 (Fund CCAB Meetings) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 189: A036 (Amend Canon I.18) Concurred
- HD Message # 191: A109 (Amend Canon V.3) Adopted with Substitute
- HD Message # 192: D027 (Remove Neal from OFAC List) Adopted with Substitute
- HD Message # 193: D034 (Americans with Disabilities Act) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 194: D074 (Temporary Protective Status for Immigrants) Adopted
- HD Message # 195: C053 (Subsistence Rights and Native Food Sources) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 196: D057 (Re-Commitment to the Spirit of Sanctuary) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 197: D048 (Support for Certain Immigration Relief) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 198: D079 (Education for Undocumented Families) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 199: D073 (Home and Community Based Services) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 200: D077 (Uniting Families) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 201: D032 (Disability Advocacy in Criminal Justice) Adopted
- HD Message # 202: D072 (New Visions) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 203: D045 (Support For Men's Ministry) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 204: D002 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a), 2(a) and (b)) Adopted
- HD Message # 205: A045 (Task Force for Clergy Formation in Small Churches) Adopted with Amendment
- HD Message # 206: D001 (Amend Canon III.9.7) Referred
HD Message # 207: C014 (Commend Charter for Compassion) Adopted
HD Message # 208: C004 (Voice and Vote for Non-Canonical Resident Clergy) Referred
HD Message # 209: A078 (Reaffirm Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation) Adopted
HD Message # 210: A081 (Use of the TEAC Ministry Grids) Adopted
HD Message # 211: B007 (Bible in the Life of the Church Project) Adopted
HD Message # 212: A076 (Use of Christian Formation Certifications) Adopted
HD Message # 213: A077 (Resources for People with Special Needs) Adopted
HD Message # 214: A031 (Continue to Develop the Search Toolkit) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 215: A079 (Recommend Membership in Forma) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 216: A115 (Amend Title III.12.9) Adopted
HD Message # 217: A024 (Dioceses to Examine the Doctrine of Discovery) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 218: A032 (Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 219: A022 (Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism) Adopted
HD Message # 220: D067 (Non-Participation in For-Profit Prisons) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 221: A038 (Develop an Index of Vitality) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 222: A110 (Amend Canons I.1.8, I.1.11, I.2.6, and I.4.6) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 223: A097 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(10)) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 224: D010 (Clarify Officers of the Episcopal Church) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 225: D006 (Amend Canons I.3 and I.4.3) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 226: D020 (Amend Canons I.4.3(a), I.4.3(d), and I.4.3(e)) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 227: C021 (Amend Canon I.9) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 228: A101 (Amend Article V.1 of the Constitution) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 229: C029 (Amend Canon I.9) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 230: C043 (Amend Canon I.9) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 231: C034 (Amend Canon I.9) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 232: C051 (Purposes of the Provincial System) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 233: C052 (Role of Provinces of The Episcopal Church) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 234: C056 (Amend Canon I.9) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 235: A008 (Amend I.1.8) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 236: A111 (Amend Joint Rule of Order II.10) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 237: C032 (Amend Canon I.4.1(c)) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 238: A106 (Fund Initial Joint Meeting of New CCABs) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 239: D035 (Support Christians in Pakistan) Concurred
HD Message # 240: B003 (Support for The Episcopal Church in Cuba) Concurred
HD Message # 241: A114 (Honor Covenant and Bilateral Agreements) Concurred
HD Message # 242: A112 (Support for YASC and EVIM) Concurred
HD Message # 243: A016 (Structural Support for Covenant Committees) Concurred
HD Message # 244: A013 (Financial Support for Global Missions, YASC, and EVIM) Concurred
HD Message # 245: A064 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(6)) Concurred
HD Message # 246: A071 (Transfer of Clergy between Anglican Provinces) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 247: B017 (Funds Administered by EJLC) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 248: B018 (Support for Sudan and South Sudan) Concurred
HD Message # 249: B019 (Support for Sudan and South Sudan) Concurred

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure continued its Report #2 on HD Message #182 on Resolution A004 (Amend I.4.1-8 – Restructure Executive Council) and moved adoption with amendment.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title I, Canon 4, Sections 1-5, be stricken in their entirety and replaced to read as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) There shall be an Executive Council of the General Convention (which Council shall generally be called simply the Executive Council, or the Council) whose duty it shall be to oversee the execution of the program and policies adopted by the General Convention. The Executive Council shall have oversight of the work done by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in its capacity as its Board of Directors. The Council shall have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the funds and other property of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in accordance with the provisions of this Canon and the resolutions, orders, and budgets adopted or approved by the General Convention. The Executive Council shall also have oversight responsibility for the work of the Office of General Convention and the Executive Officer of General Convention who shall report directly to the Executive Council. It shall also have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the moneys of the Office of General Convention. The Council shall adopt procedures it deems appropriate for approval of expenditures by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Office of General Convention.
(b) The Executive Council shall be accountable to the General Convention and shall render a full, published report concerning the work of the bodies for which it has oversight responsibility to each meeting of the General Convention. The report shall include information on the implementation of all resolutions adopted in the previous General Convention calling for action by the Executive Council, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Office of General Convention.
(c) The Council shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by Canon, and such further powers as may be designated by the General Convention, and between sessions of the General Convention may initiate and develop such new work as it may deem necessary. Subject to the provisions of these Canons, it may enact By-laws for its own government and enact procedures for its own committees.
(d) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of 20 members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and 12 shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two Bishops, two Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of 18 members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following ex officis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.
(e) The Executive Council shall appoint a committee from among its members to assist the Council to (i) advise the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations and the Provincial Councils on what skills, gifts and experience are needed on the Executive Council to enable it to function with maximum effectiveness, and whether those skills are at that time represented on the Executive Council, and (ii) create a description of the skills, gifts and experience requisite for service on the Executive Council, including the value of cultural and geographic diversity on the Council and the value of including historically underrepresented voices in the governance of the Church.
(f) Of the Executive Council members elected by the General Convention, the Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies, and the Presbyters or Deacons and Lay Persons shall be elected by the House of Deputies subject to confirmation by the House of Bishops.
(g) Except in the case of members initially elected for shorter terms in order to achieve rotation of terms, the terms of office of the members of the Council (other than ex officiis members) shall be equal to twice the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The terms of office of all members shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were elected or, in the case of election by a Synod, upon the adjournment of the first regular meeting of General Convention following such election. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Council in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Chair or Vice Chair for good cause. Members shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. No person who has served at least three consecutive years on the Executive Council shall be eligible for immediate re-election for a term of more than three years. After any person shall have served six consecutive years on the Executive Council, a period of three years shall elapse before such person shall be eligible for re-election to the Council.

(h) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through death, resignation, disability, or other reason, with respect to a member elected by the General Convention, the Council shall fill such vacancy by the election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the General Convention.

(i) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the failure of any Provincial Synod to elect a member, or through the death, resignation, or removal from the Province of any such member, the Provincial Council of the Province shall appoint a suitable person to serve until the Provincial Synod shall by election fill the vacancy.

Sec. 2. (a) The Presiding Bishop shall, ex officio, be the Chair and chief executive officer of the Executive Council, and as such, shall have ultimate responsibility for the oversight of the work of the Executive Council in the implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church as may be committed to the Executive Council by the General Convention.

(b) The President of the House of Deputies shall, ex officio, be the Vice-Chair of Executive Council.

(c) The Secretary of the General Convention shall be ex officio the Secretary of the Executive Council.

(d) The Treasurer of the General Convention shall be ex officio the Treasurer of the Executive Council.

(e) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall perform such other duties as are customary for such office, and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and the By-laws of the Council. In the absence of or at the request of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the By-laws of the Council.

(f) Upon joint nomination by the Chair, and in consultation with the Vice-Chair, the Council shall appoint a Chief Operating Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Chair. If a vacancy should occur in the office of the Chief Operating Officer, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(g) Upon joint nomination by the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Council shall appoint a Chief Financial Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Chair. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(h) Upon joint nomination by the Chair, and in consultation with the Vice-Chair, the Council shall appoint a Chief Legal Officer who shall function as general counsel and serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Chair. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(i) The Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council shall participate in an annual performance review conducted by the Chair, the results of which will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Executive Council.

(j) The Executive Council, by a two-thirds vote, may direct the Chair to no longer retain one or more of the Officers reviewed by the Chair in section 2(i).

(k) The Officers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Officers of the Executive Council, and a committee of six members of Executive Council who are not officers, shall engage in a mutual
ministry review every eighteen months, facilitated by a consultant selected by the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

(i) The Council shall elect the Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no other procedure is provided in the Canons. Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for Standing Commissions in these Canons, and shall provide comprehensive written reports to Executive Council at the Council's next meeting following each meeting of the ACC.

Sec. 3. Upon joint nomination of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall elect an Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members: one from the Executive Council committee with primary responsibility for financial matters; one from the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance; and the remaining four from members of the Church-at-large having experience in general business and financial practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. Annually the Audit Committee shall elect a Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council. Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee's Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

Sec. 4. The Executive Council may establish by its By-laws Committees and ad hoc working groups or task forces, which may include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to the Church. All Committees and ad hoc working groups and task forces of Executive Council will cease to exist at the close of the next General Convention following their creation unless extended by Executive Council. Executive Council may revoke, rescind, or modify the mandate or charter of all Executive Council Committees, ad hoc working groups and task forces not otherwise created by Canon.

Sec. 5. (a) The Council shall meet at such place, and at such stated times, at least three times each year, as it shall appoint and at such other times as it may be convened. The Council shall be convened at the request of the Chair, or on the written request of any five members of Council.

(b) A majority of the elected members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council. No action shall be taken in the name of the Council except when a quorum, so defined, is present and voting. A member may participate in, and vote at, Council meetings by means of technology where all participants may hear one another simultaneously and according to procedures and guidelines set forth in the Council By-laws.

(c) Members of Executive Council shall be entitled to reimbursement for their reasonable expenses of attending meetings, in accordance with procedures established and approved by Executive Council. Except as determined by General Convention, the salaries of all officers of the Council and of all agents and employees of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall be fixed by the Council.

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine, moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
Strike the committee's amendments and return to the Resolution as received from the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Bishop of Virginia, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend paragraph 18 to remove Committee's strike of "Joint;" strike "in consultation with;" and remove Committee's strike of "and."

Bishop Johnston withdrew the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment withdrawn

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #212)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A004)
Resolved, That Title I, Canon 4, Sections 1-5, be stricken in their entirety and replaced to read as follows:
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initiate and develop such new work as it may deem necessary. Subject to the provisions of these Canons, it may enact By-laws for its own government and enact procedures for its own committees.

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(e) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall perform such other duties as are customary for such office, and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and the By-laws of the Council. In the absence of or at the request of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the By-laws of the Council.

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(c) Members of Executive Council shall be entitled to reimbursement for their reasonable expenses of attending meetings, in accordance with procedures established and approved by Executive Council. Except as determined by General Convention, the salaries of all officers of the Council and of all agents and employees of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall be fixed by the Council.

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #23 on HD Message #28 on Resolution A128 (Amend Canon IV.6.3 Mandatory Reporting by Bishop) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #211)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A128)
Resolved, That Canon IV.6.3 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Any person other than the Intake Officer who receives information regarding an Offense shall promptly forward the information to the Intake Officer. A Bishop Diocesan may forward information to the Intake Officer whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may indicate conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #5 on HD Message #92 on Resolution D003 (Amend Article V of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop of Europe, moved to amend the resolution.
**Proposed Amendment:**
Following "...an unorganized area called by the", delete "Ecclesiastical Authority" and restore with "Bishop."

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #213)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D003)

Resolved, That Article V, Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #6 on HD Message #184 on Resolution D013 (Budget Process for The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio, moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add a new paragraph between the current third and fourth paragraphs. "The establishment of a stipend for the President of the House of Deputies shall be accompanied by the development of a position description and a statement regarding the President's place in the reporting structure."

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, moved to refer the amendment and entire resolution back to the original committee and the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee

**Social Justice and International Policy**
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #19 on Resolution D016 (Being Socially Responsible Investors in Palestine and Israel) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D016)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council’s committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), consistent with existing policy of corporate engagement adopted in October 2005, to develop a list of U.S. and foreign corporations that provide goods and services that support the infrastructure of Israel’s Occupation, and maintain and update such a list annually, and to vigorously conduct an audit of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) investment portfolio to determine which of these companies, if any, are in the portfolio, and report its findings to the Winter Meeting of Executive Council, 2016, to be made public through the Episcopal News Service; and be it further
Resolved, That, consistent with existing Episcopal Church policy, CSR communicate by letter, emails, meetings and otherwise with the companies identified in the DFMS investment portfolio as being involved in the maintenance of the Occupation, if any, requesting that said companies withdraw from their business operations in Occupied Palestine until it is ended, and report on such corporate engagement to the June, 2016, meeting of Executive Council to be made public through the Episcopal News service; and be it further
Resolved, That Executive Council, with the aid of its CSR committee, file shareholder resolutions with any companies earlier identified, at its Fall meeting, 2016, asking said companies who have not agreed to terminate their business operations in Occupied Palestine and with whom dialogue has not been fruitful, to begin a process of disinvestment; and be it further
Resolved, That upon receiving the position of said companies to these shareholder resolutions, Executive Council, by its June meeting of 2017, with the aid of the CSR committee, develop a process of divestment from those companies who have refused to disinvest or in which further engagement is deemed futile, and are considered by CSR to be the most egregious supporters of the infrastructure of the Occupation, and to develop a process for placing on its No Buy List those companies earlier identified as supporting the Occupation, whether currently held or not, and for Council to make known its process for divestment and adding to the No Buy List (and the companies involved) through the Episcopal News Service, and that Council provide a report to the 79th General Convention on its implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention directs the Executive Council to establish a work group to identify a list of products made or businesses present in West Bank settlements (including East Jerusalem) and publishing them within one year of adjournment of this Convention so that Church entities, including congregations and individual members can seek to boycott those products and/or businesses which are illegal under international law; and be it further
Resolved, That Executive Council identify $15,000 for the work to be done in 2015, and that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance provide $30,000 in 2016 and $30,000 in 2017 and $30,000 in 2018 to fund the work of CSR on this and other issues.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church align its investment practices with its moral values as articulated in the baptismal promises “to respect the dignity of every human being” and “to work for justice and peace;” and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church will work earnestly and with haste to avoid profiting from the illegal occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, and will seek to align itself with, and learn from, the good work of our Ecumenical and Anglican Communion partners, who have worked for decades in support of our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers and others oppressed by occupation, particularly the Board of Governors of the Church of England and their report of 2006, which states
that they will no longer invest in companies that profit from the illegal occupation of Gaza and the West Bank; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to develop a list of U.S. and foreign corporations that provide goods and services that support the infrastructure of Israel’s Occupation for their Fall 2016 meeting to be reported to the Church and to maintain and update such a list annually; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to identify a list of products made and businesses present in illegal settlements for their Spring 2016 meeting to be communicated to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The 78th General Convention directs the Executive Council to continue to monitor its investments and apply its CSR policy to any possible future investments in companies identified on the above requested lists.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #214)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #22 on Resolution B024 (Income Inequality) and moved to discharge and refer the resolution to the committee on Social Justice and United States Policy.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #215)

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #33 on Resolution A145 (Amend Canon IV.19.6 Clarifying Consequences of Default by Respondent) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A145)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.6 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. In any proceeding under this Title in which the Respondent fails to appear before the Conference Panel as required by Canon IV.12.4, or to appear before the Hearing Panel as required by Canon IV.13.2(a), or to timely file with the Hearing Panel the written response required by Canon IV.13.2(c), such Panel may proceed in the absence of the Respondent and may accept as true the matters described in the notice issued to the Respondent pursuant to Canons IV.12.3 or IV.13.2 shall deem as admitted by the Respondent and accept as true the allegations set forth in the written statement issued to the Respondent pursuant to Canons IV.12.3 or IV.13.2, and shall proceed in the absence of the Respondent without requiring proof of the allegations in the notice and written statement.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.6 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. In any proceeding under this Title in which the Respondent fails to appear before the Conference Panel as required by Canon IV.12.4, or to appear before the Hearing Panel as required by
Canon IV.13.2(a), or to timely file in a timely manner with the Hearing Panel the written response required by Canon IV.13.2(c), such Panel may, in its discretion, proceed in the absence of the Respondent and may accept as true the matters described in the notice issued to the Respondent pursuant to Canons IV.12.3 or IV.13.2. In proceedings under this section, such panels may consider the materials described in Canon IV.12.1, and any other types of evidence whose use is permitted in proceedings conducted before such Panels. The failure of a Respondent to appear, or to fail to file a written response, as described in this Section shall not, in itself, provide the basis for a finding that any Offense has been committed, other than any Offense specifically arising from such failure to appear, or failure to file.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #216)

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio, moved to move resolutions C053, D034, D057, D074, D048, D032, D079, D073, and D077 to the Consent Calendar for the next Legislative Day.

Motion carried

Minority Report on Marriage Resolutions
The Presiding Bishop recognized the Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, Bishop of North Dakota, for a minority report on same-sex marriage resolutions (See Appendix 1, Day 8).

Statement of Clarification Regarding Marriage
The Presiding Bishop recognized the Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of Vermont, who presented a statement of clarification regarding marriage liturgies.

Dispatch of Business
The Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to remove all resolutions from Committee 12 (Formation and Education for Ministry) from today's calendar and to move them to the Consent Calendar for the next Legislative Day (Resolutions A022, A023, A024, A026, A027, A028, A115, A031, A032, A116, A121, A033, A034, A102, A045, A046, A073, A123, A074, A122, A090, B007, B015, B082, A079, A076, A080, A077, A078, C004).

Motion carried

The Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to extend time to add to the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. on the Eighth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Bautista and Davidson.
Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:05 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Statement of Clarification Regarding Marriage
The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of Vermont, discussed the "Statement of Clarification regarding Marriage" and moved to adopt as guidelines.

Bishop Henderson moved a substitute.

Proposed Substitute:
That the Houses receive the document from Bishop Ely with appreciation and refer it to the members of the House individually to be used by them in their respective dioceses with the provision that it may be used in its present form or modified as each determines is in the best pastoral interest of his or her diocese.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar

Election of Executive Council
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #4 (X015) on the Election of Clergy Members of Executive Council and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #259)

Elected as Members of the Executive Council:
- The Rev. Jabriel Simmonds Ballentine
- The Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd

Election of General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #6 (X017) on the Election of Clergy Trustees of GTS and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #260)

Elected as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:
- The Rev. Tommy Joe Dillon II
- The Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate
Election of Executive Council
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #7 (X018) on the Election of Lay Members of Executive Council and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #262)

Elected as Members of the Executive Council:
Ms. Diane Butler
Mr. Louis W. Glosson
Ms. Mayra Liseth Gonzales Polanco
Ms. Julia Ayala Harris
Canon Dr. Steven Nishibayashi
Ms. Holli S. Powell

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #28 on Resolution A146 (Amend Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c) Impartiality) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A146)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c) be amended as follows:
(b) The Church Attorney, Procedural Officer or any member of any Panel provided for in this Title shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the member's impartiality may reasonably be questioned. The member shall also disqualify himself or herself when the member, the member's spouse, any person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such person, (1) is the Respondent, Complainant or an Injured Person, (2) is likely to be a witness in the proceeding, (3) has a personal bias or prejudice concerning the Respondent, Complainant or any Injured Person, (4) has personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding, (5) has a personal financial interest in the outcome of the proceeding or in the Respondent, Complainant, any Injured Person or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome or (6) is a member of the same congregation or otherwise has a close personal or professional relationship with the Respondent, the Complainant, any Injured Person or any witness in the matter.
(c) The Church Attorney, Procedural Officer or any member of any Panel provided for in this Title who has not disqualified himself or herself as provided in this section may be subject to challenge by the Church Attorney or the Respondent on grounds described in this section. The Complainant or the Complainant's Advisor may inform the Church Attorney of any such grounds. The challenge shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Panel who shall determine whether the challenged member of the Panel person should be disqualified and replaced according to the procedures of this Title for filling vacancies.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c) be amended as follows:
(b) The Church Attorney, Procedural Officer or any member of any Panel provided for in this Title shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the member's impartiality may reasonably be questioned. The member shall also disqualify himself or herself when the
member person, the member's person's spouse, any person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such person, (1) is the Respondent, Complainant or an Injured Person, (2) is likely to be a witness in the proceeding, (3) has a personal bias or prejudice concerning the Respondent, Complainant or any Injured Person, (4) has personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding, (5) has a personal financial interest in the outcome of the proceeding or in the Respondent, Complainant, any Injured Person or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome or (6) is a member of the same congregation or otherwise has a close personal or professional relationship with the Respondent, the Complainant, any Injured Person or any witness in the matter.

(c) The Church Attorney, Procedural Officer or any member of any Panel provided for in this Title who has not disqualified himself or herself as provided in this section may be subject to challenge by the Church Attorney or the Respondent on grounds described in this section. The Complainant or the Complainant's Advisor may inform the Church Attorney of any such grounds. The challenge shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Panel who shall determine whether the challenged member of the Panel person should be disqualified and replaced according to the procedures of this Title for filling vacancies.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #221)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #29 on Resolution D055 (Amend Canons V.1, V.2, V.3, and V.4) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D055)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canons V.1, V.2, V.3 and V.4 be amended to read as follows:

CANON 1: Of Enactment, Amendment, and Repeal
Sec. 1. No new Canon shall be enacted, or existing Canon be amended or repealed, except by concurrent Resolution of the two Houses of the General Convention. Such Resolution may be introduced first in either House, and shall be referred in each House to the Committee on Constitution and Canons thereof, for consideration, report, and recommendation, before adoption by the House; provided, that in either House the foregoing requirement of reference may be dispensed with by a three-fourths vote of the members present.
Sec. 2. Whenever a Canon is amended, enacted, or repealed in different respects by two or more independent enactments at the same General Convention, including the enactment of an entire Title, the separate enactments shall be considered as one enactment containing all of the amendments or enactments, whether or not repealed, to the extent that the change made in separate amendments or enactments, are not in conflict with each other. The two members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons from each House of General Convention appointed pursuant to Canon V.1.5 (a) shall make the determination whether or not there is a conflict and certify the text of the single enactment to the Secretary of the General Convention.
Sec. 3. Whenever a Canon which repealed another Canon, or part thereof, shall itself be repealed, such previous Canon or part thereof shall not thereby be revived or reenacted, without express words to that effect.
Sec. 4. If a Canon or Section of a Canon or Clause of a Section of a Canon is to be amended or added, the enactment shall be in substantially one of the following forms: "That Canon . . . (Canon, Section or Clause designated as provided in Canon V.2.3 2) . . . is hereby amended to read as follows: (here insert the new reading)"; or "That Canon . . . (Canon or Section designated as provided in Canon V.
2. Amendment to a Title of the Canons: If amendments are to be made at one meeting of the General Convention to more than one-half of the Canons in a single Title of the Canons, the enactment may be in the following form: 

"That Title . . . of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows: (here insert the new reading of all Canons in the Title whether or not the individual Canon is amended)."

In the event of insertion of a new Canon, or a new Section or Clause in a Canon, or of the repeal of an existing Canon, or of a Section or Clause, the numbering of the Canons, or of a division of a Canon, which follow shall be changed accordingly without the necessity of enacting an amendment or amendments to that effect.

Sec. 5 (a) The Committee on Constitution and Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint two of its members (a) to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary of the General Convention; and (b), who shall publish them in the Journal. (b) The Committee on Constitution of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint a similar committee of two of its members to certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution, and to report the same to the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal. The committee shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the General Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons in the foregoing Sections 4 and 5(a) of this Canon.

Sec. 6. All Canons enacted during the General Convention of 1943, and thereafter, and all amendments and repeals of Canons then or thereafter made, unless otherwise expressly ordered, shall take effect on the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were enacted or made.

CANON 2: Of Terminology Used in These Canons

Sec. 1. Whenever the term "Diocese" is used without qualification in these Canons, it shall be understood to refer both to "Dioceses" and to "Missionary Dioceses," as these terms are used in the Constitution, and also, whenever applicable, to the "Convocation of the American Episcopal Churches in Europe."

Sec. 2. Whenever in these Canons a reference is made to a Canon or a Section of a Canon or a Clause of a Section of a Canon, the word "Canon" shall be set out, followed in order by the numerical or alphabetical designation of the Title, the Canon, the Section and the Clause, in each case separated by a period.

CANON 3: Of a Quorum

Sec. 1. Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, a quorum of any body of the General Convention consisting of several members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a majority of said members; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act.

CANON 4: Of Vacancies on Canonical Bodies

Sec. 1 (a) Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, the term of a member in any body of the General Convention consisting of several members shall become vacant as follows:

1. upon absence from two regularly scheduled meetings of the body between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the body;
(2) upon **Inhibition**, **any restriction on exercise of ministry, placement on Administrative Leave, Admonition, Suspension, or Deposition of a Member of the Clergy then serving on the body**;

(3) upon the **renunciation of the pronouncement of the release and removal from the ordained ministry** of this Church by of a Member of the Clergy;

(4) upon the certification to the Presiding Bishop by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops as to the abandonment of the **this Church** by a Bishop pursuant to Canon IV.16;

(5) upon the certification by the Standing Committee as to the abandonment of the **this Church** by a Priest or Deacon pursuant to Canon IV.16; or

(6) for cause deemed sufficient by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the body.

(b) The term of any member specified to be filled by a Priest or Deacon shall become vacant upon that member's ordination to the episcopacy.

(c) The term of any Member of the Clergy specified to be filled by virtue of a provincial or diocesan canonical residence shall become vacant upon the change of canonical residence to another diocese or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.

(d) The term of any Lay Person specified to be filled by virtue of a provincial or diocesan residence shall become vacant upon the change of residence to another diocese or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.

Sec. 2 (a) The position of a lay member becomes vacant upon loss of status as a communicant in good standing.

(b) The position of any member specified to be filled by a Lay Person shall become vacant upon that member's ordination.

> Motion carried
> Resolution adopted
> (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #222)

**Social Justice and International Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #13 on Resolution A052 (Call for Ubuntu within The Episcopal Church Regarding Policy Toward Palestine and Israel) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

> Motion carried
> Committee discharged
> (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #223)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #14 on Resolution D041 (Advocacy and Prayer for Syria) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D041)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention denounce the slaughter and displacement of Syrians; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention ask the Office of Government Relations to provide specific advocacy actions for members of The Episcopal Church to make; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage faith communities to develop both corporate and personal opportunities to pray for peace in the Middle East, for an end to the humanitarian and refugee crisis in Syria, and for the continued witness and presence of Christian communities there.

> Motion carried
> Resolution adopted
> (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #224)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #15 on Resolution D053 (Immigration and Emigration and the Dominican Republic) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #225)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #16 on Resolution D033 (Supporting Refugee Rights in Central America) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D033)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the continued violence against and displacement of the citizens, perpetrated by armed state and non-state actors, in Central America’s Northern Triangle and calls upon The Church and regional governments to affirm and support the work of civil society and international organizations as they address the needs of the displaced in their countries of origin; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the efforts and affirm the role of civil society groups and regional bodies, especially the work of our sister Anglican province La Iglesia de la Region Central de America (IARCA) and Fundacion Cristosal, a human rights organization with strong ties with both the Anglican Church of El Salvador and The Episcopal Church, in seeking to address the root causes of violence in communities and engage in advocacy and dialogue with their governments while creating protection avenues for internally displaced persons and refugees through regional cooperation; and be it further
Resolved, That in solidarity with IARCA’s work to push for accountability by the governments of their region, the Episcopal Church advocate for the United States Government to play a positive role, including providing funding support for strengthening legal institutions, to encourage the governments of Central America and Mexico to acknowledge and uphold the legal rights of the displaced, victims of crimes perpetrated by armed groups and/or state actors, and asylum seekers; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church acknowledge the regional nature of this migration and call for a robust, holistic, regional humanitarian response from the United States Government and its allies that addresses the root causes of violence that force children and families from their homes and avoids remilitarization of civilian police forces in the region; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm the right to seek asylum as universal and inherent to all people, and oppose all attempts to interdict refugees fleeing Central America at the borders of the United States or other countries of transit; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church stand opposed to the expansion of family detention as a response to this refugee crisis, and call for an immediate end to this inhumane practice; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for increased access to and funding for legal orientation programs and legal representation for Central American refugees and asylum seekers and that congregations engage in community efforts to provide pro bono legal services to refugees and asylum seekers in need of representation.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the continued violence against and displacement of citizens in Central America’s Northern Triangle
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call for an immediate end to the inhumane practice of detention of refugees; and be it further, that The Episcopal Church advocate for the United States government to play a positive role, including providing funding support for strengthening legal institutions through financial support, and to encourage the governments of Central America and Mexico to acknowledge and uphold the legal rights of the displaced, asylum seekers, and victims of crimes perpetrated by armed groups and/or state actors, and asylum seekers; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the efforts and affirm the role of civil society groups and regional bodies, especially the work of our sister Anglican province La Iglesia de la Region Central de America (IARCA) and Fundacion Cristosal, a human rights organization with strong ties with both the Anglican Church of El Salvador and The Episcopal Church, in seeking the Diocese of Honduras, and human rights organizations, which seek to address the root causes of violence in communities and engage in advocacy and dialogue with their governments while creating protection avenues to serve the needs of and create safe spaces for internally displaced persons and refugees through regional cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That in solidarity with IARCA’s work to push for accountability by the governments of their region, The Episcopal Church advocate for the United States government to play a positive role, including providing funding support for strengthening legal institutions through financial support, and to encourage the governments of Central America and Mexico to acknowledge and uphold the legal rights of the displaced, asylum seekers, and victims of crimes perpetrated by armed groups and/or state actors, and asylum seekers; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm the universal right to seek asylum, as universal and inherent to all people, and oppose all attempts to interdict refugees fleeing Central America at the borders of the United States or other countries of transit; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church stand opposed to the expansion of family detention as a response to this refugee crisis, and call for an immediate end to this inhumane practice; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for increased access to and funding for legal orientation programs and legal representation for Central American refugees and asylum seekers and that congregations engage in community efforts to provide pro bono legal services to refugees and asylum seekers in need of representation; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call for an immediate end to the inhumane practice of detention of women who arrive in the United States with minor children (“family detention”) as a response to this refugee crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call for the immediate release of detained asylum seekers (particularly those who are LGBT, indigenous persons unable to communicate in English or Spanish, and persons who have disabilities or life-threatening illnesses).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #226)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #17 on Resolution C003 (Work for Justice and Peace in Israel-Palestine) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #227)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #18 on Resolution C012 (Divest/Boycott Products Supporting Infrastructure of Occupation) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #228)

Congregational Vitality
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #8 on HD Message #141 on Resolution A084 (Modify Parochial Report) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #229)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A084)
Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified to include congregational activity in any of the five Marks of Mission; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese be encouraged to establish a category for associated worshipping communities, which may not pay diocesan assessment according to rules established by the diocese, and which could include new church plants and worshipping communities whose design broadens the Church’s mission perspective; and be it further
Resolved, That such associated worshipping communities be encouraged to file a parochial report with their diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the Parochial Report ask if the congregation has a primary weekly service other than Saturday/Sunday; and be it further
Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified on page 2 to gather the average primary/Sunday worship; and be it further
Resolved, That a page be added to the Parochial Report to report areas of outreach ministry in which the congregation is involved with individual/group volunteer activity rather than merely reporting monetary support currently reported on page 3.

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #9 on HD Message #143 on Resolution A096 (Affirm Relationship-Based Social Justice) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #230)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A096)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the many justice ministries of service and advocacy throughout The Episcopal Church, ministries that are grounded in the Baptismal Covenant and that were initiated by General Conventions, dioceses, congregations, and other Episcopal organizations; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention affirm and encourage the use of various methods to discern, develop, and sustain justice ministries, such as Asset-Based Community Development, needs surveys, and community organizing; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention affirm and encourage the formation of partnerships between congregations and well-established community organizing groups in their local contexts in order to
be trained in the practice of community organizing and sustained by those partnerships that they may do justice ministry more effectively and efficiently; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that one of the greatest challenges of our time and culture is the widening gap between the rich and the poor, the sin of economic injustice that pervades our society; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention challenge all Episcopalians to hear in a bold way the call of both Jesus and St. Francis of Assisi to befriend and be with the poor, and that we come to know that the future vitality of The Episcopal Church is grounded in our mutually affirming relationships with our brothers and sisters who are poor; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage all Episcopal congregations to establish relationship-based, social-justice ministries through which relationships are developed between those who serve and those who are served, resulting in shared and transformational experiences and in a greater commitment to work for justice on all sides of the socio-economic divide; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage churches and dioceses to discover and partner with local experts such as Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), Direct Action and Research Training (DART), Gamaliel Foundation, Asset Based Community Development, People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO), and other local formulations of interfaith or cross cultural organizations that use relationships to structure their transformative work; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention ask Episcopal groups that are participating in relationship-based social justice to share their experiences with the broader Church through social media, the internet, and official communication channels, so that other groups can learn from their successes, challenges, and insights.

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #10 on HD Message #142 on Resolution C020 (Ministry to People with Mental Illness and Their Families) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #231)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C020)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church calls upon dioceses, congregations, schools and other entities of the Episcopal Church to explore and adopt best practices for the vitality and increased capacity of their mission and ministry in the inclusion, support, and spiritual care for persons with mental illness and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, congregations, schools and other entities of the Episcopal Church increase understanding about mental illness by providing educational material and training; utilizing existing programs such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness, veterans groups, governmental departments of mental health, local organizations, and other programs and organizations; and sharing the information so that it is readily accessible.

Evangelism and Communications

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #4 on HD Message #145 on Resolution A172 (Leveraging Social Media for Jesus) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #232)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A172)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention create a Task Force of three bishops, three presbyters or deacons and six lay persons to develop two curricula – one for clergy and one for lay people – for the purpose of leveraging social media for evangelism; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force develop the curricula in consultation with seminary deans, marketing professionals, and others with knowledge of evangelism and social media; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force develop these curricula by the second year of the upcoming triennium and make them available by the third year, and that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society regularly evaluate the curricula to ensure they are current; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Task Force work with the Development Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to seek funds for this project, including the necessary staff or consultants to oversee this work.

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #5 on HD Message #146 on Resolution A173 (Gathering and Sharing for Evangelism) and moved concurrence.  
Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #233)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A173)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention shall promote the gathering and sharing of evangelism resources for the purpose of energizing the Church to boldly and fearlessly share the Good News of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ; and be it further  
Resolved, That Forward Movement, in collaboration with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, shall convene by December 31, 2016 an Evangelism Summit, a gathering of leaders from across The Episcopal Church who are engaged in the work of evangelism, both in training and equipping; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Summit shall identify existing evangelism resources, gaps and challenges. The purpose is to develop an evangelism road map: to propel the church beyond its walls, to spread the Gospel, proclaim the Kingdom, and to share the love of God in the world; and be it further  
Resolved, That these evangelism resources including a plan of action be shared no more than six months following the conclusion of the Summit with the wider Episcopal Church by the attendees of the Summit within their networks, such as the Episcopal Asset Map (episcopalassetmap.org), and in other ways; and be it further  
Resolved, That Forward Movement collaborate with the Development Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to fund this work through grants and contributions for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God’s People.

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #6 on HD Message #144 on Resolution A179 (Commending Memorial V to The Episcopal Church: A Call to Action) and moved concurrence (See Appendix 2, Day 8).  
Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #234)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A179)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend Memorial V, presented to this Convention, especially its call to “Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, including learning how to tell the story of how Jesus makes a difference in our lives, even and especially to those who have not experienced true transformation”; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention encourage Deputies and Bishops to circulate Memorial V in their communities, congregations and dioceses for study and reflection.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #24 on Resolution B019 (AAM Participation in SCLM) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B019)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention recommend that the Presidents of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies appoint one or more professional musicians of the Association of Anglican Musicians to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (or its successor organization) for the coming triennium to continue the close engagement of musicians from that organization with liturgical and musical decision-making in The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #235)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #27 on Resolution C050 (Presbyteral Confirmation) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C050)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize the appropriate interim body of the convention, as determined by the Presiding Officers, to study the theological implications of permitting Presbyters of this Church to celebrate the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation for adults as part of those adults' baptismal liturgy, and to propose to the 79th General Convention the necessary canonical changes to authorize the Bishop holding jurisdiction in a diocese, if desired, to approve such Confirmations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #236)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution D046 (Authorize Liturgical Materials Honoring the Female in God and Man) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D046)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 78th General Convention authorize, subject to the approval of the several diocesan bishops, for trial use or for use in special study sessions, the
liturgical materials and forms of prayers contained in that certain book by Janet Morley entitled *All Desires Known* (Third Edition), published by Morehouse Publishing and copyright 1988, 1992, and 2006 by Janet Morley; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider these liturgical materials (or modifications thereof) for inclusion in a revised edition of the Book of Occasional Services.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #237)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #29 on Resolution B001 (Add Father Atilano Coco to Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B001)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention propose the commemoration in *Holy Women, Holy Men* of Father Atilano Coco and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2016-2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music add Father Atilano Coco to the Liturgical Calendar of this Church.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #238)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #30 on Resolution C002 (Commemorate Queen Lili'uokalani) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C002)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church take the appropriate actions to consider and then to include a Commemoration each year for Queen Lili'uokalani in Holy Women, Holy Men or any subsequent Calendar of Commemoration.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #239)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #31 on Resolution C008 (Add Rev. Peter Williams Cassey and Ms. Annie Besset Cassey to the Church Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C008)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize the inclusion of The Reverend Peter Williams Cassey and Ms. Annie Besset Cassey in the church calendar; and be it further

Resolved, That April 16 be set aside as a feast day commemorating the life and witness of the Reverend Peter Williams Cassey, deacon, abolitionist, social reformer, educator, church planter and pastor and Ms. Annie Besset Cassey, community organizer, educator and foster mother of many children, commending all congregations to celebrate their lives through the appointed prayers and readings; and be it further
Resolved, That they are placed on the calendar as deacon and companion who represent pioneers in justice, compassion and cultural diversity in their own time.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #240)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #32 on Resolution C006 (Add Denzil A. Carty to Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C006)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize the inclusion of the Rev. Denzil A. Carty in Holy Women, Holy Men.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #241)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #33 on Resolution C011 (Add Peter Williams Cassey and Anna Besant Cassey to Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C011)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the addition of the Reverend Peter Williams Cassey and Anna Besant Cassey - on the feast day of April 16 - to the commemorations in "Holy Women, Holy Men".

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #242)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #34 on Resolution C035 (Add Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander to Church Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C035)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention recognize Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander as a Saint of The Episcopal Church through adding her to the calendar in Holy Women, Holy Men (or Lesser Feasts and Fasts if Holy Women, Holy Men is not approved for use) with the following proposed text and propers:

Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander
Suggested Date of Commemoration: September 24
The only Black deaconess in the Episcopal Church, teacher and minister in southern Georgia. Anna Ellison Butler Alexander (1865-1947) was born to recently emancipated slaves on Butler Plantation in McIntosh County, Georgia. She was the first African-American set aside as a deaconess in the Episcopal Church in 1907. She founded Good Shepherd Church in rural Glynn County’s Pennick community where she taught children to read—by tradition, from the Book of Common Prayer and
the Bible—in a one-room schoolhouse. The school was later expanded to two rooms with a loft where Anna lived. She ministered in Pennick for 53 years, leaving a legacy of love and devotion still felt in Glynn County. Deaconess Alexander served in difficult times, however. The diocese segregated her congregations in 1907 and African-American congregations were not invited to another diocesan convention until 1947. Similarly, it was only in the 1950s that a woman set aside as a deaconess was recognized as being in deacon’s orders. However, her witness—wearing the distinctive dress of a deaconess, traveling by foot from Brunswick through Darien to Pennick, showing care and love for all whom she met—represents the best in Christian witness.

A Collect for Deaconess Alexander
O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

Psalm 78:1-7
Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Matthew 11:25-30

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #243)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #35 on Resolution C036 (Include Thomas Atkinson in Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C036)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention commends to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for inclusion in Holy Women, Holy Men commemoration on or about January 4th of each year of Thomas Atkinson, third bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #244)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #36 on Resolution C040 (Add the Rev. Hiram Kano to Church Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C040)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church take the appropriate actions to consider and then to include a Commemoration each year for The Rev. Hiram Kano in Holy Women, Holy Men or any subsequent Calendar of Commemoration.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #245)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #37 on Resolution C044 (Add the Rev. Peter Williams, Annie Besant Cassey, and Henrietta Lockwood to the Church Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C044)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention to set aside a feast day commemorating the lives and witnesses of the Rev. Peter Williams Cassey, Deacon, abolitionist, social reformer, educator, church planter and pastor, Annie Besant Cassey, mother, educator, community organizer, educator and foster mother of many children, and Henrietta Lockwood, mother, nurse, and educator.

*Motion carried*

*Resolution referred*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #246)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #38 on Resolution C016 (Amend Article X) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

*Motion carried*

*Committee discharged*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #247)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #39 on Resolution D051 (Open Table) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

*Motion carried*

*Committee discharged*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #248)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #40 on Resolution D052 (Call for Prayer Book Revision) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

*Motion carried*

*Committee discharged*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #249)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #41 on Resolution D070 (Amend Book of Common Prayer) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

*Motion carried*

*Committee discharged*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #265)

**Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #7 on Resolution A184 (Acknowledge and Affirm Faithful Reconciliation Efforts) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A184)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge and affirm the faithful efforts by dioceses to reconcile with and welcome those individuals who have left
The Episcopal Church and wish to return, and commend continuing actions to that end; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend to members of the clergy who have removed themselves from communion with The Episcopal Church and subsequently wish to return to active ministry in The Episcopal Church, the provisions of Title III and Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #251)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #8 (Laying the Foundation for Reunion with Departed Groups) on Resolution D056 (Laying the Foundation for Reunion with Departed Groups) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #252)

End of Consent Calendar

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

HD Message # 253: A125 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(g)) Concurred
HD Message # 254: A126 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(j)) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 255: A143 (Amend Canon IV.16) Concurred
HD Message # 256: A129 (Amend Canons IV.6.5, IV.6.6 and IV.19.10(b)) Concurred
HD Message # 257: A138 (Amend Canon IV.14.8) Concurred
HD Message # 258: A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.12) Concurred
HD Message # 259: A127 (Amend Canon IV.5) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 260: A009 (Amend Canon I.3) Rejected
HD Message # 261: B021 (External Funding for CCABs) Referred
HD Message # 262: D038 (Full Deputation From Every Diocese) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 263: D011 (Eliminate Provinces) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 264: A118 (Amend Canons I.1, I.6.5, I.9.11, V.1; and J.R. V.15) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 265: D071 (Call for Ratification of the UN CRPD) Concurred
HD Message # 266: A047 (Moral and Spiritual Injury of Trauma) Concurred
HD Message # 267: C018 (Pursue Justice, Peace and Security in the Holy Land) Concurred
HD Message # 268: C054 (Supporting the Release of Rivera) Rejected
HD Message # 269: D068 (Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 270: A183 (Recommended Book Study) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 271: A182 (Respond to All Forms of Racial Injustice) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 272: C015 (Addition to Baptismal Covenant Language) Concurred
HD Message # 273: A041 (Amend Canon III.15.1-5) Referred
HD Message # 274: D030 (Establish Parental Leave Policy) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 275: B023 (Presiding Bishop Election Process) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 276: A120 (Amend Canon III.7, III.9, and III.12) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 277: A135 (Amend Canon IV.13) Adopted with Amendment
Mind of the House
The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina, moved to adopt a Mind of the House resolution.

The motion was tabled.

Reconsideration of D013
The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, moved to reconsider the motion to re-refer Resolution D013 (Budget Process for The Episcopal Church).

Motion carried
Resolution reconsidered


Proposed Amendment:
Amend I.4.6(b) to read:
(b) The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a canonical portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention: the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the stipend of the President of the House of Deputies together with the necessary expenses of that office, the staff and Advisory Councils required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the Presiding Bishop's office and the President of the House of Deputies office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices.

The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma, moved an amendment to the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Following, "The stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office", add "including the staff and advisory council required to assist in the performance of the duties of the Presiding Bishop". Following, "the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, strike "including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office."
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion defeated
Amendment to the amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Howard, Bishop of Florida, moved an amendment to the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Strike the last sentence, "The budget shall also include an undesignated amount..", and add, "The budget shall also include such amounts for expenses as may be determined by the General Convention."

Motion carried
Amendment to the amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A 15-minute recess was called.

The House resumed at 4:20 p.m.

The Presiding Bishop ruled errors in the copy of the resolution and it was sent back to the Secretariat to prepare a clean copy of D013 (Budget Process for The Episcopal Church).

Mind of the House
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy moved to adopt a Mind of the House resolution X022 (Communion across Difference).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted unanimously
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #264)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X022)
We the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church wish to express our love and appreciation to our colleagues who identify as Communion Partners and those bishops who have affinity with the Communion Partners' position as stated in their “Communion Partners Salt Lake City Statement.” Our time together in Salt Lake City, in conversation and in prayer, has demonstrated how profoundly the love of God in Jesus binds us together and empowers us for service to God’s mission. As we have waited upon the leading of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations, we have been reminded that the House of Bishops is richly gifted with many voices and perspectives on matters of theological, liturgical, and pastoral significance. This has been shown in our discernment with respect to doctrinal matters relative to Christian marriage. We thank God for the rich variety of voices in our House, in our dioceses, in The Episcopal Church, and in the Anglican Communion, that reflect the wideness of God’s mercy and presence in the Church and in the world.
We give particular thanks for the steadfast witness of our colleagues in the Communion Partners. We value and rely on their commitment to The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. We recognize that theirs is a minority voice in the House of Bishops in our deliberations with respect to Christian marriage; and we affirm that they are an indispensible part of who we are as the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church. Our church needs their witness. Further, we appreciate that each
of us will return to dioceses where there will be a variety of responses to Resolutions A054 and A036. The equanimity, generosity, and graciousness with which the Communion Partners have shared their views on Christian marriage and remain in relationship is a model for us and for the lay and ordained leaders in our dioceses to follow. We thank God that in the fullness of the Holy Trinity we can and must remain together as the Body of Christ in our dioceses, in the Episcopal Church, and in our relationships with sisters and brothers in Christ in the Anglican Communion. The bonds created in baptism are indeed indissoluble and we pray that we have the confidence to rely upon the Holy Spirit who will continue to hold us all together as partners in communion through the love of God in Jesus.

Program, Budget and Finance
The House of Bishops Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #1 on HD Message #294 on Resolution A197 (Adopt the Budget of The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #254)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A197)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention adopt the 2016-2018 Budget for the Episcopal Church as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.

1.0 The Budget for the Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate, and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $125,012,351.

1.1 The Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $22,584,693.

1.2 The Corporate portion, providing for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $35,236,451.

1.3 The Program (mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $67,191,207.

1.4 That $150,000 be added to the Stewardship Development (TENS) line item (138) of the 2016-2018 Triennium budget; that $150,000 be deducted from the Development Office line item (186b) of the 2016-2018 budget.

2.0 The funding policy for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 is adopted based on a single Asking of the dioceses. After a $150,000 exemption from total income, a single Asking shall be applied at flat rates of 18%, 16.5% and 15%, respectively in years 2016, 2017 and 2018 of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g., 2016 Askings are to be based on 2014 actual income figures]. “Income” includes (1) all congregational giving to the diocese, (2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, (3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and (4) other
earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

2.1 We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that have given at and above 19% during 2013-2015. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of the Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the Asking to the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 78th General Convention.

2.2 For the budgetary period income from diocesan commitments, totaling $46,653,753 is anticipated.

2.3 For the budgetary period 2016-2018, payment by the dioceses of the Askings shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

2.4 All additional income, other than from the Askings of the dioceses, totaling $49,476,979, is projected.

2.5 A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees are expected to cover the expenses and administration of examinations for Holy Orders. A candidate for Holy Orders eligible for examination and so certified by the diocesan bishop shall not be disqualified for examination because the fee has not been paid.

2.6 General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2018 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1 Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the assured income of the Executive Council so as to carry out the Budget for the Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.

3.2 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.3 If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas.

3.4 Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.

3.5 Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.

3.6 Each interim body, Committee, Commission, Agency and Board (CCAB), or Task Force proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance a detailed budget in support of its plan(s), including cost estimates from contractors and suppliers for all goods and services, by no later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

3.7 An annual report of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities, shall be posted on the DFMS website when it is released.

3.8 An annual report of the trust fund balances with accompanying narratives shall be posted on the DFMS website when it is released.
**Stewardship and Development**
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #1 on HD Message #54 on Resolution C001 (Set Rates for Diocesan Commitments) and moved concurrence.

*Motion carried*
*The House concurred*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #390)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(C001)
*Resolved,* That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to prepare and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to present a budget to the 79th General Convention in which Diocesan Commitments for funding the budget are set at a rate no higher than 15% beginning with the next triennium (2019-2021); and be it further

*Resolved,* That the member dioceses of this Church commit to paying the full asking so long as that asking is no higher than 15% for each year of the triennium, with the expectation that the minimum commitment from each diocese of this Church shall reach the asked level during the 2019-2021 triennium.

**Continuation of Debate on D013**
The House resumed debate on Resolution D013.

The Rt. Rev. Martin Field, Bishop of West Missouri, explained there had been an error in the Substitute presented by the Committee on Governance and Structure (Report #15 in the House of Deputies, and Report #6 in the House of Bishops). Paragraph 3 of Substitute Resolution D013 (presented as an amendment to I.4.6(b)) should have been presented as an amendment to Canon I. 1.8. A corrected copy of the resolution was issued to members of the House.

Bishop O’Neill withdrew his previous amendment.

The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Bishop of Olympia, moved to divide the Resolution between lines 1-15 and 16-109.

*Motion carried*
*Resolution divided*

The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina, moved a substitute.

**Proposed Substitute:**
Substitute language that was considered earlier for lines 1-15.

*Motion defeated*
*Substitute rejected*

Vote taken on Part I (lines 1-15)

*Part I defeated*

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Howard, Bishop of Florida, moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
Strike "Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council."

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Rt. Rev. Granville Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend the resolution to read, "Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be required of all Dioceses effective January 1, 2019."

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Section 7(b), delete "Bishop of a".

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on D013 (Budget Process for The Episcopal Church) lines 16-109 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #264)

Statement on Relations Between the US and Cuba
The Presiding Bishop recognized the Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida, for a statement on relations between the United States and Cuba.

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 10:30 a.m. on the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 6:00 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplains Bautista and Davidson.
Appendix 1
Day 8

Communion Partners Salt Lake City Statement

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in passing Resolutions A036 and A054, has made a significant change in the Church’s understanding of Christian marriage. As bishops of the Church, we must dissent from these actions.

We affirm Minority Report #1, which was appended to the text of Resolution A036:

The nature, purpose, and meaning of marriage, as traditionally understood by Christians, are summed up in the words of the Book of Common Prayer:

“The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored by all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God’s will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord” (BCP, p. 423)

The nature, purpose, and meaning of marriage are linked to the relationship of man and woman. The promises and vows of marriage presuppose husband and wife as the partners who are made one flesh in marriage. This understanding is a reasonable one, as well as in accord with Holy Scripture and Christian tradition in their teaching about marriage.

When we were ordained as bishops in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, we vowed to “guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church of God” (BCP, p. 518). We renew that promise; and in light of the actions of General Convention, and of our own deep pastoral and theological convictions, we pledge ourselves to

• “Maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3). The bonds created in baptism are indissoluble, and we share one bread and one cup in the Eucharist. We are committed to the Church and its people, even in the midst of painful disagreement.
• “Speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15). When we disagree with the Church’s actions, we will do so openly and transparently and – with the Spirit’s help – charitably. We are grateful that Resolution A054 includes provision for bishops and priests to exercise their conscience; but we realize at the same time that we have entered a season in which the tensions over these difficult matters may grow. We pray for the grace to be clear about our convictions and, at the same time, to love brothers and sisters with whom we disagree.
• “Welcome one another . . . just as Christ has welcomed [us]” (Rom. 15:7). Our commitment to the Church includes a commitment to our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. We will walk with them, pray with and for them, and seek ways to engage in pastoral conversation. We rejoice that Jesus’ embrace includes all of us.
We are mindful that the decisions of the 78th General Convention do not take place in isolation. The Episcopal Church is part of a larger whole, the Anglican Communion. We remain committed to that Communion and to the historic See of Canterbury, and we will continue to honor the three moratoria requested in the Windsor Report and affirmed by the Instruments of Communion.

We invite bishops and any Episcopalians who share these commitments to join us in this statement, and to affirm with us our love for our Lord Jesus Christ, our commitment to The Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion, and our dissent from these actions.

Communion Partner signatories:

The Rt. Rev’d John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee
The Rt. Rev’d Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida
The Rt. Rev’d Daniel W. Herzog, Bishop of Albany, resigned
The Rt. Rev’d Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Pro Tem of Dallas
The Rt. Rev’d Edward S. Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana
The Rt. Rev’d William H. Love, Bishop of Albany
The Rt. Rev’d Daniel H. Martins, Bishop of Springfield
The Rt. Rev’d Edward L. Salmon, Bishop of South Carolina, resigned
The Rt. Rev’d William J. Skilton, Assistant Bishop of Dominican Republic, resigned
The Rt. Rev’d Michael G. Smith, Bishop of North Dakota
The Rt. Rev’d Don A. Wimberly, Bishop of Texas, resigned
The Rt. Rev’d David Reed, Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas

Other signatories:

The Rt. Rev’d E. Ambrose Gumbs, Bishop of Virgin Islands
The Rt. Rev’d Julio Holguin, Bishop of Dominican Republic
The Rt. Rev’d Alfredo Morante, Bishop of Ecuador Litoral
The Rt. Rev’d Jean Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti
The Rt. Rev’d Francisco José Duque Gómez, Bishop of Colombia
The Rt. Rev’d Orlando Guerrero, Venezuela
The Rt. Rev’d Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras
The Rt. Rev’d Johnson Howard, Bishop of Florida
A Memorial to the Church

To the Deputies and Bishops of The Episcopal Church assembled at the 78th General Convention:

Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did. So there was great joy in that city. Acts 8:4-6,8

In the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the newly formed church of disciples of the risen Savior found itself in a new situation. No longer could Christians depend on traditional ways of following Jesus and traditional places in which to do it. Driven out of their comfortable existence praying in the Temple in Jerusalem and waiting for the kingdom to come, they found themselves in new and unexpected neighborhoods, developing new ways of proclaiming the Word. Yet they found that the crowds were eager to hear the Good News of Christ and welcomed it with joy. The very loss of the old ways of being the church gave them opportunities to expand and multiply the reach of Christ’s loving embrace.

Our beloved Episcopal Church is in a similar situation. We must find new ways of proclaiming the gospel in varied and ever changing neighborhoods. Old ways of being the church no longer apply. We can no longer settle for complacency and comfort. We can no longer claim to dominate the political and social landscape. We can no longer wait inside our sanctuaries to welcome those who want to become Episcopalian.

We have a choice before us. We can continue, valiantly and tragically, to try to save all the rights and privileges we have previously enjoyed. We can continue to watch our church dwindle until it someday becomes an endowed museum to the faith of our forebears. We can continue business as usual until we lose our common life entirely.

Or we can lose our life for Jesus’ sake so that we might save it.

We, the undersigned, hold dear the Episcopal Church and believe passionately in the gift this church offers. Washed in the waters of Baptism and nourished from the deep springs of word and sacrament, we experience the power of God’s presence as we open the Scriptures and celebrate the Eucharist. We stand in awe of the mystery of the Holy Trinity and the power of the triune God to love, to forgive, to make whole. We know the joy of serving God through serving others. We long for a world with every unjust structure toppled. We love this church enough to yearn for it to be transformed.

We recognize the importance of this present moment. We join the Task Force for Reimagining the Church in calling for the church to follow Jesus into the neighborhood, traveling lightly. Our deepest hopes and aspirations are not dependent upon any particular act of this Convention. Many essential steps are found in the daily walk of discipleship undertaken by congregations and individuals throughout the church, and we commend the work of many who are helping the church adopt these discipleship practices. This Convention, however, has the opportunity to act on a number of matters.
that can support God's faithful people, our parishes and missions, and our dioceses in living out the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Specifically, we call upon the people of the Episcopal Church to:

Recommit to reading scripture, praying daily, gathering weekly for corporate worship, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom, knowing that engaging in these practices brings personal and corporate transformation;

Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, including learning how to tell the story of how Jesus makes a difference in our lives, even and especially to those who have not experienced true transformation;

Pray and fast for the Holy Spirit to add day by day to those who come within the reach of Christ’s saving embrace;

Encounter Jesus Christ through loving service to those in need and through seeking justice and peace among all people.

And we call upon those bishops and deputies gathered for Convention to the following actions as specific ways we may enter this time of transition in a spirit of exploration, discovering the gifts that the Holy Spirit has for us in this moment:

Engage creatively, openly, and prayerfully in reading the signs of the times and discerning the particular ways God is speaking to the Episcopal Church now;

Pray, read the scriptures, and listen deeply for the Holy Spirit's guidance in electing a new Presiding Bishop and other leaders, in entering into creative initiatives for the spread of the kingdom, and in restructuring the church for mission;

Fund evangelism initiatives extravagantly: training laborers to go into the harvest to revitalize existing congregations and plant new ones; forming networks and educational offerings to train and deploy church planters and revitalizers who will follow Jesus into all kinds of neighborhoods; and creating training opportunities for bilingual and bi-cultural ministry;

Release our hold on buildings, structures, comfortable habits, egos, and conflicts that do not serve the church well;

Remove obstacles embedded in current structures, however formerly useful or well-meaning, that hinder new and creative mission and evangelism initiatives;

Refocus our energies from building up a large, centralized, expensive, hierarchical church-wide structure, to networking and supporting mission at the local level, where we all may learn how to follow Jesus into all of our neighborhoods.

Like those early followers of Christ, we find ourselves being scattered out of familiar and comfortable places and ways of being the church. Rather than be ruled by memory and consumed by fear, we can embrace this crisis, trusting that the Lord of Life will give us everything we need to
spread the Gospel, proclaim the kingdom, and share the love of God. May God grant great joy in every city and neighborhood into which we go.

Respectfully submitted,

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MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day's minutes.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

HD Message # 289: A189 (Express Thanks for Worship Services) Adopted
HD Message # 291: A193 (Express Gratitude to TREC) Adopted
HD Message # 292: A002 (Amend Article I.1-6 of the Constitution) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 293: B014 (Racial Reconciliation) Committee Discharged
HD Message # 294: A197 (Budget of The Episcopal Church) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 295: D037 (Amending Names in Church Records) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 296: D021 (Denominational Health Plan Mandate) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 297: A170 (Food System Advocacy) Concurred
HD Message # 298: E010 (Executive Council (Clergy)) Confirmed
HD Message # 299: D008 (Amend Article I.1 of the Constitution) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message # 300: E020 (Executive Council (Lay)) Confirmed
HD Message # 301: A194 (Official Youth Presence) Adopted
HD Message # 304: C045 (Environmentally Responsible Investing) Concurred
HD Message # 305: A124 (Amend Title IV) Concurred
HD Message # 306: A030 (Create Task Force on Climate Change) Concurred
HD Message # 307: A169 (Revision of the Book of Common Prayer) Concurred
HD Message # 308: X010 (Presiding Bishop's Appointments) Concurred
HD Message # 309: X019 (Confirmation of Executive Council (Bishops))
HD Message # 310: X020 (Confirmation for GBEC) Adopted
HD Message # 312: A067 (Revise Book of Common Prayer for Revised Common Lectionary [second reading]) Concurred

HD Message # 316: D023 (Continuing the Work of TREC) Rejected
HD Message # 317: D017 (Change the Resolution Filing Deadline) Rejected
HD Message # 318: D054 (Countering Violence Against Women) Referred
HD Message # 319: A014 (ERD: 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World) Adopted
HD Message # 320: D047 (Retirement Benefits for Same-Gender Couples) Concurred
HD Message # 321: D012 (NAES: 50 Years of Service) Adopted
Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop announced a Committee of Conference on Structure.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved the Mind of the House Resolution on elections of trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #269)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X035)
Resolved, The consent given by the House of Bishops to the election of Trustees for the Church Pension Fund is not intended to establish a precedent regarding to the process used to nominate candidates for election at the 78th General Convention.
Looking ahead to the 79th General Convention, the House requests the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to review the relevant canons and rules regarding the nomination and election of Church Pension Fund trustees. This is in order to clarify any confusion about this nomination/election process before work begins in the coming triennium.
The House of Bishops asks the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to consult with relevant stakeholders in the nomination/election process and report the results of its review to the Presiding Officers of both houses, the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, and the chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations.

Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #10 (X016) on the Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #266)

Elected as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund:
Ms. Martha Bedell Alexander
The Rev. Thomas James Brown
The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel III (to fill unexpired term)
The Very Rev. Tracey Lind
Mr. Kevin B. Lindahl
Ms. Sandra F. McPhee
The Rev. Dr. Tim Mitchell
Ms. Margaret A. Niles
The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior
Ms. Sandra S. Swan
Canon Anne M. Vickers
The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye A. Wilson
Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #24 on HD Message #192 on Resolution D027 (Remove Juanita Neal from OFAC Designation List) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #267)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(D027)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Office of Government Relations, in consultation with appropriate pro bono counsel, make written request that Mrs. Juanita Neal, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia, be relieved from any no-fly list restrictions so that she may travel outside Liberia for medical treatment; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, in consultation with appropriate pro bono counsel and chancellors, is requested to develop a proposed procedure to present to Executive Council, by its November 2015 meeting, for the careful factual and legal review of any future requests that The Episcopal Church either intervene or express support in connection with any named individual in civil, criminal, or administrative litigation or who is suffering from other adverse government action.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #26 on Resolution D060 (Establish a Process for the Revision of the Hymnal 1982) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(D060)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to prepare a plan for the comprehensive revision of the Hymnal 1982; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The question was called.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D060.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #268)

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #58 on HD Message #210 on Resolution A081 (Commend Use of the TEAC Ministry Grids) and moved concurrence.
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A081.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #270)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A081)
Resolved, That the Theological Education for the Anglican Communion (TEAC) Ministry Grids, modified as needed for the Episcopal Church, provide an excellent framework for outlining ministry competencies for all four orders. Given the rapidly changing cultural landscape and contexts for ministry, these grids are commended to all dioceses as instruments for guiding the ongoing formation of leaders in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That given the variety of models of formation being developed across The Episcopal Church, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development also commends these grids as a framework for effective assessment of those preparing for ordination.

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #10 on HD Message #296 on Resolution D021 (Reevaluate the Denominational Health Plan Mandate) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

The Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, Bishop of Utah, moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the third Resolve in its entirety.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D021 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #273)
Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 on Resolution X029 (Prayers and Support for the Anglican Province of Burundi) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #407)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X029)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention sends its prayers and support to the Anglican Province of Burundi and its Primate, the Most Reverend Bernard Ntahoturi; and be it further

Resolved, That as the Vice-President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Burundi, Archbishop Ntahoturi could not be present with us, as he had hoped, due to the tragic violence that has occurred during their Parliamentary elections that have begun this week; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our prayerful solidarity with Archbishop Ntahoturi and the people of his province as they seek truth and reconciliation among the people of their nation; and be it further

Resolved, That we pray for peace, open and fair elections, and an end to the violence in Burundi.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on HD Message #151 on Resolution D029 (Give Thanks for the Ministry of David Booth Beers) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred by acclamation
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #279)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D029)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize and give thanks for the extraordinary ministry to The Episcopal Church of David Booth Beers, who has served for twenty-three years as Chancellor to three successive Presiding Bishops and who has demonstrated personal courage, fortitude, leadership, compassion, creativity, and due diligence in advancing the interests of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on HD Message #289 on Resolution A189 (Express Thanks for Worship Services) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #281)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A189)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express its praise and thanksgiving for all those who contributed their time, talents and gifts to our worship services; and be it further

Resolved, That the House is grateful for the feeding of our hearts by musicians, singers and those who chanted; for the visual prayers created by the artists; for the liturgists for their preparation of the services; for the Altar Guild, interpreters, translators and communion ministers for setting the table and distributing the Eucharistic banquet; and for the volunteer ushers; and be it further
Resolved, That we appreciate those who presided, preached, read and assisted at the altar, for feeding our minds and souls.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on HD Message #291 on Resolution A193 (Express Gratitude to the Task Force on Re-Imagining The Episcopal Church (TREC)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #283)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A193)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention express its deep gratitude to the Task Force on Re-Imagining The Episcopal Church, in recognition of its members’ commitment to the charge they were given; and be it further
Resolved, That their design and implementation of a process of questioning, listening, researching, presenting and discerning is greatly appreciated as we seek to strengthen our witness as followers of Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That we are grateful for their labors over the past three years and their dedicated and memorable service to The Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on HD Message #301 on Resolution A194 (Express Appreciation to the Official Youth Presence) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #284)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A194)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express heartfelt appreciation to the Official Youth Presence; and be it further
Resolved, That the Official Youth Presence is representative of the diversity of The Episcopal Church, and its participation in the governing process speaks to the growth and prosperity of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention congratulate the members, chaperones and coordinators of the Official Youth Presence for participating in and contributing to the 78th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on Resolution X025 (Thanksgiving to the Diocese of Utah for Hosting our 78th General Convention) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #403)
Final Text of Resolution: (X025)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention express its deep thanks for the countless hours of hard work that the Right Reverend Scott Hayashi, his staff, and all the baptized of the Diocese of Utah offered in preparing for and carrying out this convention; and be it further Resolved, That this House of Bishops concurs with State Song of Utah, when we all say: “Utah, we love thee.”

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on HD Message #152 on Resolution D059 (Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #289)

Final Text of Resolution: (D059)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church join the Diocese of Pittsburgh in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese’s admission to union with the General Convention, and acknowledge the many ways that the Diocese has been an innovator in the service of God and the Church, including Pittsburgh’s leadership in radio broadcasts of religious services, the formation of the United Thank Offering and the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the resilience of the Diocese in its recovery from schism and looks forward to its continuing heritage of innovation and leadership in the next 150 years.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution X026 (Thanksgiving to the people of Salt Lake City for their Hospitality) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #404)

Final Text of Resolution: (X026)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention express our thanksgiving to the good people of Salt Lake City for their gracious hospitality as they welcomed us to their city during our convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on HD Message #153 on Resolution D078 (Commending Institute for Healing of Memories and the Rev. Fr. Michael Lapsley, SSM) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #293)

Final Text of Resolution: (D078)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commends the Institute for Healing of Memories and its founder and Director, Fr. Michael Lapsley, SSM for their work and witness in North America.
and internationally which, through its Healing of Memories workshops and other related activities offers opportunities for reconciliation, forgiveness and spiritual healing to nations, communities and individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirms that Institute for Healing for Memories and Fr. Lapsley, by offering opportunities for healing and reconciliation to people affected by torture, genocide, interpersonal violence, racism, war, incarceration, addiction and other trauma, thereby exemplifying the Church’s Fourth Mark of Mission: “To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation”; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commends the North American affiliate of the Institute for Healing of Memories, which is the Institute of Healing-North America, as a potential partner in mission for Church dioceses and their congregations.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution X027 (Thanksgiving to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #405)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X027)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention express our appreciation and gratitude to the leaders, members, and staff of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for extending their hospitality to us, and especially for allowing us the use of their spiritual and historical spaces on Temple Square for this Convention’s Utah Showcase on July 1, 2015.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #9 on Resolution X028 (Thanksgiving for the 125 years of Generosity of the United Thank Offering) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #406)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X028)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention celebrate and honor the United Thank Offering (UTO) for the past 125 years of supporting God’s mission and ministry throughout the world.
Resolved, That from its humble beginnings in the 19th century we give thanks for the many women who were a prime source of support and funding for the general church budget, promoting and funding much of the missionary outreach of The Episcopal Church to the States and to foreign dioceses and provinces throughout the world.
Resolved, That we give thanks that in the past 125 years the United Thank Offering (UTO) has collected and given away $133,355,181.05 representing 5,121 grants.
Resolved, That this House of Bishops thank all donors and supporters of the United Thank Offering over the past 125 years and encourage all dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church to continue their support of the United Thank Offering on an ongoing basis.
Resolved, That this House of Bishops thank the members and staff of the United Thank Offering in all their efforts for their ingathering and grants and encourage them to continue their outreach throughout the world.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on Resolution X030 (Thanksgiving for Sue Wood and her 30 years of service to the House of Bishops) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #411)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(X030)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention expresses its profound thanks to Sue Wood for serving as Recording Secretary for the House of Bishops at ten General Conventions over thirty years; and be it further

Resolved, That as she has served with four Presiding Bishops (John Allen, Edmund Browning, Frank Griswold, & Katharine Jefferts Schori) and four Secretaries (Herbert Donovan, Mary Adelia McLeod, Richard Chang, Ken Price), most recently led by Ken Price, she has been a fierce protector of the minutes and of their accuracy in all details; and be it further

Resolved, That she has been an astute mentor to other members of the Secretariat as well as to bishops, and a veritable treasure trove of crucial information of General Conventions, past and present; and be it further

Resolved, That even though she will be greatly missed as she retires, we will all continue to benefit from her wisdom and work for many General Conventions to come.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on Resolution X031 (Thanksgiving for those who have served our Church, our Presiding Bishop, and the House of Bishops) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted by acclamation**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #409)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(X031)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention offer our deepest thanks to those who have served our Church, our Presiding Bishop, and the House of Bishops in the last triennium and at this General Convention: Our Chaplains, the Reverend Simon Bautista, the Reverend Stephanie Spellers, and Mr. Dent Davidson; Our Interpreters, Ms. Dinorah Padro and Ms. Jeniffer Collins; Chancellors, Mr. David Beers and Ms. Mary Kostel; In-House Counsel, Mr. Paul Nix; Executive Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Ms. Sharon Jones; Canon to the Presiding Bishop, the Reverend Canon Chuck Robertson; Administrative Assistant to Canon Robertson, Ms. Ednice Baerga; and, last, but certainly not least, Ms. Frances Wilson and her group of dedicated volunteers.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on Resolution X033 (The Right Reverend G. Richard Millard) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #304)
Final Text of Resolution:

(033)  
Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at the 78th General Convention, expresses its gratitude to Bishop Millard for his long and faithful service to the Church he has loved; and be it further  
Resolved, Bishop Millard, born on October 2, 1914 in Shasta, California, graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, served as a parish priest in New York, Connecticut, and California before being elected and consecrated as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of California in 1960; and be it further  
Resolved, Bishop Millard served the Diocese of California caring for the area of the Diocese that is now part of the Diocese of El Camino Real; and be it further  
Resolved, Bishop Millard marched with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others in Selma in 1964; and be it further  
Resolved, Bishop Millard, upon his resignation as Bishop Suffragan of California, served the Church at the Episcopal Church Center and as Bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe; and be it further  
Resolved, Bishop Millard “retired” in his early 80s when he earned a Masters in counseling psychology and until age 90 he served as a chaplain in a Veterans Hospital; and be it further  
Resolved, the Right Rev. G. Richard Millard will turn 101 on October 2, 2015.

The Presiding Bishop called for a 15-minute recess.

Noonday Prayers
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplains Bautista and Davidson.

Special Consent Calendar

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #19 on HD Message #195 on Resolution C053 (Protecting Indigenous Subsistence Rights and Native Food Sources) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #303)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(C053)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to study and theologically interpret the social justice issues facing Alaska Native and Native American Subsistence Hunters and Gatherers, and to recommend policies and strategies to support Subsistence rights and access to traditional native food sources to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further  
Resolved, That this work give attention to the consequences for Subsistence Cultures of climate change, and policy decisions or proposals that have affected, or may affect the future, migration patterns, population, and health of wild fish and game—the native and traditional food source of Subsistence Cultures; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society engage this work in direct consultation with Elders, Indigenous Subsistence Hunters and the Bishops of the native and indigenous communities they represent; and be it further
Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society engage the ministry of the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for public policies that address the sustainable subsistence rights of indigenous cultures.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #20 on HD Message #193 on Resolution D034 (Affirmation and Support of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #305)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D034)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm and renew the Church’s commitment expressed in the 70th General Convention to the principles of inclusion and the protection of the civil rights of all persons with disabilities on this, the 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (July 26th, 1990), in the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare its continuing unwavering support, and advocate for total compliance with the spirit and intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act by all covered entities, including public and government entities and places of public accommodation in the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention upon passage of this Resolution issue a press release announcing said Resolution to the national media signed by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations be urged to seek education from available community deaf/hard of hearing and disability organizations on supporting full inclusion of disabled persons in all aspects of public life.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #21 on HD Message #196 on Resolution D057 (Recommitment to the Spirit of Sanctuary) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #306)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D057)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recommit to the spirit of the New Sanctuary Movement by supporting congregations so they can assist immigrant individuals, unaccompanied minors, families, and communities by being centers of information, services and accompaniment, and by supporting families facing separation in the absence of comprehensive, humane immigration reform.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #22 on HD Message #194 on Resolution D074 (Temporary Protective Status for Immigrants at Risk) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #307)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D074)
Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church welcome and affirm the bipartisan initiative of Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Albio Sires (D-NJ), Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Tony Cardenas (D-CA), Robert Dold (R-IL), Juan Vargas (D-CA), David Valadao (R-CA), and Joaquin Castro (D-TX), urging President Obama to immediately extend Temporary Protective Status (TPS) to Guatemalans living in the United States with the hope of creating a path to citizenship for this group; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate through education, communication, and representation before legislative authorities for TPS for all immigrants fleeing for refuge from violence, environmental disaster, economic devastation, or cultural abuse or other forms of abuse; and be it further
Resolved, That this Resolution be communicated to the President of the United States and to the members of Congress of the United States.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #23 on HD Message #197 on Resolution D048 (Support for Certain Immigration Relief) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #308)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D048)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge The Episcopal Church to support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth and parents designed to keep families together, as outlined in the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) executive actions; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church re-affirm 2009-B006 which advocates for immigration reform.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #24 on HD Message #201 on Resolution D032 (Disability Advocacy in Criminal Justice Work of The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #309)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D032)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the Church’s commitment to people with disabilities in society, and recognize mission and leadership of the Episcopal Disability Network in helping to challenge and guide our Church’s work in this area; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm our Church’s many ministries with those who are suspects, defendants, incarcerated, or otherwise involved with the criminal justice system, following the call of Jesus to attend to those who are in prison as if they are Christ himself; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize and acknowledge that roughly half of adult criminal defendants in the United States have a physical, mental, learning, or other disability and two-thirds
of juvenile defendants have a disability qualifying them for special education services and instruction; and that we further acknowledge persistent race-based disparities in the treatment of people with mental health conditions in our criminal justice system, and that in particular Black people with mental health conditions are more likely to be incarcerated than people of other races with similar conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that people with disabilities are often denied significant civil rights and even the liberty of life through encounters with law enforcement officials and throughout the criminal justice system, and that many are denied proper treatment and accommodations while in the system; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church condemn unreasonable use of force by law enforcement against people with disabilities and urge law enforcement officials to consider the possibility of disability when engaging with criminal suspects, and urge law enforcement leaders to provide extensive training to frontline officers on how to identify and engage effectively with people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for the civil rights and proper treatment of and accommodations for people with disabilities throughout the criminal justice system and ask the Episcopal Public Policy Network to help the Church advocate on this issue; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that all who minister in the criminal justice system, whether with law enforcement officials, defendants, or prisoners, need to understand disability issues in order to do their work effectively; and therefore urge all in the Church who are involved with these ministries to seek training and education on mental and physical disabilities and the legal rights of people with disabilities, by partnering with disability organizations and networks in our communities that provide this training; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget of $25,000 to support the work of an ad-hoc triennial committee consisting of leaders active in disability rights, racial justice, prison ministries, and criminal justice advocacy from around the Church to discuss these disparities in the criminal justice system and to develop a blueprint for best practices, resources for training, advocacy, and future networking to provide support our Church's work in the area of criminal justice, and to report to the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church on its work and with recommendations for future steps.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #25 on HD Message #198 on Resolution D079 (Education for Undocumented Families) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #315)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D079)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge dioceses and congregations to provide resources and education for undocumented persons and their families to learn about their legal rights, including their rights regarding certain immigration relief such as asylum; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #26 on HD Message #199 on Resolution D073 (Supporting Home- and Community-Based Services) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #310)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(D073)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on states to fully fund all Medicaid and state general revenue-funded home and community-based services and to support programs for persons with disabilities of all ages, to provide individualized services, and to reduce all waiting lists and end unnecessary delays for such services; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on states to end the segregation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in large congregate institutions and other facilities, both publicly and privately operated, and commit to serving all persons in the community; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and local congregations to discern ways in which they can provide practical support to individuals and families affected by a lack of adequate home and community-based services and supports.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #27 on HD Message #200 on Resolution D077 (Uniting Families) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #317)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(D077)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge dioceses and congregations to develop programs and partnerships with local agencies that emphasize the value of strong immigrant families and provide assistance with psychological, financial, and spiritual needs so as to assist immigrant families with their needs as they struggle to adapt to their new home country; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Formation and Education for Ministry  
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #27 on HD Message #219 on Resolution A022 (Amend Mandate and Membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #319)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A022)  
Resolved, That the mandate and membership for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism is hereby amended to read as follows:
This Committee is charged with guiding and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:

Recognizing and developing its anti-racism work as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation; monitoring and evaluating anti-racism and anti-racism related ministries and programming of The Episcopal Church and, when feasible, contributing to the oversight and coordination of said ministries and programming; recommending best practices for eliminating racism; collecting data on provincial anti-racism activities to be submitted to Executive Council on an annual basis; developing criteria for the credentialing of certified anti-racism trainers; and monitoring compliance of anti-racism legislation passed by General Convention.

Membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism shall be composed of one person trained in anti-racism, named by the governing body of each province of this Church, plus one member of the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking for Mission and one Bishop.

(a) Each Committee member shall serve one triennium beginning January 1 in the year following each General Convention until the December 31 following the next General Convention. Members may be named to serve consecutive terms by their provinces.

(b) In the event that a province fails to name a person to serve on the Committee by the January 1, when each term begins, the Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council shall appoint a qualified person from that province to serve on the Committee.

(c) The Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council shall appoint the member from the Joint Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking, and the Chair shall appoint the Bishop member.

(d) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original members were named. Vacancies in excess of 30 days shall be filled by the Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council, and in the case of a Bishop vacancy, by the Chair of Executive Council.

(e) To ensure representation of diverse racial and ethnic voices on this Committee, if there are no members named who are from the racial or ethnic groups of black, Latino/a, Asian, Native American/Indigenous, and non-Hispanic white, then the Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council shall appoint a member at large from each unrepresented racial or ethnic group.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #28 on HD Message #95 on Resolution A023 (Continue the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #320)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A023)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the existence of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism for another nine years; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the importance of the work of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism to support the Church to live into existing General Convention resolutions mandating anti-racism training for clergy and lay leaders of the Church, which includes meeting in person to review, recommend, and endorse anti-racism curricula for use by the Church and to plan and prepare for at least one Church-wide “Train the Trainer” workshop in the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $131,500 covering training, licensing, face-to-face meetings, and translation for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #29 on HD Message #217 on Resolution A024 (Direct Dioceses to Examine the Impact of the Doctrine of Discovery) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #322)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A024)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant and in the spirit of being inclusive, reaffirm and renew the directive to all dioceses, made by the 76th and 77th General Conventions, to examine the impact, including acts of racial discrimination, racial profiling, and other race-based acts of oppression, that the repudiated Doctrine of Discovery, as well as the related Doctrine of Manifest Destiny, has had on all people, especially on people of color and indigenous peoples.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #30 on HD Message #34 on Resolution A026 (Develop Local Models of Establishing Young Men’s Ministries in Indigenous Congregations) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #323)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A026)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention support dioceses and congregations in their efforts to develop ministry among young men in Native American communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries administer funding for, and gather models of ministry among, young men that encourage active participation in God’s Reign in the Church and in the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #31 on HD Message #35 on Resolution A027 (Develop and Support Tribal College Campus Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #324)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A027)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention support dioceses and congregations in efforts to develop ministry among students and staff in Tribal Colleges and federally designated Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI); and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Campus Ministry collaborate with the Provincial Campus Ministry Network and the Episcopal Church Center staff in developing models of ministry that connect the local faith community and the college campuses; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #32 on HD Message #36 on Resolution A028 (Support Indigenous Theological Training) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #325)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A028)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention support the Bishops’ Native Collaborative, Indigenous training for Province IX, and for other Indigenous ministry training programs under the direction and supervision of the Office of Indigenous Ministry and the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries of The Episcopal Church; be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support the ongoing development of the Bishops’ Native Collaborative to train and equip leaders and their faith communities in pastoral theology to effectively work with families and individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That Indigenous people be encouraged to develop and share these resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries to seek ways to collaborate with the Dioceses of Oklahoma, Iowa, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, Hawaii, Fond du Lac, Olympia, Los Angeles, Western North Carolina, Ecuador Central, Central Gulf Coast, Western New York, Central New York, Long Island, Northern California, Rio Grande, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and others with Native members for purposes of theological education.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #34 on HD Message #214 on Resolution A031 (Continue to Develop the Search Toolkit) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #327)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A031)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Transition Ministries, the Office of Pastoral Development, and the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women to continue development of search toolkit resources for female clergy and Church leadership discernment committees through the 2016-18 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention extend appreciation for support of the search toolkit at the 77th General Convention, and call on bishops and other diocesan leaders to urge the search toolkit’s use by search committees and transition ministries and to promote its availability for use among female clergy; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $20,000 to continue to develop the search toolkit and for resources such as expanded development of online materials, Spanish translation and videography.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #35 on HD Message #218 on Resolution A032 (Establish Coordinator Position for Women’s Ministries Networks) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #328)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A032)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to establish an independent contract employee or staff position for women’s ministries and networks in the amount of $150,000 for the triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this person be empowered to serve as a network catalyst to existing movements and programs across the Church, mobilizing women leaders, both lay and ordained; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available sufficient budgetary monies to the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women to provide additional seed money to be used to create a self-sustaining model for a vibrant network of women’s ministries across the Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #36 on HD Message #19 on Resolution A116 (Budget for Committee Expenses) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #329)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A116)
Resolved, That there be appropriated from the budget of the General Convention the sum of $40,800 for the expenses of the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development for the 2015-2018 triennium.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #37 on HD Message #15 on Resolution A121 (Amend Canon III.9.4(d)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #330)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A121)
Resolved, That Canon III.9.4(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(d) If a Priest has been called to a Cure in a congregation in another Diocese, the Priest shall present Letters Dimissory. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall accept Letters Dimissory within three months of their receipt unless the Bishop or Standing Committee has received credible information concerning the character or behavior of the Priest concerned which would form grounds for canonical inquiry and presentation proceedings under Title IV. In such a case, the
Ecclesiastical Authority shall notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident and need not accept the Letters Dimissory unless and until the Priest shall be exculpated. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall not refuse to accept Letters Dimissory based on the applicant’s race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #38 on HD Message #37 on Resolution A033 (Support Latinas in Ordained Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #331)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A033)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Justice and Advocacy Ministries office, and diocesan and provincial multicultural missioners, to discern and recommend steps to empower Latinas for ordained leadership in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Office of Transition Ministries, the Office of Justice and Advocacy Ministries, and diocesan and provincial multicultural missioners to review canons, policies, and practices related to the formation and ordination processes and to eliminate gender and cultural biases that mitigate against the ordination of Latinas; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $10,000 for the triennium to seed the development of ordained Latina leadership.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #39 on HD Message #38 on Resolution A034 (Support Latinas in Lay Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #332)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A034)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Office of Justice and Advocacy Ministries, and with diocesan and provincial multicultural missioners, in supporting programs to develop leadership skills for Latina youth and young adults; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $10,000 for the triennium to seed the development of Latina lay leadership.
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #41 on HD Message #205 on Resolution A045 (Appoint Task Force for Clergy Leadership Formation in Small Churches) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #333)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A045)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize a task force with membership appointed by the Presiding Officers consisting of no fewer than 10 nor more than 20 representatives including, but not limited to, representatives from local diocesan programs, representatives from seminaries, ecumenical representation, or representatives who are engaged in advanced theological education; and that the task force be made up of bishops, priests, deacons, and laity to explore quality programs for formation, for expanding education opportunities for clergy and laity, for collaboration between local diocesan school programs and seminaries, for ecumenical collaboration, and to explore a wide range of delivery methods. The task force shall report back to the 79th General Convention with a plan to provide quality formation for clergy in small congregations that is affordable, theologically reflective, and innovative; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #42 on HD Message #96 on Resolution A046 (Provide Lay Leadership Formation Resources) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #334)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A046)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to oversee the establishment of an online resource list and library of materials and programs for licensed lay leadership in small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That every diocese be interviewed to determine if there are any local internal resources that may be appropriate to be included in the resource list so that each diocese may provide leadership formation for all licensed lay ministries through a variety of methods appropriate to the need of the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That a report by the Executive Council be made to The Episcopal Church by June 30, 2016 so that access to information may be distributed to the wider Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #43 on HD Message #20 on Resolution A073 (Update Model Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #335)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A073)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct that the 2004 Model Policies developed by The Church Insurance Agency Corporation for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse (the “2004 Model Policies”) be updated and supplemented to reflect the experience of the Church in using the 2004 Model Policies and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events, and the experiences of LGBTQ persons; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, not later than September 30, 2015, jointly appoint a Special Task Group of five to seven persons with experience in the use and development of Model Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct to update, or to oversee the updating of, the 2004 Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That the updating and supplementing of the 2004 Model Policies be completed by March 31, 2016; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center appoint a knowledgeable person to serve as a point of contact for dioceses to obtain information about complying with the 2004 Model Policies and the Updated Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That not later than December 31, 2016, the Guidelines for the Protection of Children and Youth of each diocese conform to the Updated Model Policies with due regard to applicable local laws on the subject matters of the Updated Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses annually confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center, that the Guidelines of the diocese conform to the Updated Model Policies.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #44 on HD Message #69 on Resolution A123 (Amend Canon III.11.3(a)) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A123)
Resolved, That the paragraph following the testimonial in Canon III.11.3(a) be amended as follows: Sec. 3. (a) The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement of receipt of:
(1) evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;
(2) certificates from a licensed medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund shall be used for this purpose; and
(3) evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:
We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) ___ (Signed) ___

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (b) of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary certificates required in this Section (documents described in Sec. 3(b) Sec. 3(a)(2) of this Canon), to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

(b) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee: We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of _____, and having been duly convened at _____, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord _____.

(Signed) ______

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #45 on HD Message #21 on Resolution A074 (Update the Safeguarding Materials) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #338)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A074)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct that the Episcopal Church Center arrange for the updating or supplementing of written and web-based materials used in the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People programs to reflect the experience of the Church in using the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials; and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events, and the experiences of LGBTQ persons; and be it further
Resolved, That, in addition to developing printed and web-based versions of the updated or supplemented *Safeguarding God’s Children* and the *Safeguarding God’s People* materials, electronic links to the online versions of the *Safeguarding God’s Children* and the *Safeguarding God’s People* curricula be made available on The Episcopal Church website; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize the availability of the revised or supplemented written and web-based *Safeguarding God’s Children* and the *Safeguarding God’s People* materials to dioceses and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses of The Episcopal Church be required annually to confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center that the diocese and (to the best of its knowledge after due inquiry) congregations in the diocese are training persons in positions of authority (including clergy, staff, vestry, children, and youth educators/leaders and other volunteers) by using the *Safeguarding God’s Children* and the *Safeguarding God’s People* materials or other appropriate materials for this training; and be it further

Resolved, That after the written and web-based *Safeguarding God’s Children* and the *Safeguarding God’s People* curricula are revised or supplemented, re-training of trainers be conducted so that the persons conducting training in congregations and dioceses are fully aware of the changes in the training materials and are able to teach them competently; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #46 on HD Message #16 on Resolution A122 (Amend Canon III.12.3(a)(2)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #340)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A122)

Resolved, That Canon III.12.3(a)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) If no visitation has occurred in a congregation for three years, the Bishop Diocesan or the Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry or comparable body may apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint five Bishops Diocesan who live nearest to the Diocese in which such Congregation is situated as a Council of Conciliation. The Council shall determine all matters of difference between the parties, and each party shall conform to the decision of the Council; Provided, that, in case of any subsequent trial disciplinary proceedings of either party for failure to conform to the decision, any right of the Accused Respondent under the Constitutions and Canons of this Church or the Diocese holding the trial disciplinary proceedings may be pleaded and established as a sufficient defense, notwithstanding the former decision; and Provided, further, that, in any case, the Bishop may at any time apply for such Council of Conciliation.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #47 on HD Message #17 on Resolution A090 (Amend Canon III.8.5(g) Preparation for Ordination) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #342)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A090)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church replace existing Canon III.8.5 (g) with the following canon:

CANON III.8.5 (g):
Subject areas for studying during this program of preparation shall include:
(1) The Holy Scriptures.
(2) Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement. *History of the Christian Church.*
(3) Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
(4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.
(5) Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural ministry skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one's first language.
(6) Liturgies and Church Music; *Christian Worship and Music* according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer, and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
(7) Theory and The Practice of Ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship; in contemporary society, including leadership, evangelism, stewardship, ecumenism, interfaith relations, mission theology, and the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #48 on HD Message #211 on Resolution B007 (Participation in the Bible in the Life of the Church Project of the Anglican Communion) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #344)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B007)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its appreciation to the Anglican Consultative Council and the staff of the Anglican Communion Office for the Anglican Communion's "Bible in the Life of the Church" project in its efforts to deepen engagement with Scripture across the Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the dioceses of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to make their parishes, clergy and lay leaders aware of the resources and findings of the "Bible in the Life of the Church" project; and be it further
Resolved, That the dioceses and seminaries of The Episcopal Church be invited to engage with Scripture together with Episcopalians/Anglicans from other parts of the Communion using the methods and resources of the "Bible in the Life of the Church"; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and seminaries of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to contribute educational resources from their own contexts to the "Bible in the Life of the Church" project in order to share lessons from their contexts with the wider Anglican Communion.
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #49 on HD Message #129 on Resolution B015 (Triennial Funding for the Board of Examining Chaplains) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #345)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B015)
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation for the General Board of Examining Chaplains for the 2016-2018 Triennium as follows:

2016
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $33,675
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000

2017
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $35,685
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000

2018
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $38,055
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000;

and be it further
Resolved, That given this level of funding from the General Convention 2016-2018 budget, the General Board of Examining Chaplains requests that the fee for the General Ordination Examination be set at $500; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance allocate $161,415 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #50 on HD Message #39 on Resolution A082 (Provide Theological Education for Latino/Hispanic Ministries) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #346)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A082)
Resolved, That given the changing demographics in the United States, there is an increased need to provide theological education programs for lay and ordained leaders in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to allocate $100,000 to the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries to develop and implement bilingual Episcopal theological education programs for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries also create programs to provide enculturation and cultural competency for all leaders across The Episcopal Church.
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #51 on HD Message #215 on Resolution A079 (Recommend Membership in Forma) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #348)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A079)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend Forma for its leadership in building a network of lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education, assisting in the exchange of information among Christian Formation leaders, and providing resources and certification programs for lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #52 on HD Message #212 on Resolution A076 (Commend Use of Christian Formation Certifications) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #350)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A076)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend to all dioceses and congregations the use of Christian Formation Certifications as a way to encourage professional development for both paid and unpaid Christian Formation leaders and to deepen the Church’s commitment to the value and status of lay Christian Formation leaders; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend the work of Forma in having developed through Faith Formation Academy the Certificate in Leadership for Lifelong Christian Formation and the Certificate for Youth and Family Ministry; the programs at Virginia Theological Seminary; the Seminary of the Southwest’s Certificate Program in Christian Formation; General Theological Seminary’s Certificate in the Spiritual Guidance of Children; and the programs of other recognized entities offering continuing education opportunities and certification for those called to the ministry of Christian Formation; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center promote awareness of these certification programs.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #54 on HD Message #213 on Resolution A077 (Publicize Resources for People with Special Needs) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #351)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A077)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Center promote awareness of the programs offered by the Episcopal Church Center for People with Special Needs; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that all people are children of God and that those with developmental disabilities may require different approaches to education and pastoral care; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Episcopal Church Center to publicize, through the Episcopal Church website and by other appropriate means, to dioceses, congregations, and Christian Formation leaders, compilations of resources that will help educators and clergy in the formation of persons with developmental disabilities.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #55 on HD Message #209 on Resolution A078 (Reaffirm The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #352)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A078)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend the ministry of Christian Formation and education leaders in The Episcopal Church for continuing to lift up The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation adopted as Resolution A082 at the 76th General Convention; and the importance of inviting, inspiring, and transforming all people, lay and ordained, in the Christian Faith as well as the continued development of training for leaders of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations adopt The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation and annually review the ways in which their Christian Formation ministries reflect and embody The Charter.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #56 on HD Message #208 on Resolution C004 (Voice and Vote for Non-Canonical Resident Clergy) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #354)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C004)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request a study of the issue of clergy both Episcopal and Lutheran serving congregations in a Diocese where they are not canonically resident; and be it further
Resolved, That the study results in canonical direction to the Church in the matter of vote in Dioceses where such clergy are living and serving congregations but do not hold canonical residence.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #57 on HD Message #207 on Resolution C014 (Commend Charter for Compassion) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #356)
Final Text of Resolution:
(C014)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirms the Charter for Compassion and its encouragement of respectful and compassionate conversation while honoring full expression of differences, and encourages its study and a prayerful response; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention asserts the importance of joining with other partners to further the understanding of the principles of compassion and how we might live more intentionally, putting compassion at the center of our daily lives and relationships within the Episcopal Church and beyond, in ecumenical and interreligious contexts, within our cities and towns, and in the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages all dioceses to study the Charter for Compassion and to participate in its call to action.

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #5 on HD Message #220 on Resolution D067 (Non-Participation in For-Profit Prisons) and moved concurrence.
Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #358)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D067)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs The Episcopal Church to continue a no-buy policy with respect to corporations which own or operate for-profit prisons and hereby encourages the Church Pension Fund to institute a similar no-buy policy.

Election of General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #8 (X032) on the Election of Trustees of General Theological Seminary and moved confirmation.
Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #361)

Elected as Trustees of General Theological Seminary:
Ms. Anne Clark Brown
Ms. Dianne Audrick Smith

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #9 on HD Message #279 on Resolution X011 (Presiding Bishop’s Nominations) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(X011)
The following were nominated by the Presiding Bishop and approved by acclamation:
Mr. Juan Cabrero Oliver, Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer
Mr. Bruce Mullen, Historiographer
Church Pension Fund, Recorder of Ordinations

End of Consent Calendar
Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #33 on HD Message #216 on Resolution A115 (Amend Title III.12.9: Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #311)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A115)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention amend Canon III.12.9 as follows:
Sec. 9. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and a Diocese
When the pastoral relationship between a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan and the Diocese is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by the Bishop of that Diocese or a two-thirds majority vote of all of the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of the Diocesan Convention, any party may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement or dissension. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to reconcile the parties, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed mediator. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Presiding Bishop, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Bishop and the Diocese.

Sec. 10. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Collegial Relation between Bishops in the Same Diocese
When the collegial relationship between a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a Bishop of that Diocese or a two-thirds majority vote of all of the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of the Diocesan Convention, any party may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement or dissension. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the collegial relationship. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to reconcile the parties, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed mediator. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Presiding Bishop, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Bishops and the Diocese.

Sec. 10.11. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #40 on HD Message #22 on Resolution A102 (Amend Canon III.12.4(a)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #312)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A102)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention amend Canon III.12.4(a) to read as follows:
(a) Each Bishop serving in a Diocese shall reside maintain a residence in that Diocese, except with the consent of the Standing Committee of that Diocese.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #53 on HD Message #70 on Resolution A080 (Affirm Confirmation as Formation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #313)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A080)
Resolved, That recognizing that confirmation offers a distinct and valuable opportunity for Christian formation, that the General Convention request the Office of Formation and Congregational Development to convene representatives from 10 dioceses, including a bishop and two appointed leaders, to engage in intentional conversation about creating intergenerational and congregation-wide processes to equip people (teenagers and older) to claim their baptismal identity and be commissioned for ministry with the goal of strengthening and articulating best practices around confirmation; and be it further

Resolved, That these gatherings address the significance of confirmation as a creative opportunity for the reaffirmation of baptismal vows in the life of The Episcopal Church, and that confirmation produces confident baptized Christians and vital congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses engage in similar conversations on confirmation with attention to diverse cultures and their contexts, and report back to the Office of Formation and Congregational Development and the 79th General Convention on their findings; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $43,500 for the implementation of this resolution.

Year 1-2 ($3000)
Office of Formation and Congregational Development convene (virtually) a representative Confirmation Project Advisory Team to design a structured data-collection process to “tell the story” of confirmation as it is currently practiced in a diocese, and to develop an Episcopal Confirmation Project website to curate existing resources on confirmation.

End of Year 2 – Year 3 ($39,500)
Office of Formation and Congregational Development convene a gathered “laboratory” of 10 Dioceses and Advisory Team to facilitate a process which includes diocesan confirmation story sharing, engaging with expertise of Advisory Team, and structured dialogue.

Year 3 ($1000 – contract with author, web management)
Advisory Team prepares report on the significance of confirmation as Christian formation for the 79th General Convention including resolutions and disseminates the report to all participating dioceses.
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #59 on HD Message #318 on Resolution D054 (Countering Violence against Women) and concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #314)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D054)
Resolved, That the General Convention deeply regret the lack of progress in stemming the global pandemic of violence against women, in spite of the call of the 76th Convention #2009-D096 for bishops, clergy, and lay leadership to educate themselves on the problem; and be it further
Resolved, That a task force be appointed to prepare and distribute educational materials electronically, in the next triennium, encouraging Episcopal clergy and congregations to speak out, according to the 4th Mark of Mission, to transform the unjust silence of society in the face of this widespread practice of violence; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000.00 ($10,000 per year) for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #60 on HD Message #274 on Resolution D030 (Establish Parental Leave Policy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #316)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D030)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly urges all dioceses, congregations, and other church-related offices and agencies/contexts to establish and make available parental leave policies for birth and adoptive parents, both clergy and lay, in their employ; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention extend the provisions stated in resolution 2000-C042, to include mention that clergy who give birth have a 12 week benefit that is available through the short term disability coverage provided by the Church Pension Fund; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Church Pension Group to increase publicity and knowledge about the provisions provided through the short term disability; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Executive Council in consultation with the Church Pension Group to prepare a church wide model policy on parental leave for both birth and adoptive parents for consideration by the 79th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #61 on HD Message #276 on Resolution A120 (Amend Canon III.7 to add 7.11; amend Canon III.9, to add 9.12, and renumber 9.12 and 9.13; and Amend Canon III.12, to add 12.8 and Renumbe 12.8, 12.9, and 12.10) and moved concurrence.

Bishop Parsley moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
Restore the language of lines 22, 53, and 80, "being satisfied of the person's theological qualifications and soundness in the faith"

The question was called.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated  
Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

The question was called.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated  
Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #318)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A120)  
Resolved, That Canon III.7 be amended to add a new Canon III.7.11 to read as follows:  
Sec. 11. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal.  
(a) When a Deacon who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.7.8 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Deacon was last canonically resident, attaching the following:  
(1) Evidence of previous ordination in The Episcopal Church;  
(2) Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and anti-racism trainings;  
(3) A statement from no less than two members of the clergy known to the applicant in support of the application;  
(4) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.  
(b) If the Bishop so chooses, the Bishop may give permission for the Deacon to continue the process toward reinstatement, which may include the following:  
(1) Active participation in a congregation for a period of time at the Bishop's discretion;  
(2) Regular contact with the Bishop or the Bishop's designee during the course of the process;  
(3) Evaluation by a licensed mental health professional of the Bishop's choosing for the purposes of evaluation and of determining fitness for resumption of ordained ministry in this church;  
(4) Two references from those who are able to discuss the Deacon's former ministry;  
(5) Meeting with the Standing Committee, who shall have the benefit of the materials above and who shall provide to the Bishop its recommendation regarding reinstatement;  
(c) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require the Deacon seeking to return to the ministry to sign a written declaration as required in Article VIII of the Constitution, without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction and execute such declaration in the presence of the Bishop and two or more members of the clergy of this Church.  
(d) Thereafter the Bishop, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the Deacon's removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the return of the Deacon into the ordained Ministry of this Church.  
(e) The provisions of this Canon III.7.11 shall not be applicable to any Deacon who has been removed, released, or deposed from their ministry as the result of any proceeding of Title IV of these Canons.
(f) Notice of the Deacon’s return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.7.10; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9 be amended to add a new Canon III.9.12 to read as follows, and renumbering the two subsequent sections to be Canon III.9.13 and III.9.14.

Sec. 12. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal.
(a) When a Priest who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.9.8 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest was last canonically resident, attaching the following:
   (1) Evidence of previous ordination in The Episcopal Church;
   (2) Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and anti-racism trainings;
   (3) A statement from no less than two members of the clergy known to the applicant in support of the application;
   (4) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(b) If the Bishop so chooses, Bishop may give permission for the Priest to continue the process toward reinstatement, which may include the following:
   (1) Active participation in a congregation for a period of time at the Bishop’s discretion;
   (2) Regular contact with the Bishop or the Bishop’s designee during the course of the process;
   (3) Evaluation by a licensed mental health professional of the Bishop’s choosing for the purposes of evaluation and of determining fitness for resumption of ordained ministry in this church;
   (4) Two references from those who are able to discuss the Priest’s former ministry;
   (5) Meeting with the Standing Committee, who shall have the benefit of the materials above and who shall provide to the Bishop its recommendation regarding reinstatement;

(c) Before the Priest may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require the Priest seeking to return to the ministry to sign a written declaration as required in Article VIII of the Constitution, without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction and execute such declaration in the presence of the Bishop and two or more members of the clergy of this Church.

(d) Thereafter the Bishop, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the Priest’s removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the return of the person into the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(e) The provisions of this Canon III.9.11 shall not be applicable to any Priest who has been removed, released, or deposed from their ministry as the result of any proceeding of Title IV of these Canons.

(f) Notice of the Priest’s return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.9.11; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12 be amended to add a new Canon III.12.8, to read as follows, and renumbering the three subsequent sections to be Canon III.12.9, III.12.10, and III.12.11.

Sec. 8. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal
(a) When a Bishop who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.12.7 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Presiding Bishop, attaching the following:
   (1) Evidence of previous ordination in The Episcopal Church;
   (2) Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and anti-racism trainings;
   (3) A statement from no less than two Bishops known to the applicant in support of the application;
   (4) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(b) If the Presiding Bishop so chooses, the Presiding Bishop may give permission for the Bishop to continue the process toward reinstatement, which may include the following:
(1) Active participation in a congregation for a period of time at the Presiding Bishop's discretion;  
(2) Regular contact with the Presiding Bishop or the Presiding Bishop's designee during the course  
   of the process;  
(3) Evaluation by a licensed mental health professional of the Presiding Bishop's choosing for the  
   purposes of evaluation and of determining fitness for resumption of ordained ministry in this  
   church;  
(4) Two references from those who are able to discuss the Bishop’s former ministry;  
(5) Approval of the Presiding Bishop’s Council of Advice  
(c) Before the Bishop may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the  
   Presiding Bishop shall require the Bishop seeking to return to the ministry to sign a written  
   declaration as required in Article VIII of the Constitution, without recourse to any other ecclesiastical  
   jurisdiction and execute such declaration in the presence of the Presiding Bishop and two or more  
   Bishops of this Church.  
(d) Thereafter the Presiding Bishop, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the  
   Bishop’s removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Council of Advice to the  
   Presiding Bishop, the return of the Bishop into the ordained Ministry of this Church.  
(e) Notice of the Bishop's return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to  
   the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.12.7(c).  
(f) The provisions of this Canon III.12.8 shall not be applicable to any Bishop who has been removed,  
   released, or deposed from their ministry as the result of any proceeding of Title IV of these Canons.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #62  
on HD Message #275 on Resolution B023 (Review of Presiding Bishop Election Process) and moved  
concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #321)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B023)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention calls for a complete post-election review of the work of  
the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop including all aspects of  
the process including the work of the Transition Committee; and be it further  
Resolved, That the committee to review the process be appointed by the Presiding Officers jointly,  
and such committee include representatives of all aspects of the process as well as some who have  
critical distance; and be it further  
Resolved, That a report be given to the 79th General Convention of the committee’s findings and  
recommendations for future elections; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development provide support for this work; and be it further  
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget,  
and Finance to consider a budget of $50,000 for the review of the 2015 election.

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of  
Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. on the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 1:00 p.m.
Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:38 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message # 322**:
  - X021 (Confirmation of the Trustees of GTS (Bishops)) Adopted

- **HD Message # 323**:
  - X023 (Election of Treasurer of General Convention) Adopted

- **HD Message # 326**:
  - A200 (Task Force on the Study of Marriage) Adopted

- **HD Message # 327**:
  - D076 (Collect Title IV Information) Concurred

- **HD Message # 328**:
  - D031 (Amend Title IV) Referred

- **HD Message # 329**:
  - B022 (Study of Dual Call Couples) Adopted with Amendment

- **HD Message # 330**:
  - A005 (Amend Canon I.2) Committee Discharged

- **HD Message # 331**:
  - D075 (Accountability of GTS) Adopted with Substitute

- **HD Message # 332**:
  - A007 (Amend I.1.1) Committee Discharged

- **HD Message # 333**:
  - D064 (Provincial Block Grants) Committee Discharged

- **HD Message # 334**:
  - A176 (Humanitarian Relief in Liberia) Concurred

- **HD Message # 335**:
  - D007 (Amend Canon III.2.1 and III.12.4(a)) Adopted with Amendment

- **HD Message # 336**:
  - C025 (Adopt Charter for the Safety of People) Committee Discharged

- **HD Message # 337**:
  - A095 (Deepen Engagement of All People) Committee Discharged

- **HD Message # 338**:
  - A072 (Five Marks of Mission) Adopted with Amendment

- **HD Message # 339**:
  - D040 (Youth Anti-Racism Curricula) Adopted with Amendment

- **HD Message # 340**:
  - B011 (Amend Article II.7 [first reading]) Adopted with Amendment

- **HD Message # 341**:
  - B013 (Peacemaking Through Political Action) Concurred

- **HD Message # 342**:
  - A174 (Episcopal Gap Year Program) Concurred

- **HD Message # 343**:
  - A066 (Amend Article X of the Constitution [first reading]) Rejected

- **HD Message # 344**:
  - A050 (Adopt Charter for Safety) Referred

- **HD Message # 345**:
  - D063 (Dialog with Church of Jesus Christ of LDS) Concurred

- **HD Message # 346**:
  - D036 (Name Change Rite) Concurred

- **HD Message # 347**:
  - A075 (Online Christian Formation Resources) Concurred

- **HD Message # 348**:
  - C055 (Church-wide Day of Prayer) Concurred

- **HD Message # 349**:
  - A001 (Restructure for Spiritual Encounter) Adopted with Amendment

- **HD Message # 350**:
  - A083 (Map of Episcopal Theological Education Providers) Referred

- **HD Message # 351**:
  - D061 (Scholarships For Undocumented Youth) Adopted with Amendment

- **HD Message # 352**:
  - C028 (Disclosure of Criminal Records) Adopted with Substitute

- **HD Message # 353**:
  - A180 (Gratitude to the Church Pension Fund) Concurred

- **HD Message # 354**:
  - A177 (Revision in How Pensions are Determined) Concurred

- **HD Message # 355**:
  - A171 (Commendation of Papal Encyclical) Concurred

- **HD Message # 356**:
  - A051 (Support LGBT African Advocacy) Concurred

- **HD Message # 357**:
  - D033 (Supporting Refugee Rights in Central America) Concurred

- **HD Message # 358**:
  - A071 (Addressing Prison Conditions and Areas for Advocacy) Concurred

- **HD Message # 359**:
  - D041 (Advocacy and Prayer for Syria) Concurred

- **HD Message # 360**:
  - A158 (Policy on Substance Abuse, Addiction and Recovery) Concurred

- **HD Message # 363**:
  - B001 (Add Father Atilano Coco to HWHM) Concurred
Consent Calendar

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #31 on Resolution A142 (Amend Canon IV.15.6(b)(5) Standards for Appeal) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #280)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #32 on HD Message #185 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4 Clarification of Compensation under Restriction) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #285)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A133)
Resolved, That Canon IV.7.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. Any restriction on ministry imposed pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(a) or placement on Administrative Leave pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(b) must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for which it is issued; (c) set forth clearly the limitations and conditions imposed and the duration thereof; (d) set forth clearly changes, if any, in the terms of compensation and the duration thereof; (e) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; (f) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy; and (g) advise the Member of the Clergy of his or her right to be heard in the matter as provided in this Canon. A copy of such writing shall be promptly provided to the Church Attorney.

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #3 on HD Message #73 on Resolution A019 (Affirm the Inter-Anglican Secretariat) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #287)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A019)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm our common identity and membership in the Anglican Communion; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council to express our appreciation to the 16th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC16, Lusaka 2016) for the gift of Inter-Anglican conversation and partnership in God's mission; and be it further Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm its ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat through our funding and active participation.
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #4 on HD Message #119 on Resolution A042 (Consider 80th General Convention Sites) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #288)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A042)  
Resolved, That the following sites be considered for the 80th General Convention: Anaheim, California (Diocese of Los Angeles), Baltimore, Maryland (Diocese of Maryland), Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky), Minneapolis, Minnesota (Diocese of Minnesota), and St. Louis, Missouri (Diocese of Missouri).

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #8 on HD Message #188 on Resolution A107 (Fund CCAB Meetings During the 2016-2018 Triennium) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #290)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A107)  
Resolved, That the Executive Council consider including adequate funding for at least two in-person meetings of each CCAB in the 2016-2018 budget and in future triennial budgets.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #9 on HD Message #187 on Resolution A108 (Budget for Mid-Triennial Web Conference of Interim Bodies) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #292)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A108)  
Resolved, That the Executive Council consider allocating $5,000.00 in the 2016-2018 budget of the General Convention Office for a general mid-triennium, web-based meeting of no more than two representatives of each CCAB, or for one or more such meetings of appropriate representatives of CCABs whose work implicates a common topic, for the purpose of sharing the work each has undertaken and its progress on that work and for further coordination and cooperation where appropriate, with the meeting to be scheduled by the Executive Officer of General Convention in consultation with the two presiding officers.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #10 on HD Message #191 on Resolution A109 (Amend Canon V.3) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #294)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A109)

Resolved, That Canon V.3 is amended by adding a new Section 1 and renumbering the existing Section 1 as Section 2:

Canon V.3: Of a Bodies of General Convention; Quorum

Sec. 1. The membership of all committees, subcommittees, task forces, panels, or other bodies elected or appointed by any church-wide body or leader throughout The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, the House of Deputies; the House of Bishops; the Executive Council; and Standing Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards of The Episcopal Church; and their respective Presiding Officers and Chairs shall report their membership to the Office of General Convention, which shall publish the information within 30 days after election or appointment.

Sec. 2. Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, a quorum of any body of the General Convention consisting of several members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a majority of said members; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act.

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #20 on Resolution D043 (Resolution on Best Practices for Disability Accessibility and Inclusion at All Events of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D043)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the Church’s commitment to welcoming all people, spiritually and physically, which includes hospitality to and accommodation of people with disabilities, acknowledging this also includes encouraging people living with disabilities to become more active church members, to take leadership roles, and to increase awareness of people in the church of the gifts that people living with disabilities contribute; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the call to leadership of the Episcopal Disability Network and Episcopal Conference of the Deaf in helping to challenge and guide our Church’s work in this area; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognizes the many laws of the global community, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, which apply to secular organizations of all sizes to ensure full and equal participation of people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew its commitment to Resolution 2003-D051, which requires the Church to provide full independent accessibility to all official and ancillary events of the Church for people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that much work has yet to be done to wholly achieve the goal of 2003-D051, including but not limited to: an understanding of all accommodations used to accommodate people with disabilities in work, education, events, appointments, and all life activities, including more information on how individuals may request accommodations of the Church, and having information on accommodations readily available in the Church’s event materials or on the Church’s website; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize it has efforts to undertake in the area of reconciliation to people with disabilities who, as recently as June 2015, have been denied access to Church events, including the 78th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Office of General Convention, along with leaders from the Episcopal Disability Network and the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf, compile a continually-reviewed and -revised Best Practices Guide for accommodations at all official and ancillary Church events that will include resources and policies that would otherwise comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and UN CRPD; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget of $40,000 to support the provision of any and all requested disability accommodations for each General Convention to ensure that all persons who attend, regardless of their role at the Convention, have access to reasonable accommodation that meets their needs, so that all who desire to participate in the governance and decision-making of The Episcopal Church have a full and fair opportunity to participate and are welcomed with open arms into the Church as Christ himself welcomes all into his Body.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the Church’s commitment to welcoming all people, spiritually and physically, which includes the spiritual and physical welcome of all people, including hospitality to and accommodation of people with disabilities, acknowledging this also includes encouraging people living with disabilities to become more active church members, to take leadership roles, and to increase awareness of people in the church throughout the Church of the gifts that people living with disabilities contribute; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the call to leadership of the Episcopal Disability Network and Episcopal Conference of the Deaf in helping to challenge and guide our Church’s work in this area; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognizes the many laws of the global community, in solidarity with the civil and human rights of all persons with disabilities, renew its commitment to voluntary compliance with the disability rights protections that apply in different countries of The Episcopal Church, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, among others which apply to secular organizations of all sizes to ensure full and equal participation of people with disabilities; and be it further
Resolved, That the 74th 8th Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew its commitment to Resolution 2003-D051, which requires the Church to provide full independent accessibility to all official and ancillary events of the Church for people with disabilities; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that much work has yet to be done to wholly achieve the goal of 2003-D051, including but not limited to: an understanding of all accommodations used to accommodate people with disabilities in work, education, events, appointments, and all life activities, including more develop and make readily available information on how individuals may request the process for requesting disability accommodations of the needed to fully participate in meetings, conventions, and other activities of the Church, and having information on accommodations readily available in the Church’s event materials or on the Church’s website including placing this information in event materials, on the Church website and relevant social media platforms; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize it has efforts to undertake in the area of reconciliation to people with disabilities who, as recently as June 2015, have been denied access to Church events, including the 78th General Convention recognize the need for reconciliation with persons with disabilities who have been denied accommodations needed to participate in Church events or who have been otherwise excluded from the activities of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Office of General Convention Office, along with leaders from the Episcopal Disability Network and the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf, compile a continually reviewed and revised Best Practices Guide for providing disability accommodations at all official and ancillary Church events that will include resources and policies that would otherwise comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and UN CRPD, to be reviewed and updated at least once every triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget of $40,000 to support the provision of any and all requested disability accommodations for each General Convention to ensure that all persons who attend, regardless of their role at the Convention, have access to reasonable accommodation that meets their needs, so that all who desire to participate in the governance and decision-making of The Episcopal Church have a full and fair opportunity to participate and are welcomed with open arms into the Church as Christ himself welcomes all into his Body. That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $80,000 ($40,000 to fulfill accommodation requests at the 79th General Convention and $40,000 to fulfill accommodations requests at ancillary meetings and events) for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #272)

Congregational Vitality
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #11 on HD Message #203 on Resolution D045 (Support for Men’s Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #296)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D045)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge with thanks to God for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and 132 years of ministry to men and boys; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage and support dioceses and congregations in their efforts to develop and expand Ministry to Men and to mentor and raise up the next generation of young men throughout the Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #12 on HD Message #202 on Resolution D072 (New Visions) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #298)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D072)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention approve funding for continuing the New Visions initiative for Congregational Renewal and Vitality; and be it further
Resolved, That the mission imperative of the Episcopal Church demands that the experimental funding for the New Visions Initiative by the Constable Fund during the 2013-2015 triennium, which reached 75 congregations, be continued through funding from the church budget to double the reach of the Initiative to 150 congregations during the 2016-2018 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Program, Budget and Finance Committee approve $300,000 for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #26 on Resolution A144 (Amend Canon IV.19.4 Statute of Limitation for Perpetrators and Observers of Sexual Abuse) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A144)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.19.4(b) be amended to read as follows:
(b) The time limits of Subsection (a) above shall not apply with respect to persons whose acts include physical violence, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, if the acts occurred when the alleged Injured Person was under the age of twenty-one years; in any such case, proceedings under this Title may be initiated at any time. This provision excepting the time limits of Subsection (a) shall apply to: (1) the actual perpetrators of physical violence, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation and (2) any other adults who aided and abetted such violence, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #282)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #3 on HD Message #155 on Resolution A175 (Encourage the Ministry of the Development Office) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #299)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A175)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention celebrates the continuing work of the Development Office of the Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention recognizes that the Development Office, through good stewardship of its resources, raised more than $7,000,000 during this past triennium to support the ministries of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention encourages the Development Office to continue to cultivate relationships and connect the passions of our donors with the needs of the wider church, so that “greater works than these” may flourish.

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #4 on HD Message #157 on Resolution D066 (Worship Offerings at General Convention) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #301)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D066)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon worship planners of all Eucharists at this and all future General Conventions of The Episcopal Church to make provision for the taking of an offering as directed by the rubrics of The Book of Common Prayer, page 361 as “Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon or Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar;” and be it further
Resolved, That these offerings be designated by the Presiding Officers of the General Convention toward the goals of the Five Marks of Mission, particularly to respond to human need by loving service and that the designation be noted in the daily worship bulletin.

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #28 on HD Message #271 on Resolution A182 (Using Education, Community Dialogue and Internal Audit to Respond to All Forms of Racial Injustice) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #391)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A182)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize that many Episcopalians find it challenging to understand or know how to respond to 21st century systemic racial injustices that still occur in multiple contexts including but not limited to education; employment; housing; health care; banking; voting rights; immigration; policing, courts, and prisons, etc.; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirms that the Gospel, our Baptismal Covenant, and our Marks of Mission call individuals, churches, dioceses, provinces, and the wider Church to find more effective and productive ways to respond to racial injustice as we love our neighbors as ourselves, respect the dignity of every human being, and transform unjust structures of society; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare that “not knowing” and “not having the eyes to see and ears to hear” are serious obstacles to transforming unjust structures and therefore direct the Church at every level for this triennium to commit to increase the use of study, education, research, anti-racism training, liturgies, and Christian formation instruction that specifically address systemic racial injustice; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge the Church at every level to increase the number of dialogues about systemic racial injustice it has with local, state and national bodies within the public and private spheres and that these dialogues be used to identify, examine, and offer correctives to policies and practices within and among these bodies that result in systemic racial disparities and injustices; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and congregations to create vehicles for listening to diverse neighbors and developing reconciling relationships; such options might include (a) listening campaigns in local communities, (b) partnerships with churches and organizations comprised predominately of a different race or culture (especially those targeted by oppression), (c) neighborhood prayer walks, (d) storytelling and speak-out events designed to facilitate truth-
telling, healing and action, (e) and others with which leaders throughout the Church are familiar; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage Justice and Advocacy Ministries to partner with other church offices and organizations as appropriate to host, resource, and moderate an ongoing online forum for Episcopalians dedicated to the ministry of racial justice and reconciliation, with spaces dedicated to sharing about local and diocesan efforts and resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage Justice and Advocacy Ministries to partner with Youth Ministries to commission a gospel-centered, Internet-integrated, action-oriented, anti-racism youth ministry curriculum for congregations throughout The Episcopal Church, including those not in the United States, to be provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music produce and post online a set of prayers for racial reconciliation and justice, suitable for inclusion in the Prayers of the People; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge the Executive Council to conduct its own internal audit to assess to what extent, if at all, racial disparities and systemic racial injustices exist within the Church (including but not limited to clergy salaries and deployment); and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Executive Council report back to the 79th General Convention on the results of the internal audit; what concrete steps it and the wider Church took to address systemic racial injustice in the wider culture; and how effective those steps were.


Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #392)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A183)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage all dioceses, congregations, schools, and other faith communities of The Episcopal Church over the next triennium to commit to studying one of the most pressing social justice issues of our time, “mass incarceration;” and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, congregations, schools, and other faith communities consider using the New York Times bestseller, “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness” by Michelle Alexander as a common text that invites the people of The Episcopal Church into engagement; and be it further

Resolved, That Convention acknowledge that each Diocese in the U.S. and in the other 16 countries of The Episcopal Church may have different circumstances and disparities in the imprisonment of its racial and ethnic minorities when compared to its dominant population and therefore should adapt this triennial study to its unique circumstances by identifying and developing additional resources to address same; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church instruct the DFMS Justice and Advocacy Ministry Team and the DFMS Diversity Ministry Team to work together to compile and distribute to Dioceses and make easily
accessible on The Episcopal Church website a tool kit of relevant study and discussion guides; print, and video, and Internet resource materials; and other information.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #30 on HD Message #281 on Resolution B005 (Quality Public Education for All) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #393)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B005)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention endorse church-school partnerships as a path for following Jesus into the neighborhood, addressing educational inequity, and rejuvenating congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the 'All Our Children' National Network to collaboratively convene an intergenerational symposium on “Children, Poverty, and Public Education: The Role of the Church in Addressing Educational Inequity,” with a report thereon to be submitted to the Executive Council for report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge church-school partnerships to join the 'All Our Children' National Network, and their local public education support initiatives, to hasten the day when quality public education is available to all children.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #31 on HD Message #269 on Resolution Do68 (Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #397)

Final Text of Resolution:
(Do68)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention renew The Episcopal Church’s commitment to offer relevant and transformative ministry in societies where the school-to-prison pipeline exists as a systemically racist and devastating process undermining the hopes of children and young people in challenged communities, replacing that hope with a belief that incarceration is not only inevitable, but a laudable rite of passage; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church is called to promote an alternative vision necessary to transform these unjust structures of society; and be it further
Resolved, That the Offices of Black Ministries and Social and Economic Justice work collaboratively to promote and support existing programs; to identify, create, and support additional programs which can serve as a blueprint for local leaders, and empower challenged communities to engage in grass roots organizing and faith-based education. The goal is to turn the pipeline to prison into a pipeline to the Kingdom, inviting children and young people to see themselves as valued members of the Kingdom of God; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $200,000 for the implementation of this resolution with $90,000 earmarked for 12 individual start-up ministries.
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #32 on Resolution B024 (Income Inequality) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(B024)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention asks the Presiding Bishop to initiate a consultation with counterparts in the other churches on the issue of intense disparity in the United States and elsewhere of income between ordinary workers and upper management, with the intention of inviting our own Communion leader, Archbishop Justin, as well as Pope Francis and other world religious leaders to participate with them in a public discussion and correlated action to address the issue that would lead to changes in the current situation.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #394)

**End of Consent Calendar**

**Constitution and Canons**
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #4 on HD Message #340 on Resolution B011 (Amend Constitution Article II.7) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #326)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(B011)

Resolved, That Article II.7 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to may elect a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be ordained and consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #37 on Resolution D031 (Amend Title IV) and moved to concurrence to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

The Rt. Rev. William Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey, moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Restore language in Canon IV.3.1, "failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this title."

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D031.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #336)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D031)

Resolved, That the following sections of Canon IV.2 be amended to read as follows:

Hearing Panel shall mean a panel of three or more not less than five members of the Disciplinary Board and shall include both clergy and lay members, a majority of whom shall be Members of the Clergy, selected by the president of the Board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon by lot or by other random means, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member of the Hearing Panel may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Hearing Panel.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.3.1 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. A Member of the Clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for:

(a) knowingly violating or attempting to violate, directly or through the acts of another person, the Constitution or Canons of the Church or of any Diocese; or

(b) failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this Title; or

(c) intentionally and maliciously bringing a false accusation or knowingly providing false testimony or false evidence in any investigation or proceeding under this Title.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.3.3 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. In order for any conduct or condition to be the subject of the provisions of this Title, the Offense complained of must violate applicable provisions of Canon IV.3 or IV.4 and must be material and substantial or and of clear and weighty importance to the ministry of the Church.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.5.1 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall, by Canon, create a court to be known as the Disciplinary Board as described in this Canon. Each such Board shall consist of not fewer than seven or nine persons to be selected by the convention of the Diocese as determined by Diocesan Canon. The membership of each such Board shall include lay persons and Priests or Deacons, and the majority of the Board members shall be Priests or Deacons, but by no more than one. Within sixty days following each Diocesan convention, the Board shall convene to elect a president for the following year, unless another method for selection of the president is provided by Diocesan Canon.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.6.3 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Information concerning Offenses may shall be submitted to the Intake Officer in any manner and in any form writing, with a certification signed by the Informant that the Informant believes that the reported information is true.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.7.7 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. Any Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave under this Canon shall be effective upon service of the writing setting it forth on the subject Member of the Clergy as provided in Canon IV.19.20. No Rector or other tenured Member of the Clergy shall be denied his or
her compensation and benefits by virtue of the imposition of a restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.12.6 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The Complainant may shall attend the conference but may not be required to do so. The Complainant's Advisor may also attend the conference regardless of whether the Complainant attends.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.4 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be public, provided, however, that the Hearing Panel may close any part of the proceedings at its discretion to protect the privacy of any person. No proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be closed to the Respondent, Respondent's Advisor, Respondent's Counsel, or to the Church Attorney. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a verbatim written transcript of the hearing.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.6 be amended as follows:

Sec. 6. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel the testimony of witnesses shall be taken orally and personally or by such other means as provided by order of the Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be given under oath or solemn affirmation and be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. The proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of relevant facts.

(b) The president:

(1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;
(2) shall exclude privileged evidence;
(3) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt contains all pertinent portions of the original document;
(4) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including records of other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the Hearing Panel's specialized knowledge;
(5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay; and
(6) shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable opportunity to present evidence, argue and respond to argument, conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence; and
(7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other than the Church Attorney and the Respondent opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by the president in taking measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of the hearing.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.7 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. Prior to the issuance of an Order by a Conference Panel or a Hearing Panel, the issuing Panel shall afford the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent and the Complainant each with an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15.2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Within forty days after issuance of an Order by a Hearing Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the Provincial Court of Review, by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan, with copies of the notice to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province. The notice of appeal shall be signed by the Respondent's counsel or the Church Attorney and shall include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken and shall state the grounds of the appeal.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.15.7 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Hearing Panel to produce the record on appeal, consisting of a transcript of the proceedings before the Hearing Panel together with documentary and tangible evidence received by the Hearing Panel. The record shall be printed or otherwise reproduced as authorized by the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel, the party appealing Respondent shall serve two copies of the record on appeal, the notice of appeal and the appealing party's Respondent's brief, if any, upon the opposite party Church Attorney and shall deliver five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving a copy of the record on appeal, the party opposing the appeal Church Attorney shall serve the brief in opposition, if any, upon the appealing party Respondent, with five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Any reply brief of the appealing party Respondent shall be served likewise within fifteen days following service of the brief in opposition.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.15.12 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 12. If, after a notice of appeal has been filed, the appealing party Respondent fails to pursue the appeal as provided in this Canon, the Provincial Court of Review may dismiss the appeal.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.15.15 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 15. Upon determination of the appeal, the president of the Provincial Court of Review shall give notice of the determination in writing to the appealing party, the party in opposition and to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent and Church Attorney. The appeal record shall be certified by the clerk of the Provincial Court of Review and the president, and shall be delivered to the Bishop Diocesan along with a copy of the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.19.16 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 16. There shall be a presumption that the Respondent did not commit the Offense. It shall be the burden of the Church Attorney to establish an Offense by any Respondent. The standard of proof required for a Hearing Panel to find an Offense by a Respondent shall be that of clear and convincing evidence.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.19.17 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 17. In all matters under this Title, it shall be the burden of the Church through the Church Attorney to establish an Offense by any Respondent Involuntary Statements.
(a) No person proceeding under the authority of this Title may interrogate, or request a statement from, a Respondent or a person suspected of an Offense without first informing that person of the nature of the accusation and advising that person that no statement need be made regarding the Offense of which the Respondent is accused or suspected and that any statement so made may be used in evidence against that person in a proceeding under this Title.
(b) No Respondent or person suspected of an Offense may be compelled to make any statement or admission or to testify against himself or herself in any proceedings under this Title.
(c) No statement obtained from any person in violation of this Canon, or through the use of coercion, undue influence or improper inducement may be received in evidence against that person in a Trial under this Title.

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on HD Message #326 on Resolution A200 (Commend the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #339)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A200)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention commend and greatly appreciate the efforts of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #21 on Resolution D058 (Dominicans of Haitian Descent) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D058)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention condemn the ruling, and its enforcement, of the Dominican Republic’s constitutional court on September 23, 2013, which ruled ineligible for citizenship any children born of Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic and ordered authorities to audit all of the nation’s birth records back to June 1929 to determine who no longer qualifies for citizenship, thereby making such persons effectively stateless with an estimated 200,000 persons being made stateless retroactively and ineligible to obtain a birth certificate, attend school, work, drive, open bank accounts, receive state health insurance and pensions, get baptized, or get married; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention condemn the building and use of seven “centros de acogida” or “shelters” that are actually concentration camps where Dominicans “identified” as being of Haitian descent will be housed until a “final evaluation” can be made or subject to immediate deportation to Haiti, a country many such Dominicans have never lived in; and be it further
Resolved, That all Episcopalians pray for Dominicans of Haitian descent and all other stateless persons in the world that they may find homes where they are welcomed and afforded legitimate residential, educational, work status, and legal documentation of their personhood for themselves and their children; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm its support of the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic and its Bishop Julio Caesar Holguin Khoury and the Diocese of Haiti and its Bishop Jean Zache Duracin in their efforts to provide advocacy and other succor to those affected by the Dominican Republic’s constitutional court ruling; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to communicate to the United States, at the United Nations, and to our ecumenical and interreligious partners to protest this human rights issue with the Dominican Republic on behalf of Dominicans of Haitian descent and others similarly affected by this issue; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention encourage the next Presiding Bishop to lead another fact-finding delegation to the Dominican Republic together with ecumenical and interreligious partners, as a follow-up to Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori’s fact-finding trip to the Dominican Republic in December 2013, and to make a report to the Executive Council and to the Church upon the Presiding Bishop’s return; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Episcopal Public Policy Network to continue to engage in a concerted effort to educate and alert the members of the Episcopal Church of this significant human rights issue against the Dominican Republic’s own citizens of Haitian descent and potential large-scale tragedy and to encourage their advocacy within their churches and communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.”
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention condemn the ruling, and its enforcement, of the Dominican Republic’s constitutional court on September 23, 2013, which ruled ineligible for citizenship any children born of Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic and ordered authorities to audit all of the nation’s birth records back to June 1929 to determine who no longer qualifies for citizenship, thereby making such persons effectively stateless with an estimated 200,000 hundreds of thousands of persons being made stateless retroactively and ineligible to obtain a birth certificate, attend school, work, drive, open bank accounts, receive state health insurance and pensions, get baptized, or get married; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention condemn the building and use of seven “centros de acogida” or “shelters” that are actually concentration camps where Dominicans “identified” as being of Haitian descent will be housed until a “final evaluation” can be made or subject to immediate deportation to Haiti, a country many such Dominicans have never lived in; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention advocate to the Government of the Dominican Republic that they faithfully comply with Law No. 169-14, in order to complete the revalidation of birth certificates and delivery of identity documents to all the people of Haitian descent born in the Dominican Republic who have been affected by ruling No. 168-13 of the Constitutional Court, and that under no circumstances will any person born in the Dominican Republic be arbitrarily expelled from his/her country or placed in centros de acogida (reception centers) or “refugio” (refuge) against their will; and be it further
Resolved, That all Episcopalians pray for Dominicans of Haitian descent and all other stateless persons in the world that they may find homes where they are welcomed and afforded legitimate residential, educational, work status, and legal documentation of their personhood for themselves and their children; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm its support of The Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic and its Bishop Julio Caesar Holguín Khoury and the Diocese of Haiti and its Bishop Jean Zache Duracin in their efforts to provide advocacy and other succor to those affected by the Dominican Republic’s constitutional court ruling; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to communicate to the United States government, and to the United Nations, and to our ecumenical and interreligious partners to protest this human rights issue with the Dominican Republic on behalf of Dominicans of Haitian descent and others similarly affected by this issue; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention encourage the next Presiding Bishop to lead another fact-finding delegation to the Dominican Republic together with ecumenical and interreligious partners, as a follow-up to Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori’s fact-finding trip to the Dominican Republic in December 2013, and to make a report to the Executive Council and to the Church upon the Presiding Bishop’s return; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Episcopal Public Policy Network to continue to engage in a concerted effort to educate and alert the members of the Episcopal Church of this significant human rights issue against the Dominican Republic’s own citizens of Haitian descent and potential large-scale tragedy and to encourage their advocacy within their churches and communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.”

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #341)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #23 on Resolution Do69 (Birthright Citizenship) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(Do69)

**Resolved**, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church strongly supports birthright citizenship as a human right and the right of persons born in all the nations in which we live, work, and pray; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this General Convention stands against the repeal of birthright citizenship in any of our nations and advocates against such repeal; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this Resolution be communicated to the appropriate heads or ministers of Departments of State and to the leaders of Congress or Parliament in all of the nations in which we live and serve.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, **mindful of the suffering which statelessness imposes upon thousands of people**, strongly supports birthright the **automatic grant of citizenship** as a human right and the right of persons born in all the nations in which we live, work, and pray by the country in which a person is born (“birthright citizenship”), particularly by the countries in which our member dioceses are located; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention stands against the The Episcopal Church oppose legal changes which would repeal such of birthright citizenship, particularly any such repeal which is retroactive in any of our nations and advocates against such repeal; and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution be communicated to the appropriate heads or ministers of Departments of State and to the leaders of Congress or Parliament authorities in all of the nations in which we live and serve, our member dioceses are located.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #343)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #12 on HD Message #292 on Resolution A002 (Amend Article I.1-6 -- Reimagine Dioceses, Bishops, and General Convention) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #349)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A002)

**Resolved**, The 78th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to explore unicameral models of church governance including the polities and the legislative processes. The Standing Commission will seek input from bodies beyond The Episcopal Church including but not exclusive to the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Standing Commission will make recommendations to the 79th General Convention.
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #12 on HD Message #284 on Resolution A103 (Schedule Length of the 79th General Convention) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #355)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A103)
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements schedule the 79th General Convention (2018) for not more than 10 legislative days; and be it further,
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church study ways to reduce the length of future General Conventions and report back to the 79th General Convention.

The Secretary moved the balance of the Ninth Legislative Day Supplemental #3 be moved as a Consent Calendar.

Motion carried

Supplemental Consent Calendar
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #11 on HD Message #261 on Resolution B021 (External Funding for CCABs) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #347)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B021)
Resolved, That no Commission, Committee, Agency or Board of General Convention shall raise or receive funding other than that explicitly provided in the Triennial Budget, without prior authorization by General Convention or the Executive Council.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #14 on Resolution A104 (Consider Budget for the 79th General Convention) and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #359)

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #15 on HD Message #239 on Resolution A106 (Fund Initial Joint Meeting of Newly Constituted CCABs Following the 78th General Convention) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #362)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A106)

Resolved, That the Executive Officer of the General Convention consider calling an initial joint meeting of the newly constituted Standing Commissions, Executive Council Committees, study groups and task forces following the 78th General Convention, for joint orientation and consultation, subject to available funds in the 2015 budget.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #16 on HD Message #264 on Resolution A118 (Amend Canons I.1, I.6.5, I.9.11, and V.1; and Joint Rule of Order V.15) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HD Message #370)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #17 on HD Message #282 on Resolution C027 (Amend Canon I.9) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #395)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C027)

Resolved, That Canon I.9 be amended to insert a new Section 2, to read as follows:

Sec 2. The primary purposes of the Provinces are to facilitate inter-diocesan collaboration to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts.; and be it further

Resolved, That the final sentence of Canon I.9.7 be amended as follows:

Each Diocese and Area Mission shall determine the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen elected.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Provincial Leadership Council, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons and any other person or group the Provincial Leadership Council deem appropriate, review the Provinces in order to develop best practices and other recommendations for Provinces, including (a) facilitating mission opportunities, communications, networking and collaboration and (b) reviewing potential geographic, affiliation and/or composition changes to Provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons is directed to study whether there should be a revision to the Canons to provide for a single Court of Review for Priests and Deacons instead of Provincial Courts of Review (Canons IV.5.4 and IV.15), and report back to the 79th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #20 on HD Message #263 on Resolution D011 (Eliminate Provinces) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #371)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D011)
Resolved, That a Task Force consisting of three bishops, three clergy persons, and six lay persons representing the geographic diversity of the Church, including persons who have been involved in the creation of churchwide networks through social media and other electronic communications, be appointed by the presiding officers to study the potential effects of eliminating provincial structures in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force study issues and potential effects of eliminating Provinces, including consideration of what structures might replace Provinces to facilitate or create networks to support mission and ministry; how such networks might be formed, function, funded, connected to other networks, and be constituted; how geographic diversity in elections, appointments, and other churchwide roles might be accomplished; and what effect the elimination of Provinces would have on overall costs; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force shall collaborate with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons in order to create recommendations to the 79th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #21 on HD Message #295 on Resolution D037 (Amending Names in Church Records, Registries, and Certificates) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #396)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D037)
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.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #64 on HD Message #352 on Resolution Co28 (Disclosure of Criminal Records) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #373)

Final Text of Resolution:
(Co28)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recommends that all discernment, search, and nominating committees for bishops and rectors in the Episcopal Church use resources available to them including knowledge of unrestricted criminal convictions in evaluation of candidates in thoughtful ways and make certain that all members of such committees be made aware of any issues which may impact the character and competence of candidates; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention commends to all such discernment, search, and nominating committees a policy that more than two members of such committee review all reports prepared for or provided to such committees on the character or competence of candidates.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #65 on HD Message #335 on Resolution D007 (Amend Canon III.2.1 and Canon III.12.4(a)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #375)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D007)
Resolved, The 78th General Convention wishes to provide flexibility so that Dioceses may explore opportunities for shared ministry and collaboration; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.2.1 is amended as follows:
Canon III.2.1
In each Diocese there shall be a Commission on Ministry ("Commission") consisting of Priests, Deacons, if any, and Lay Persons. The Canons of each Diocese shall provide for the number of members, terms of office, and manner of selection to the Commission. Any Diocese may agree in writing with one or more other Dioceses to share a Commission on Ministry.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #66 on HD Message #329 on Resolution B022 (Study of Dual Call Couples) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message 376)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B022)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention calls for a study on the issues of deployment, equality, and justice for dual call couples, including the specific issues for bishop-priest couples, for the benefit of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That a task force be appointed by the Presiding Officers, consisting of no more than seven members that such task force include dual call couples, people currently doing research on this reality, and the Office of Pastoral Development; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention allocate $5,000 from the budget of the Office of Pastoral Development for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force be supported by the Office of Pastoral Development and report its findings back to the 79th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #67 on HD Message #350 on Resolution A083 (Create Map of Episcopal Theological Education Providers) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #377)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A083)
Resolved, That the Office of Formation and Congregational Development, in collaboration with the Office of Communications, be strongly urged to create an interactive map of theological schools, seminaries, and diocesan and regional programs, including programs for ethnic and emerging ministries, involved in the formation and training of leaders in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That each program on the map be strongly encouraged to maintain its information, so that all those engaged in the formation of leaders are able to network, share best practices, and collaborate.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #68 on HD Message #344 on Resolution A050 (Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety) and moved concurrence with a referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #378)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A050)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention join the 2012 Anglican Consultative Council in adopting the following "Charter for Safety of People Within the Churches of the Anglican Communion" as a summary of The Episcopal Church's policy regarding maintaining the safety of all who come to or work for our churches:
"1. Pastoral support where there is abuse — We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organizations by listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns; offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.
2. Effective responses to abuse — We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel that include: making known within churches the procedure for making complaints; arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse; the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry; providing support for affected parishes and church organizations.
3. Practice of pastoral ministry — We will adopt and promote, through education and training, standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other church personnel.
4. Suitability for ministry — We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church, including checking their background.
5. Culture of safety — We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organizations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel, and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse;" and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council collect current data from all member dioceses regarding their "safe church" policies and practices, including identification of reasons for not implementing the recommended policies and practices; and publish that information to The Episcopal Church through its most widely accessible media; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Global Relations collaborate with Province IX to develop and disseminate culturally appropriate materials for use in the Spanish-speaking dioceses of TEC that are consistent with the principles of the ACC "Charter of Safety" and the standards previously set out by General Convention, including a process for training of local trainers; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #69 on HD Message #339 on Resolution D040 (Create Youth Anti-Racism Curricula) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #381)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D040)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention continue the work of Anti-Racism training adopted at the 75th and 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Officer for Youth Ministries and Missioner for Racial Reconciliation partner with other church offices and organizations as appropriate to commission a gospel-centered, Internet-integrated, action-oriented, anti-racism youth ministry curriculum for congregations throughout The Episcopal Church, including those not in the United States, to be provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole; and be it further
Resolved, That in addition to printed versions of youth educational materials and curricula for Anti-Racism, online versions of the educational materials and curricula be made available on The Episcopal Digital Network; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #70 on HD Message #351 on Resolution D061 (Task Force for Scholarships for Undocumented Youth) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #384)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D061)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention ask the Director of Mission to charge the offices of Latino/Hispanic ministry, Asiamerica ministry, and Young Adult/Campus ministry with the work to search for and distribute information about existing scholarships for immigrant students, youth, and young adults who, because of their immigrant status cannot qualify for federal, state, or private scholarships and/or loans, so that they may be able to attend institutes of higher education; and be it further
Resolved, That the designated offices also explore the feasibility, logistics and legalities of creating an Episcopal Scholarship that can also cover this purpose; and be it further
Resolved, That the designated offices appointed to this duty distribute the information that they find to the person in charge of Young Adult and/or Youth Ministries of every diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the person in charge of Young Adult and/or Youth Ministries of every diocese, once receiving this information, be responsible for distributing this information to the congregations of their diocese and actively encourage the youth of the diocese - for whom the scholarships apply - to apply for these scholarships.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #71 on HD Message #273 on Resolution A041 (Amend Canon III.15.1-5 – Of the General Board of Examining Chaplains) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #385)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A041)
Resolved, Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon III. 15.1-3 and delete Canons III.15.4-5 as follows:
Sec. 1. There shall be a General Board of Examining Chaplains, consisting of four Bishops, six Priests with pastoral cures or in specialized ministries, six members of accredited Seminary faculties or of other educational institutions, and six Lay Persons, and eight other members. The members of the Board shall be elected to six-year terms by the House of Bishops and confirmed by the House of Deputies from nominees presented by the existing Board and the Presiding Bishop, one-half of the members in each of the foregoing categories being elected and confirmed at each regular meeting of the General Convention for a term of two Convention periods not to exceed two General Conventions, except that for the first election following the approval of this canon, one half of the members shall be elected for a three-year term and one half for a six-year term. They shall take office at the adjournment of the meeting of the General Convention at which their elections are confirmed of their election, and shall serve until the earlier of the end of their term or the adjournment of the second regular meeting of General Convention thereafter. No member shall serve more than 12 years consecutively. Additionally, the Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, may appoint up to four other members for a term. The House of Bishops, at any special meeting that may be held prior to the next meeting of the General Convention, shall fill for the unexpired portion of the term any vacancy that may have arisen in the interim. The Board shall elect its own Chair and Secretary, and shall have the power to constitute committees necessary for the carrying on of to carry out its work.
Sec. 2. (a) The General Board of Examining Chaplains, with professional assistance, shall prepare at least annually a General Ordination Examination covering the subject matter set forth in Canon III. 8.5 (g); and shall conduct, administer, and evaluate it in respect to those Candidates for Holy Orders who have been identified to the Board by their several Bishops.
(b) Whenever a Candidate has not demonstrated proficiency in any one or more of the canonical areas covered by the General Ordination Examination, The General Board of Examining Chaplains shall recommend to the Commission on Ministry, and through the Commission to the Board of Examining Chaplains, if one exists, of the Diocese to which the Candidate belongs, how the proficiencies might be attained. promptly report to each Candidate, to the Candidate’s Bishop, and to the dean or other official of the educational program at which the Candidate is studying, the results of the General Ordination Examination, the examinations themselves, and the proficiency or lack of proficiency noted, along with the reasons for any lack of proficiency. The Bishop shall transmit these reports to the Standing Committee and to the Commission on Ministry.
Sec. 3. The General Board of Examining Chaplains may prepare, in each Convention period, guidelines based upon the subjects contained in Canon III.8.4(e), which guidelines shall be available to all persons concerned. shall make a report concerning its work to each regular meeting of the General Convention.

Sec. 4. The General Board of Examining Chaplains shall promptly report, in writing, to the Candidate, to the Candidate’s Bishop and to the Dean of the Seminary the Candidate is attending, the results of all examinations held by them, together with the examinations themselves, whether satisfactory or unsatisfactory, making separate reports upon each person examined. The Bishop shall transmit these reports to the Standing Committee and to the Commission. Notwithstanding the results of the examinations, in no case shall the Standing Committee recommend a Candidate for Ordination under Canon III.8 until the Standing Committee has received from the Commission on Ministry a certificate to the effect that the Candidate has demonstrated a proficiency in all subjects required by Canon III.8.5(g) and (h).

The report of the Board shall be made in the following form:

To __________ (Candidate), the Right Reverend __________, Bishop of __________ (or in the absence of the Bishop the Standing Committee of) __________: (Place) __________ (Date) _____
To the Dean of (Place) __________ (Date) _____

We, having been assigned as examiners of A.B., hereby testify that we have examined A.B. upon the subject matter prescribed in Canon III.7. Sensible of our responsibility, we give our judgment as follows: (Here specify the proficiency of A.B. in the subject matter appointed, or any deficiency therein, as made apparent by the examination.

(Signed) _______________

Sec. 5. The General Board of Examining Chaplains shall make a report concerning its work to each regular meeting of the General Convention, and in years between meetings of the General Convention shall make a report to the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #72 on HD Message #331 on Resolution D075 (Reinvigorate the Accountability of GTS to General Convention) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #386)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D075)
Resolved, That the Presiding Officers appoint a committee of no more than 5 members, including one of the Trustees elected at the 78th General Convention, to evaluate the relationship between the General Convention and the General Theological Seminary to determine whether this relationship is mutually beneficial at this point in the life of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the committee report to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with recommended action, including the possibility of ending this relationship.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #73 on HD Message #338 on Resolution A072 (Develop Awareness of the Five Marks of Mission) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #387)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A072)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm that the Five Marks of Mission adopted by the 76th General Convention in Resolution D027 are central to the work of the Church, its dioceses, its congregations, and the formation of its members; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage dioceses and congregations to use materials that instruct persons about the Five Marks of Mission, such as Marked for Mission (for youth and young adults); and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations adopt the practice of intentionally and publicly stating how each of their activities relates to the Five Marks of Mission.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #75 on HD Message #206 on Resolution D001 and moved to discharge the Committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #388)

End of Supplemental Consent Calendar

Privilege and Courtesy

Motion carried
Resolution adopted by acclamation
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #410)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X034)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention voice its profound thanksgiving for the exemplary leadership of the Right Reverend Kenneth L. Price, Jr., as he completes his faithful service as Secretary of the House of Bishops; and be it further
Resolved, That he has served this Church with distinction as a devoted parish priest, college chaplain, Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio, and Provisional Bishop of Pittsburgh; and be it further
Resolved, That he has guided the work of the House of Bishops as Chair of Dispatch and Secretary with wisdom and grace; and be it further
Resolved, That he has continually served God's people as a reconciling presence and a tireless worker in the vineyard; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops offers him our fervent prayers as we proclaim, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

The Presiding Bishop called a 15-minute recess.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #63 on HD Message #349 on Resolution A001 (Restructure for Spiritual Encounter) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #380)
Final Text of Resolution:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge Episcopal seminaries and the General Board of Examining Chaplains to work collectively in creating, nurturing, and developing a culture of collaboration among them that results in: new structures; new curricula; new degrees beyond the traditional MDiv; partnerships and practices on the academic, departmental, and inter-seminary levels; alternative assessment instruments to provide tangible, measurable evidence that seminary trained leaders (lay and ordained) have the spiritual formation, skill sets, and intellectual aptitude to engage the world and to transform and lead The Episcopal Church, looking beyond competency in the academic areas defined by canon; standards of accountability, reporting, and mutual ministry reviews at all levels; and Episcopal seminaries’ reportage of their progress to Executive Council and to each succeeding General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That Diocesan Councils and Commissions on Ministry, in collaboration with their Bishop, encourage and support diverse ways for ordained clergy to make a living inside and outside the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council study the issue of clergy compensation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society develop a network to help Episcopal congregations, including clergy, vestry, organist, musical, lay, and other liturgical leaders, to become skilled in creating, nurturing, and developing spaces and moments for spiritual encounters that transform lives and unjust structures; and to have partnerships and practices with other congregations to become excellent stewards of spiritual, financial, real estate, and community resources; and to report their progress and learning annually to their Diocesan Convention/Council and Bishop.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #74 on HD Message #106 on Resolution D004 (Create a Task Force to Study Episcopal Elections and Appointments of Bishops) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

The question was called

Motion carried

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D004.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #364)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D004)

Resolved, That a Task Force on the Episcopacy be appointed by the Presiding Officers composed of three bishops, three presbyters or deacons, and six lay persons; and be it further

Resolved, That at least one member of the Task Force will have been a finalist in an Episcopal search who did not receive enough votes for election in the last three years; at least one member of the Task Force will have served as a Transition Consultant in an Episcopal search over the past three years; and at least two members of the Task Force will have served on an Episcopal Search and/or Transition Committee in an Episcopal search process over the past three years; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will study the election, appointment, roles, and responsibilities of the Episcopate, including the use of Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, Bishops Suffragan, Provisional Bishops, Missionary Bishops, and Assistant Bishops in this Church; looking specifically at the particular gifts, life experience, and expertise required for episcopal office; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will pay particular attention to the recent trend away from a diverse House of Bishop, and seek ways to encourage diversity in the Episcopate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will propose to the 79th General Convention a new process for discernment, nomination, formation, search, election, and transition of bishops in The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to: the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Pastoral Development; the selection of, roles and responsibilities of Transition Consultants; how adjoining dioceses may aid and inform the discernment of a diocese in transition; and any required Constitutional and Canonical changes necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will work with the Office of Pastoral Development to develop best practices and educational materials to be published electronically and made publicly available, and may use some of its budget to retain consultants who will help with this task; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #76 on HD Message #204 on Resolution D002 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a), 2(a) and (b)) and moved concurrence.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #365)

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #34 on HD Message #259 on Resolution A127 (Amend Canon IV.5 -- Add Canon IV.5.4) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #366)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A127)
Resolved, That Canon IV.13 is hereby amended by adding a new section 7, to read as follows:
Sec. 7(a). The Hearing Panel shall have the authority, upon reasonable notice, to impose sanctions on the Respondent, the Respondent’s counsel, or the Church Attorney, for conduct that the Hearing Panel deems to be disruptive, dilatory, or otherwise contrary to the integrity of the proceedings. If the conduct in question is that of the Respondent’s counsel, notice shall be given to the following: the Respondent, Respondent’s counsel, and Respondent’s Advisor. If the conduct in question is that of the Church Attorney, notice shall be given to each of the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan, and the person or Diocesan body with authority to remove or replace the Church Attorney. If the conduct is that of the Respondent, notice shall be given to each of the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan, Respondent’s counsel, Respondent’s Advisor, and Respondent.
(b). Any sanction must be proportionate to the underlying misconduct. Sanctions that may be imposed pursuant to Canon IV.13.7 (a) include, but are not limited to
   (i) amending a scheduling order:
   (ii) limiting discovery;
   (iii) refusing to allow the disobedient party to support or oppose claims or defenses;
(iv) refusing to allow the disobedient party to introduce certain matters into evidence;
(v) striking claims or defenses or responses; or
(vi) disqualification of counsel.

(c) Within 10 days of the imposition of sanctions under this section, the sanctioned party may appeal the sanction to the Disciplinary Board (excluding the members of the Hearing Panel). The standard of review for such appeal shall be de novo. The President of the Disciplinary Board shall establish a hearing date and convene the Disciplinary Board members, within 20 days, either personally or telephonically, to consider the appeal. The Disciplinary Board shall issue its ruling within three days of conclusion of the hearing. The ruling of the Disciplinary Board cannot be the subject of an interlocutory appeal.

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #35 on HD Message #259 on Resolution A135 (Amend Canon IV.13 Procedural Matters and Discovery) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #367)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A135)
Resolved, That Canon IV.13 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. If when the Conference Panel decides to refer a matter is referred to the Hearing Panel, the president of the Conference Panel shall within three days of that decision promptly notify the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney of the referral.

Sec. 2. Upon within 10 days of receipt of a referral for Hearing Panel proceedings, the Church Attorney shall review all information acquired as of the time of such referral and, if necessary, shall revise or update the statement of the alleged Offense and shall provide the same to the Hearing Panel. The Hearing Panel shall, in the statement of the alleged Offense(s), updated as needed. No other material from any prior proceedings under Title IV shall be provided to the Hearing Panel. Upon receipt of the Church Attorney’s communication, the Hearing Panel shall within seven days issue a notice to the Respondent, to the Respondent’s Advisor, to Respondent’s counsel, if any, and to the Church Attorney.

(a) The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, advise the Respondent that a written response to the notice must be filed by the Respondent with the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice and advise the Respondent that failure to attend or participate in a scheduled or noticed hearing may result in a finding of default of the provisions of Canon IV.19.6.

(b) A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant’s Advisor.

(c) Unless additional time is approved for good cause by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall within 30 days of the mailing date of the notice file with the Hearing Panel and deliver to the Church Attorney a written response signed by the Respondent within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice. The president of the Hearing Panel shall forward a copy of the response to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 3. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor.
Sec. 4. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be public, provided, however, that the Hearing Panel may close any part of the proceedings at its discretion to protect the privacy of any person. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

Sec. 53. The Church Attorney and the Respondent shall each be afforded reasonable time and opportunity to prepare evidence discover evidence in preparation for the hearing as follows:

(a) Within thirty sixty days after the filing and delivery of the response by the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall meet and confer regarding the nature and basis of the allegations against the Respondent and the defenses thereto and to make or arrange for initial disclosures as described in Canon IV.13.5(b), and to develop a proposed plan of discovery forms and schedule for approval by the Hearing Panel. A report of the proposed plan shall be filed with the president of the Hearing Panel within fifteen days after the conference.

(b) Within fifteen days after the conference described in Canon IV.13.5(a), the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other initial a mandatory disclosure of all evidence known to them that would tend to prove or disprove the allegations against the Respondent, including but not limited to (1) the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have direct knowledge of information which may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, except as such disclosure would involve Privileged Communications. The parties must supplement mandatory disclosures made under this section as additional information becomes known. Documents and tangible items identified in the mandatory disclosures that are in the possession of a party shall be produced upon request, and copies of all documents provided to the requesting party. The Hearing Panel may, upon request of a party or Injured Person, enter an order limiting production of documents or tangible items of a sensitive nature.

(b) If any party withholds from disclosure any relevant document on the ground of privilege, the party must provide a log containing the date of the communication, a list of all persons party to the communication, and a short description of the nature of the communication. The scope of the privilege shall be determined by the Hearing Panel, pursuant to Canon IV.19.27.

(c) If the discovery plan has been mutually agreed upon by the Church Attorney and counsel for the Respondent, the president of the Hearing Panel may approve the plan and incorporate it in a discovery order and scheduling order governing all discovery procedures and establishing a date for hearing of the matter. If the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel do not agree on all elements of the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall allow each to be heard with respect to the elements in dispute, make a determination of appropriate discovery procedures and issue a discovery order and scheduling order within thirty days of the receipt of the discovery planning report. Within fifteen days after the delivery of the mandatory disclosures, the President of the Hearing Panel shall convene a scheduling conference with the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel. During the scheduling conference, after the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel have been heard, the president of the Hearing Panel shall issue a scheduling order to provide for (1) a calendar for discovery, including depositions and written interrogatories, as provided in this section; (2) filing deadlines and hearing dates for preliminary motions and for dispositive motions; and (3) the date of hearing before the Hearing Panel.

(d) Discovery procedures as approved in the discovery plan filed pursuant to Canon IV.13.5(a) may include written interrogatories, oral or written deposition testimony of any person having knowledge pertaining to the alleged Offense or any defenses, requests for production of documents or tangible objections, and requests for admissions of fact. The Scheduling Order shall
provide the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel authorization to take up to two depositions and propound up to twenty written interrogatories regarding each Complainant.

(e) In addition to the disclosures required by this section and the discovery obtained pursuant to the discovery plan, the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other and to the Hearing Panel at least thirty days before the hearing final pre-hearing disclosures including (1) the name, address and telephone number of each witness expected to be called to testify at the hearing; (2) identification of each document or other tangible object expected to be used as an exhibit in the hearing; and (3) requests, if any, to have all or portions of the hearing closed to the public. No other discovery shall be allowed at any point during the pendency of a matter under this Title except with permission of the Hearing Panel upon a showing of good cause.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, in approving or determining the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall take reasonable steps to assure that the discovery process will not unduly burden any person from whom information is sought or unduly adversely affect any pastoral response being offered to any such person. The Hearing Panel may impose, after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard, reasonable sanctions on any party for failure to comply with any discovery or scheduling order pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.13.7.

Sec. 4. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other.

Sec. 5. All pre-hearing motions and challenges shall be filed with the Hearing Panel within the time limits prescribed in the scheduling order. All responses shall be filed by the non-moving party within 15 days of receipt of the motion or challenge. Upon receipt of a motion or challenge, the Hearing Panel will promptly set the matter for hearing. The hearing may be conducted by conference call. After consideration of the argument of the parties, the Hearing Panel shall render a decision within three days of the hearing. The decision shall be final as to all procedural matters. Decisions on evidentiary matters are preliminary and may be reconsidered by the Hearing Panel during the course of the hearing if warranted by the evidence. The decision shall be provided to the parties and placed on the record of proceedings.

Sec. 6. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel except its private deliberations shall be open to the Respondent and to each Complainant, to any Injured Person, and to persons from the public. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied at the proceedings by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor. Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause, including to protect the privacy of any person, may close any part of the proceedings to any person or group of persons, after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

Sec. 7. At least 15 days before the hearing, the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other and to the Hearing Panel final pre-hearing disclosures including (1) the name, address, and telephone number of each witness expected to be called to testify at the hearing; (2) identification of each document or other tangible object expected to be used as an exhibit in the hearing; and (3) requests, if any, to have all or portions of the hearing closed to the public.

Sec. 6 8. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel, the testimony of witnesses shall be taken orally and personally or by such other means as provided by order of the Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be given under oath or solemn affirmation and be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. The proceedings shall be conducted as follows:
(a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of relevant facts.

(b) The president:
   (1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;
   (2) shall exclude privileged evidence;
   (3) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt contains all pertinent portions of the original document;
   (4) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including records of other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the Hearing Panel’s specialized knowledge;
   (5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay;
   (6) shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable opportunity to present evidence, argue and respond to argument, conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence; and
   (7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other than the Church Attorney and the Respondent opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by the president in taking measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

Sec. 7 9. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Panel shall confer privately to reach a determination of the matter by (a) dismissal of the matter or (b) issuance of an Order.

Sec. 8 10. If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Hearing Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, and the Church Attorney.

Sec. 9 11. If the resolution is the issuance of an Order other than an Order of dismissal, the provisions of Canon IV.14 shall apply.

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #18 on HD Message #288 on Resolution C031 (In Support of Diocesan Mergers) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C031.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #368)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C031)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention ask that the bishops and dioceses of The Episcopal Church create, nurture, and develop a culture of collaboration that results in new structures, partnerships, and practices on the interpersonal, group, and organizational levels; measurable outcomes of performance; standards of accountability, reporting and mutual ministry reviews at all levels (bishops, clergy, diocesan bodies); and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages Dioceses to explore opportunities for collaboration, and possibly merging, with contiguous Dioceses, to better carry out their common mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge the bishops and diocesan leadership of The Episcopal Church to engage in frank discussion about the number and size of our dioceses across the church, diocesan collaboration, vitality, and shared ministry, and what change is needed; and be it further
Resolved, That the Planning Committee of the House of Bishops is requested to set aside time this Triennium to discuss issues of diocesan vitality; and be it further
Resolved, That The Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church is directed to seek input from the above conversations and to study opportunities and challenges of diocesan collaboration, vitality, shared ministry, and the number and size of dioceses, and to report back to the 79th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #19 on HD Message #299 on Resolution D008 (Amend Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution [first reading]) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #369)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D008)
Resolved, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit, and deliberate, debate, and vote separately; unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. And in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #22 on HD Message #380 on Resolution D013 (Budget Process for The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

Bishop Rowe presented the report of the Committee on Conference.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #372)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D013)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize the continuing evolution of the roles of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the life and work of The Episcopal Church is in a time of substantial transition and that the structures of the Church continue to evolve; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize there are increased demands on the time and energy of the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the President of the House of Deputies, among other current responsibilities, serves as the Vice-President of the Domestic and Foreign
Missionary Society, as the Vice-Chair of the Executive Council, and makes and participates in numerous appointments to positions in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that at the present time, the House of Deputies is of the view that only persons who are retired or who have substantial economic resources are financially able to serve as President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the House of Deputies considers it important that the House of Deputies be able to choose a President without regard to the financial circumstances of the candidates for the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the House of Deputies has affirmed that the desirability of compensation for the President of the House of Deputies is a fairness issue; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention determine that it is important for The Episcopal Church to explore fully and openly the issues of leadership, including compensation for the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the House of Bishops understands and appreciates the cogency of, and fairness issues inherent in, the position of the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention direct that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies jointly appoint a task force to consider these issues of leadership and compensation and that this task force report its recommendations to the 79th General Convention, including such canonical or other steps needed to implement the recommendations of the task force.
Resolved, That Title I, Canon 4, Sections 6-8, be stricken in their entirety and replaced to read as follows:
Sec. 6. (a) The Executive Council shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance the proposed Budget for The Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The proposed Budget shall be submitted not less than four months before the ensuing General Convention is convened.
(b) Revenue to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single assessment of the Dioceses of the Church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Budget process. If in any year the total anticipated income for Budget support is less than the amount required to support the Budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced Budget.
(c) After the preparation of the Budget, the Treasurer shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed assessment necessary to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church. The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance shall also submit to the General Convention, with the Budget, a plan for the assessments of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the Budget.
(d) There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the Budget for The Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention.
(e) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a Budget for The Episcopal Church and the planned assessments for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total assessments to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church.
(f) Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be required of all Dioceses, effective January 1, 2019.
Effective January 1, 2016 Council shall have the power to grant waivers from the full annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a waiver of the assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with the Executive Council. Effective January 1, 2019, failure to make full payment or to receive a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council.

The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the Budget and estimated Budgets approved by the General Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6(c) of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the Budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

In respect of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, the Executive Council shall have the power to consider and vote to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention. It shall also have power to approve other initiatives proposed by the Chair or otherwise considered by Council, in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, between meetings of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council are prudent and which the Church revenues will be adequate to support.

Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council.

Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following: dissolution of the congregation;

1. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or VI.2 of the Constitution;
2. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
3. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case, the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

Sec. 7 (a) Every Missionary Bishop or, in case of a vacancy, the Bishop in charge of the jurisdiction, receiving aid from the General Convention Budget, shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of work performed, of money received from all sources and disbursed for all purposes, and of the state of the Church in the jurisdiction at the date of such report, all in such form as the Council may prescribe.

(b) The Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese receiving aid from the General Convention Budget shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of the work in the diocese supported in whole or in part by that aid.

Sec. 8. The Council, as soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, shall cause to be prepared and publish a full report of the work of the Executive Council, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the General Convention Office to the Church. Such report shall contain an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements and a statement of all trust funds and other property of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and of all other trust funds and property in its possession or under its oversight responsibility. The report shall include a detailed schedule of the
salaries paid to all officers and principal employees of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Executive Council.

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #2 on HD Message #55 on Resolution C038 (Change the Asking Formula) and moved to discharge the committee of further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #374)

Election of Vice Presidents
Bishop Price moved to suspend the rules to allow the election of two vice presidents.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
Motion carried
Two Vice Presidents were elected:
The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas
The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of Camino Real

Election of Secretary
The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles, was elected Secretary of the House.

Motion carried

Appointment of Assistant Secretary
The House affirmed the Secretary's appointment of Assistant Secretary, the Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York

Motion carried

The Presiding Bishop called for a 15-minute recess.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #77 on HD Message #384 on Resolution C033 (Amend Canon III.9) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #382)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C033)
Resolved, That Canon III.9 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 5 as follows (with subsequent sections renumbered):

Sec. 5. Transfer to Churches in Communion with This Church
(a) A Priest desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (as identified in Canon I.20) or Church in Communion with This Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2.(a)(3)) shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of current canonical residence, which testimonial shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of
training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction:
I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of ______, is a Priest of the Diocese of ______ of the Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.
(Date) ______   (Signed) ______
(b) If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with This Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Priest transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Priest to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:
I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Priest in good standing.
(Date) ______   (Signed) ______
Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the sending Diocese shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the priest’s departure from the Episcopal Church.
(c) This provision shall not be used for Priests who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with This Church or for those who seek transfer to another Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of the Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.6.8 shall be followed.

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on Resolution X024 (Thanking Bishop Katharine for her leadership as Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.
Motion carried
Resolution adopted by acclamation
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #402)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X024)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 78th General Convention voice its profound thanksgiving for the leadership and ministry of the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori as she soon completes her nine-year term of office as the 26th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That she has served this Church as Presiding Bishop and as Bishop of Nevada with great distinction and faithfulness; and be it further
Resolved, That she has represented The Episcopal Church in the councils of the Anglican Communion with humility and generosity of spirit; and be it further
Resolved, That her witness has inspired us to see the world through the eyes of one who loves all of God’s creation; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Bishops offers her our fervent prayers and best wishes as she embarks on her continued ministry after she resigns her office on All Saints’ Day, 2015.

The Chair of Dispatch moved any matters not considered by this General Convention be referred to the Interim Bodies.

The Secretary offered announcements.
Closing Prayers
Closing prayers were led by Chaplain Bautista.
The Presiding Bishop offered the House a blessing.

Adjourn
The Presiding Bishop announced adjournment of the House sine die.

The House adjourned at 5:40 p.m.
House of Bishops
Minutes
Interim Meetings
CALL TO ORDER
The business meeting was called to order by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. Devotions were offered by the Presiding Bishop.

ROLL CALL
It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 137 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP
It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Leo Frade was the senior bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations or elections since the last meeting

Presentation of New Members

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Necrology since last meeting

Richard B. Martin resigned Bishop Suffragan of Long Island, 04/11/2012  
John H. Smith resigned Bishop of West Virginia, 06/02/2012  
Robert P. Atkinson resigned Bishop of West Virginia, 07/05/2012  
Roger J. White resigned Bishop of Milwaukee, 08/28/2012  
George E. Haynsworth resigned Bishop of Nicaragua and resigned Assistant Bishop of South Carolina, 11/24/2012  
Jane Holmes Dixon resigned Bishop Suffragan of Washington, 12/25/2012  
Huntington Williams, Jr. resigned Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina, 01/28/2013  
John Chien resigned Bishop of Taiwan, 03/05/2013

Resignations since our last meeting

Kenneth Price Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio, effective 8/1/2012; and Provisional Bishop of Pittsburgh, effective 10/20/2012  
Neil Alexander Bishop of Atlanta, effective 10/13/2012  
Geralyn Wolf Bishop of Rhode Island, effective 11/17/2012  
Gordon Scruton Bishop of Western Massachusetts, effective 12/1/2012  
Charles Bennison Bishop of Pennsylvania, effective 12/31/2012  
Gene Robinson Bishop of New Hampshire, effective 1/2/2013  
Mark Sisk Bishop of New York, effective 2/2/2013  
Clifton Daniel Bishop of East Carolina, effective 2/28/2013

New Provisional Bishops

Clifton Daniel Provisional Bishop of Pennsylvania  
Rayford High Provisional Bishop of Fort Worth  
Charles vonRosenberg Provisional Bishop of South Carolina

Renunciation

Mark Lawrence South Carolina, effective 12/05/2012
Report from the Committee on Resignation of Bishops

The Presiding Bishop reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations and moved the following resignations:

The Rt. Rev. Duncan Gray to resign as Bishop of Mississippi for reason of advanced age effective February 2015.

The Rt. Rev. George Councell to resign as Bishop of New Jersey for reason of advanced age effective November 2, 2013.

Motion carried

Resignations Affirmed

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Formal Reports

Bishop Alexander called attention to the Annual Report of the College for Bishops which was made available to all Bishops during this meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Assistant Secretary
TITLE: Greetings to the Archbishop of Canterbury

Resolved; We the bishops of the Episcopal Church send our greetings to the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury as you begin a new season in your ministry. We remember with deep appreciation your pastoral visit with us as we met in New Orleans, Louisiana following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. At the 2008 Lambeth Conference we were recipients of your personal hospitality, teaching ministry, and leadership. The “indaba” spirit of that gathering continues to influence and shape our common life and ministry. We wish you Godspeed and many blessings in the coming days.
APPENDIX B

Caring for all the Churches
A Response of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church
to an expressed need of the Church

The church is the Body of Christ. Our life in this Body is a continuing action of God’s grace among us. In Christ’s power alone the church is “joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord” (Eph. 2:21). Through the church’s common life in Christ, God intends to signify to the world the beginning of a new and reconciled creation.

We know that the unity with God that Christ has won for humanity, he won through the victory of his passion. We are mindful of the suffering Jesus who, on the cross and through his resurrection, reaches into every corner of alienated human life, reconciling and restoring to the household of God all who come to him in faith. By God’s grace the church is continually called, in repentance and hope, to be a trustworthy sign to the world of this costly reconciling power of God. As we trust in Christ and follow him, we share in his unity with the Father through the Holy Spirit. Communion in the Trinity is the salvation of the world. The church, thus, exists for the sake of the world. Therefore, for the sake of the world, bishops have been called “[to] serve before God day and night in the ministry of reconciliation” (BCP, p. 521) – a ministry which is to be carried out “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:2-3).

We as bishops are not of a common mind about issues concerning human sexuality. Different points of view on these matters also exist within our dioceses and congregations. In some instances there are significant differences between congregation(s) and the bishop, and few of our congregations are themselves of one mind. As we exercise pastoral leadership in our dioceses, we pledge ourselves to work always towards the fullest relationship, seeking, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has said, “the highest degree of communion.” We have committed ourselves to living through this time of disagreement in love and charity and with sensitivity to the pastoral needs of all members of our church.

In the circumstances of disagreement regarding the actions of the 74th and subsequent General Conventions on issues of human sexuality, we commit ourselves to providing and to making provision for pastoral care for dissenting congregations, and we recognize that there may be a need for a bishop to delegate some pastoral oversight. Oversight means the episcopal acts performed as part of a diocesan bishop’s ministry either by the Bishop Diocesan or by another bishop to whom such responsibility has been delegated by the Diocesan. In other Anglican Provinces, the term “pastoral oversight” signifies what we mean by “pastoral care.” In our Episcopal Church polity,
“oversight” does not confer “jurisdiction.” We are aware of current examples of the delegation of pastoral oversight in the gracious accommodations which have occurred in some dioceses. As we commit ourselves to a process for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight, we also recognize the constitutional and canonical authority of bishops and the integrity of diocesan boundaries. We are in accord with the statement of the Primates: “Whilst we affirm the teaching of successive Lambeth Conferences that bishops must respect the autonomy and territorial integrity of dioceses and provinces other than their own, we call on the provinces concerned to make adequate provision for episcopal oversight of dissenting minorities within their own area of pastoral care in consultation with the Archbishop of Canterbury on behalf of the Primates.”

We recognize that we face a complex set of needs. Some Christians of a traditional perspective on matters of human sexuality find themselves in dioceses where the actions of the 74th and subsequent General Conventions are overwhelmingly affirmed and where diocesan policies and practices are in line with those General Convention actions (for example, in the ordination of persons living in same-sex partnerships and in episcopal permission for the blessing of same-sex unions). At the same time, some Christians who affirm the actions of the 74th and subsequent General Conventions find themselves in dioceses where the actions of those conventions are overwhelmingly opposed, and where diocesan policies do not permit the ordination of persons living in same-sex partnerships or the blessings of same-sex unions. In both cases, it is essential to provide a “safe space” for the exercise of conscience. A particular issue surrounds the ordination of persons from a “minority” perspective within a diocese. Often persons whose perspective runs contrary to that of the majority in a diocese feel that they cannot test their vocation to the diaconate or the priesthood; that their vocations will be dismissed out of hand, without a fair hearing. Thus Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight needs to include the possibility that persons from a parish receiving episcopal ministry under the provisions of this document may test their vocation in that bishop’s diocese.

Sensitive pastoral care does not presuppose like-mindedness. Bishops and congregations have frequently disagreed about particular articulations and interpretations of scripture and the Creeds while being able to transcend their differences through common prayer and celebration of the sacraments of the new covenant. Bishops promise to “support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries” (BCP, p. 518), and that pledge must not be limited to the like-minded. Our theology and practice hold that ordination and consecration provide the gifts and grace necessary for the sacramental acts of a bishop to be effectual. (See article XXVI of the Articles of Religion: Of the Unworthiness of the Ministers, which hinders not the effect of the Sacraments.) Yet the conflict over human sexuality reminds us that our support and pastoral care may need to take unusual and extraordinary forms for the sake of the unity of the church.

As bishops we are “servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries” (1 Cor. 4:1), a ministry that none of us possesses alone. Together we must be signs of unity. We seek unity for the sake of the
world and in fidelity to our Lord, who gave his life to restore all to unity with God. We acknowledge our failures of charity toward one another in our shared ministry, we repent and ask forgiveness of God and of our brother and sister bishops, and we pledge ourselves to a sacrificial ministry with one another. We will value in each the presence of the Crucified and Risen Christ. While our unity may be strained, we continue to strive for godly union and concord. Our task requires humility, charity, mutual respect and a willingness to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

In March of 2002 the House of Bishops adopted the following covenant:

“We believe that the present Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church are sufficient for dealing with questions of episcopal oversight, supplemental episcopal pastoral care, and disputes that may arise between the bishop and a congregation. We encourage that their provisions be used wisely and in the spirit of charity.

“The provision of supplemental episcopal pastoral care shall be under the direction of the bishop of the diocese, who shall invite the visitor and remain in pastoral contact with the congregation. This is to be understood as a temporary arrangement, the ultimate goal of which is the full restoration of the relationship between the congregation and their bishop.”

We are profoundly grateful that the faith that binds us together – grounded in Jesus Christ, rooted in the historic Creeds and in the Holy Scriptures – is deep, and that the bond created in baptism is indissoluble. Our disagreements are nonetheless real, and touch on issues that cannot be easily or quickly resolved. Convictions are passionately held across the spectrum on matters of human sexuality. We must honor conscience in such a way that persons who find themselves in a theological minority know that they have a permanent place in the Church. Thus the “temporary arrangement” called for in the 2002 covenant must also be seen as being “as long as necessary.” Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight is a way of assuring theological minorities that they are beloved and not merely tolerated, and that their presence is a gift rather than a problem.

Expanding on the agreement of 2002, and working always towards “the highest degree of communion,” we offer the following recommendations in order to provide Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight. We expect that the first priority in a relationship between a Bishop Diocesan and a congregation is a striving for unity. As such, it is incumbent upon both the bishop and the rector/congregation to meet together, with a consultant, if needed, to find ways to work together. If for serious cause in the light of our current disagreements on issues of human sexuality, the bishop and rector/congregation cannot work together, we propose the following process for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight.
1) In the spirit of openness, the rector and vestry, or the canonically designated lay leadership shall meet with the bishop to seek reconciliation. After such a meeting, it is our hope that in most instances a mutually agreeable way forward will be found.

2) If reconciliation does not occur, then the rector and two-thirds of the vestry, or in the absence of a rector, two-thirds of the canonically designated lay leadership, after fully engaging the congregation, may seek from their Bishop Diocesan, (or the bishop may suggest) a conference regarding the appropriateness and conditions for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight.

3) After such a conference the Bishop Diocesan may appoint another bishop to provide pastoral oversight.

4) The ministry of a bishop serving under the provisions of Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight may include the following elements:
   a. Episcopal visitations
   b. Administration of confirmation and other initiatory rites
   c. Providing counsel to the rector, vestry, or canonically designated lay leadership
   d. In cooperation with the Bishop Diocesan, collaborating in search processes when the parish seeks a new rector

5) The bishop providing delegated pastoral oversight may also, with the consent of the Bishop Diocesan and his or her own commission on ministry and standing committee, care for persons from the parish receiving delegated oversight in the ordination process. In that case the canonical provision in Canon III.6.2(a) and III.8.2(a) regarding “other community of faith” shall apply to the parish receiving delegated oversight. Thus the person testing his or her vocation seeks ordination through the discernment process of the diocese of the bishop providing delegated oversight, and his or her formation is under the direction of that diocese. In situations in which the bishop providing delegated pastoral oversight is not a Bishop Diocesan, he or she may ask a bishop with jurisdiction to assume this task.

6) If no reconciliation is achieved, there may then be an appeal to the bishop who is president or vice-president of the Episcopal Church province in which the congregation is geographically located, for help in seeking such a resolution. Those making such an appeal must inform the other party of their decision to appeal.

7) When such an appeal is made, the provincial bishop may request two other bishops, representative of the divergent views in this church, to join with the provincial bishop to review the situation, to consider the appeal, and to make recommendations to all parties. If a bishop is invited to provide Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight, that bishop shall be a member in good standing in the House of Bishops.

8) When an agreement is reached with respect to a plan, it shall be for the purpose of reconciliation. The plan shall include expectations of all parties, especially mutual accountability. The plan shall be for a stated period of time with regular reviews and an opportunity for re-negotiation and renewal.
The provincial bishop shall periodically inform the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop’s Council of Advice, and the House of Bishops at its regular meetings of the progress and results of this process.

This difficult season in the Church’s life provides, paradoxically, an opportunity to exercise loving pastoral leadership. We commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the provisions of this document, and to the ministry of reconciliation to which it points. Our Lord’s prayer for the unity of the Church includes a promise: “so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:23). In other words, Jesus invites those beyond the Christian community to look at the Church and make a decision about him on the basis of our relationships with one another. This moment in our lives has eternal significance, not merely for ourselves, but for the world for which Jesus died.

As bishops of this church, we pledge ourselves to pray and work for patience and the generosity of spirit that can enable a pastoral resolution as we live with our differences. As well, we will strive for Godly union and concord as together we seek to be led by the Spirit of truth who, as Jesus tells us, “will guide us into all the truth.” (John 16:13)

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church
20 March 2012
APPENDIX C

DRAFT POLICIES
for
SOCIAL MEDIA & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS
at
HOUSE OF BISHOPS MEETINGS and GATHERINGS

Once adopted by the House of Bishops, these policies are to be distributed to all in attendance at House meetings and gatherings in English, Spanish, French, Creole and other languages necessary. Copies of these policies are to be distributed to all bishops’ tables, and prominently displayed at the entrance and within the meeting space for visitors, guests, staff, chaplains, and translators.

1. **The terms social media and electronic communications include but are not limited to:**
   - photographs, email, blogs, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, videotaping,
   - live streaming, audio taping and other multimedia, including electronic
   - listening devices.

2. **The House will be informed at the beginning of any session when reporters, journalists and/or photographers are present.**

3. **Each session will begin with a declaration of the status of meeting or gathering**
   **by the chair or leader as either an “Open Session” or an “Executive Session”**.
   **It is also desirable that the status of each session be displayed prominently at the entrance of**
   **the room where House is gathered**

4. **The status of meetings or gatherings of the House of Bishops are as follows:**

   **Open Session:** Members of the House, invited guests, chaplains, translators, visitors,
   members of media, and staff designated by the Presiding Bishop are present.

   **In open sessions:**
   Photographs may be taken only with the permission of those in the photograph; an exception is given to designated staff taking pictures; pictures taken by the staff will be reviewed. Photos may only be released after permission is given at the end of that session, not during the session. Photos by designated staff may only be released at the close of day.
(Open Sessions, continued)

It is assumed that speakers will be quoted at open sessions, but the agenda, topics, events and spoken words at the open session may not be communicated in any form until the close of that session.

Executive Session:

Members of the House, guests invited by the Presiding Bishop, chaplains, and translators are present

Note: Executive Sessions are intended:

To strengthen relationship and communication among members

To allow members to speak freely and explore all aspects and directions of issues and concerns presented

To discuss sensitive issues in private until the House is ready to speak publically

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5. Robert’s Rules of Order allows both discussion and voting during either an Open Session or an Executive Session
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**BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE HOB INTERIM MEETING SPRING, 2013**

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House of Bishops Interim Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee
September 19 - 24, 2013

Tuesday
September 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER
The business meeting was called to order by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori.

ROLL CALL
It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 146 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP
It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Bishop Sanders was the senior bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections
W. Jay Lambert Eau Claire, 03/16/2013
Anne Hodges-Copple North Carolina, 06/15/2013
Mark Bourlakas Southwestern Virginia, 07/20/2013
Wayne Hougland Western Michigan, consecration scheduled for 09/28/2013
William Stokes New Jersey, consecration scheduled for 11/02/2013

Necrology since last spring meeting
H. Coleman McGhee resigned Bishop of Michigan, 03/14/2013
William G. Black resigned Bishop of Southern Ohio, 07/07/2013
David K. Leighton Sr., resigned Bishop of Maryland, 08/07/2013
Resignations since last meeting
F. Neff Powell  Bishop of Southwestern Virginia for reason of advanced age, effective 07/20/2013
Robert Gepert  Bishop of Western Michigan for reason of advanced age, effective 08/31/2013

Change in Status
John Buchanan from Provisional Bishop of Quincy to Assisting Bishop of Chicago

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP
The Presiding Bishop gave thanks for the chaplains the Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers, the Rev. Simon Bautista Betances, and Mr. Dent Davidson and for those who presided at worship. She also thanked our translators Dinorah Padro and Gabriela de Castro. Lori Ioninitiu and Patrick Haizel from the General Convention Office were commended for their work in organizing this time together. The Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson and Ms. Ednice Baerga from the Presiding Bishop's staff as well as Ms. Neva Rae Fox from the Public Affairs Office were also thanked for their work. Applause followed by members of the House.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING
Resolution from the Committee on Pastoral Development
The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander brought to the House on behalf of the House of Bishops Committee for Pastoral Development a resolution regarding staff members serving on Standing Committees, Executive Council or as a Deputy to General Convention. After perfection from the floor the final version of it Passed and is attached in APPENDIX A.

Resolution adopted

Report from the Committee on Consecration and Resignation of Bishops/Credentials
The Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews introduced a resolution regarding the approval of the Rt. Rev. David Rice as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of San Joaquin. The Rt. Rev. Chester Talton spoke to this resolution. The full text is attached in APPENDIX B. The resolution PASSED and followed by applause and brief remarks by Bishop Rice.

Resolution adopted
READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Assistant Secretary
APPENDIX A

Resolution to the House of Bishops
From the HOB Committee for Pastoral Development
September 24, 2013

Resolved: The House of Bishops urgently requests the Committee on Constitution and Canons to prepare a canon which prohibits Diocesan staff from serving or representing the Diocese in which they are employed: as Deputies to General Convention or on the Diocesan Standing Committee or Executive Board and to bring this canonical revision to the 78th General Convention.

Explanation: It is a contradiction of role and responsibility, and accountability for a Diocesan staff person to also serve, without prejudice, on such committees or boards or to represent the Diocese in Convention.

The resolution passed.
APPENDIX B

Resolution
House of Bishops Meeting
September 19-24, 2013

Sponsor: The Rt. Rev. Chester L Talton, Bishop of San Joaquin
Re: Approval of the Rt. Rev. David Rice as Assistant Bishop

Resolved, that the House of Bishops pursuant to Canon III.12.5(b)(4) hereby consents to the appointment of the Rt. Rev. David Rice as the assistant bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin provided that the Diocesan Convention approves the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop at its upcoming annual meeting and each of the canonical requirements are satisfied, including but not limited to the Canon III.12.5(b)(3) (collectively, the "Canonical Requirements" prior to his appointment by the Bishop of the Diocese:

Explanation [or Whereas Clauses]: The Standing Committee in consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office has nominated the Rt. Rev. David Rice as the next provisional bishop of the Diocese. Bishop Rice is currently serving as the Bishop of the Diocese of Waiapu of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

To be eligible to serve as a Provisional Bishop he or she must be either resigned or serving in a diocese of the Episcopal Church. Canon III.13.1. Currently neither of these criteria is applicable to Bishop Rice, so an interim step is required prior to his consideration for election as the provisional bishop.

This interim step would have Bishop Rice serve as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese pursuant to the canons of The Episcopal Church, which expressly permit a bishop form another part of the communion to serve as an Assistant Bishop in The Episcopal Church. (See Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, Canons III.12.5(a) and (b)(3)). Accordingly, Bishop Talton as the current Provisional Bishop of the Diocese with the consent of the Standing Committee will ask the Diocesan Convention at its upcoming meeting in October to create the position of Assistant Bishop.

Provided that the Diocesan Convention concurs and other conditions are met as discussed below, Bishop Talton would appoint (with the Standing Committee's consent which has been sought and received) Bishop Rice as the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese upon Bishop Rice's arrival in February.

Prior to Bishop Rice's appointment as the Assistant Bishop, a number of important conditions need to be satisfied, including the consent of the House of Bishops, completion of psychological and medical tests, his resignation as the Bishop of the Diocese of Waiapu, received approval from the
Appendix B

Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia, and submit to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Episcopal Church in writing.

Once these conditions are met and certified to the Presiding Bishop through the House of Bishops Committee on Ordinations and Resignations and Bishop Rice is appointed as the Assistant Bishop in early February, he will become a member of the House of Bishops and a Bishop of The Episcopal Church. (See Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church Article I, Sec. 2).

As the Assistant Bishop he will be under the direction of Bishop Talton and will use his time in that capacity to become familiar with the Diocese, meet and engage the Diocese, conduct visitations, attend deanery meetings, and other episcopal duties. The Standing Committee and Bishop Talton envision that Bishop Rice would act in this capacity between his arrival in February and special meeting of the Diocesan Convention to be held on March 29th. This will give the Diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about Bishop Rice prior to considering his election as the provisional bishop of the Diocese at a Special Meeting of the Diocesan Convention.

At the Special Meeting of the Convention, Bishop Rice would resign as the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese making him eligible to stand for election as the provisional bishop of the Diocese.

The resolution passed.
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CALL TO ORDER
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ROLL CALL
It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 148 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP
It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee was the senior bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections
- Whayne Hougland, Western Michigan, 09/28/2013 (attended fall meeting)
- William Stokes, New Jersey, 11/02/2013 (attended fall meeting)
- Matthew A. Gunter, Fond du Lac, consecration scheduled for April 26, 2014
- Allen K. Shin, New York, consecration scheduled for May 17, 2014

Necrology since last meeting
- William B. Spofford, resigned Bishop of Eastern Oregon, 11/05/2013
- Douglas E. Theuner, resigned Bishop of New Hampshire, 11/08/2013
- Otis Charles, resigned Bishop of Utah, 12/26/2013
- Franklin D. Turner, resigned Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania, 12/31/2013
- Robert C. Johnson, Jr., resigned Bishop of North Carolina, 01/03/2014
- Maurice M. Benitez, resigned Bishop of Texas, 02/27/2014
Resignations since last meeting

Russell Jacobus  Bishop of Fond du Lac, effective 10/31/2013
David Alvarez  Bishop of Puerto Rico, effective 11/01/2013
George Councell  Bishop of New Jersey, effective 11/01/2013
Keith Whitmore  Assistant Bishop of Atlanta, effective 11/01/2013
Paul Marshall  Bishop of Bethlehem, effective 12/31/2013
William Gregg  Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, effective 02/01/2014

Changes in Status

David Rice  San Joaquin, effective 02/23/2014
Sean Rowe  Provisional Bishop of Bethlehem
Wilfrido Ramos-Orench  Puerto Rico, effective 03/29/2014

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

A. The Presiding Bishop announced that Title IV charges were presented against her a few days ago. A Bishop outside of the Episcopal Headquarters in New York has been assigned to work on this. Comments were made by a member of the House.

B. The Presiding Bishop addressed the upcoming Presiding Bishop Election scheduled for General Convention 2015, noting that it is too soon to talk about who may or may not be running for election.

C. The Presiding Bishop shared that no efforts have been made toward fund raising or announcing the holding of the Lambeth Conference 2018. Therefore the Presiding Bishop feels that there will not be a Lambeth Conference in 2018, and if there is it may be scheduled for 2019 or 2020.

D. The Presiding Bishop noted that, outside of the unhappiness of those who have resigned from the board, the United Thank Offering (UTO) board is functioning well. The Presiding Bishop believes the recent difficulties are past. There is a memorandum of understanding that is working. The presenting issue was about lines of authority and oversight.

E. Speaking about the Board for Transition Ministry, the Presiding Bishop noted that she and the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls met with the Chair of the Board and had a fruitful meeting. Work is underway on the development of a job description.

F. The Presiding Bishop stated that in terms of the Diocese of South Carolina, legal efforts are continuing.
G. After noting the current legal situation with the Diocese of South Carolina, the Presiding Bishop stated that the Continuing Episcopal Church in South Carolina is doing good work and is invigorated.

H. The Presiding Bishop reminded the House that there are a number of investment vehicles around the church, including DFMS which charges no fee.

I. The Presiding Bishop told the House that the offerings that have been collected will be split between ERD to support South Sudan and the Cathedral in Port au Prince.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF MEETING

Election of Members of the Board of the College for Bishops
The Presiding Bishop moved the following people to be elected for election as members of the Board of the College for Bishops:

Marla Hanley and Donald Romanik – 1 year terms.
The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Benfield, the Rt. Rev. Prince Singh, the Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson (Canada) and Kammy Young – 3 year terms.

Motion carried
Elected

Resolution of Tribute for Barbara C. Harris
The Presiding Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs to move the resolution found in Appendix A.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Two Resolutions Offered
The Presiding Bishop noted that two resolutions were received after the establishment of the agenda. As a two-thirds agreement is needed in the House in order to allow for the addition of the resolutions to the agenda, the House was polled and more than two-thirds of the House APPROVED the addition of the resolutions to the agenda. The resolutions are as follows:
Resolution regarding the Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela
The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque presented the resolution regarding the Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela. Bishops were given time to read this resolution. Resolution was moved, seconded and APPROVED. Please refer to Appendix B.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Resolution regarding the Episcopal Diocese of Dominican Republic.
The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque presented the resolution regarding the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic. Bishops were given time to read this resolution. It was noted that the date on the resolution should be corrected to read March 25, 2014. The Secretary noted this change. The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque requested that the resolution be sent to the Peace and Justice Committee of the Anglican Communion. Resolution was moved, seconded and APPROVED. Please refer to Appendix C.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Committee Reports
The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe reported on the House of Bishops Rules of Order Committee. The Committee is looking carefully at the Rules, making changes as necessary such as grammar and numbering. The House was asked to email Bishop Rowe with any concerns or suggestions they may have.

Informal Reports and Announcements
The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin asked for a point of personal privilege, thanking the House for their support of the resolution regarding the Resolution for the Dominican Republic.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano asked for a point of personal privilege, reiterating the appeal of the Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo that more time be allotted for a theological conversation regarding the work of the Task for on the Study of Marriage at either Taiwan in the Fall of 2014 or in our Spring meeting 2015.

The Presiding Bishops gave thanks for those Bishops who offered meditation during our time together. The Bishops were: The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, the Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool, The Rt. Rev.


Bishop Tobias addressed the House, grateful for his time with us and acknowledging the similarities between The Episcopal Church and the Iglesia Filipina Independiente. Bishop Tobias thanked the House on behalf of the Filipina people.

The Rt. Rev. James Tengatenga addressed the House, thanking the House and the Presiding Bishop's Office as well as the Diocese of Connecticut for the invitation to attend this meeting. He also thanked the House as well as The Episcopal Church for their support to the Bishop and his wife during this time of transition in their lives.

The Rt. Rev. Jonathan Hart addressed the House, noting the fun, joy and companionship he experienced during this time together. He went on to thank members of the House for their support of the work in the Diocese of Liberia. He noted the recent loss of the Primate of West Africa, and announced the election of a new Primate.

The Rt. Rev. David Rice, now Bishop of San Joaquin, addressed the House, noting that in the diocese he came from, one could not address the House without a self-introduction or a prayer. He stated his gratitude to the House.

The Presiding Bishop then thanked our chaplains the Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers, the Rev. Simon Bautista Betances, and Mr. Dent Davidson and for those who presided at worship. She also thanked our translators Dinorah Padro and Gabriela de Castro. The Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson and Ms. Ednice Baerga from the Presiding Bishop's staff as well as Ms. Neva Rae Fox from the Public Affairs Office were also thanked for their work. Applause followed by members of the House.
READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Assistant Secretary
APPENDIX A

A Tribute to
The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris
on the 25th Anniversary of her Consecration as Bishop

Whereas, Barbara C. Harris was born in the Diocese of Pennsylvania on June 12, 1930 and received her early Christian formation at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, and

Whereas, throughout her ministry as a lay leader, deacon, priest and bishop of the Church she has been a champion for racial justice and the rights of women and gay, lesbian and transgendered persons, an advocate for the poor, and an activist in environmental and anti-nuclear concerns, and

Whereas, she was elected Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts on September 24, 1988 and was consecrated February 11, 1989 at Hynes Auditorium in Boston before a congregation of 8000 persons, thus making her the first woman bishop of the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion, and

Whereas, she served admirably and faithfully in that ministry until she retired in 2003 exercising her special prophetic gifts as an African American woman “to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ and to share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world,” and served as co-chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Racism which composed the House of Bishops Pastoral Letter on the Sin of Racism, and

Whereas, she “stood in the breach so others could pass over” thus paving the way for 19 more women to be consecrated bishops in The Episcopal Church and 15 others to be consecrated across the world-wide Anglican Communion, and

Whereas, upon her retirement the Diocese of Massachusetts established in her honor the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, and

Whereas, she served four years as Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of Washington, DC, and

Whereas, over the years she has been a companion along the way and is considered a cherished colleague and dear friend to many in this House,
Be it resolved, that on this occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Consecration of Barbara C. Harris, the members of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church acknowledge and celebrate her witness among us, giving thanks that she has been a valiant seeker after truth, liberty, and justice, and rejoicing that all along this Christian journey she has walked closely with her Savior.

March 25, 2014

The resolution passed
APPENDIX B

Resolution

WHEREAS:

The Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela, known as the Anglican Church in Venezuela and Curacao, through its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Orlando Guerrero, has indicated to the House of Bishops the difficult and complex socio-political situation that the country currently faces. The current climate is the result of the tensions and intolerance between the left and right factions, conflict which seems endless and it has hitherto been impossible to reconcile.

Therefore:

Resolved, that the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church gathered in Navasota, Texas, in March 25, 2014 show solidarity with the Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela and support initiatives for peace and reconciliation, as a witness of the love of Christ, who is no respecter of persons and constantly calls us to build a just world.

Resolved, that this House calls on the The Episcopal Church to pray for a peaceful, prompt and lasting solution to the conflict that our Venezuelan brothers and sisters are currently facing.

Resolved, that this House advocates for human rights and humanitarian international law, in keeping with our solemn baptismal vows which invite us to respect the dignity of every human being.

cc Justice and Peace Committee of the Anglican Communion

The resolution passed.
APPENDIX C

Resolution

Whereas:

The Diocese of the Dominican Republic and its bishop, the Rt. Rev. Julio Cesar Holguin have courageously fought in defense of the human rights of our Dominican-Haitian brothers and sisters who, despite having been born and continued to reside in the Dominican Republic, have had their nationality challenged by a decision of the Constitutional Court (Case 168-13) of the Dominican Republic.

Therefore:
Resolved, that the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church gathered in Navasota, Texas, on March 25, 2014, express solidarity with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic and support its campaign to defend the human rights of our Dominican-Haitian brothers and sisters, and to do so as a witness of the love of Christ to the world, who is no respecter of persons.

Resolved, that this House urges and requests the acknowledgement of the rights acquired by our Dominican-Haitian brothers and sisters, pursuant to the universal rights and humanitarian international law.

Resolved, that this House calls on The Episcopal Church to pray for and support the efforts of our Dominican-Haitian brothers and sisters. We call on our officials and international agencies to carry all the necessary efforts for the recognition of the rights of our brothers and sisters.

And be it resolved, to support Executive Council’s similar resolution passed in Linthicum Heights, MD in February 2014.

The resolution passed
### APPENDIX D

**BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE INTERIM MEETING OF SPRING 2014**

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House of Bishops Interim Meeting
Taipei, Taiwan
September 17 - 23, 2014

Tuesday
September 23, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 11:55 by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. The Presiding Bishop noted that the opening Eucharist this morning constituted the devotions offered for this meeting.

ROLL CALL

It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The assistant secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 112 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP

It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Bob G. Jones was the Senior Bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections
Matthew A. Gunter          Fond du Lac, 04/26/2014 (attended spring meeting)
Allen K. Shin              New York, 05/17/2014 (attended spring meeting)
Heather Cook               Maryland, 09/06/2014
Alan Gates                 Massachusetts, 09/13/2014
Brian R. Seage             Mississippi, consecration scheduled for 9/27/2014
Robert Skirving            East Carolina, consecration scheduled for 11/8/2014

Necrology since last meeting
E. Don Taylor              resigned Vicar Bishop of New York, 05/24/2014
Daniel L                   Swenson, resigned Bishop of Vermont, 05/24/2014
Gerald N. McAllister       resigned Bishop of Oklahoma, 06/10/2014
Andrew F. Wissemann        resigned Bishop of Western Massachusetts, 08/20/2014
Resignations since last meeting
William Gregg  Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, effective 02/01/2014
Nathan Baxter  Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, effective 05/31/2014
James Stanton  Bishop of Dallas, effective 05/31/2014
Bud Shand  Bishop of Easton, effective 07/01/2014
Tom Shaw  Bishop of Massachusetts, effective 09/13/2014

Changes in Status
Bob Gepert  Bishop Provisional of Central Pennsylvania, effective June 2014
Henry Parsley  Bishop Provisional of Easton, effective July 2014
Carol Gallagher  Assistant Bishop of Montana, effective September 2014

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP
The Presiding Bishop had no additional communications for this meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF MEETING

Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawaii put forward a resolution (Appendix A). It was moved and seconded. Bp. Fitzpatrick then spoke to the resolution. After his speaking to the resolution, the House voted unanimously to take up the resolution. It was unanimously PASSED and is attached in APPENDIX A.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

A point of personal privilege was taken by Jay Lambert of Eau Clare, regarding the document he circulated earlier to many members of the House via email. Two-thirds of the House voted to take this up as a resolution from the House. It was moved and SECONDED to consider this resolution. Discussion from the House followed. Nick Knisely MOVED, and it was SECONDED that an amendment be made to the resolution to include only the third paragraph, which was PASSED. Stephen Lane offered a further amendment to the resolution. It was MOVED and SECONDED, and PASSED. Discussion followed. The motion was made by Steve Miller to POSTPONE this resolution indefinitely. It was SECONDED and APPROVED. The Presiding Bishop agreed to take this issue up with the Archbishop of Canterbury when she speaks with him in a few weeks.

Motion approved
Resolution postponed
Nathan Baxter asked for a point of personal privilege and spoke briefly to persecution of Christians throughout the world.

Dan Daniels presented a resolution to this House honoring the Presiding Bishop. It was moved and SECONDED. It was unanimously PASSED and is attached in APPENDIX B.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Dorsey OConnell asked for a point of personal privilege, requested the HOB Planning Committee to consider giving more time to the conversation regarding the findings of the Marriage Task Force.

Report from the Committee on Resignation of Bishops
The Presiding Bishop reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations moved the following resignation:
The Rt. Rev. James Curry, to resign as Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut for reason of advanced age effective October 1, 2014. The resignation was AFFIRMED.

Motion carried
Resignation Affirmed

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Assistant Secretary
Resolution
House of Bishops Meeting
September 23, 2014

Re: Support for the Archbishop of Hong Kong

Be it resolved that the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church meeting in Taipei, Diocese of Taiwan, offer thanks to the Reverend Peter Koon, the General Secretary of the Hong Kong Sheng Hui, for joining us to share about the current context for mission and ministry in that Province; and

Be it further resolved that this House respectfully offer its support and promise of continued prayers for the Most Reverend Paul Kwong, Primate of the Hong Kong Sheng Hui, and our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in that Province as their society continues to evolve during a time of sensitive political transition.

The resolution PASSED.
APPENDIX B

Resolution
House of Bishops Meeting
September 23, 2014

Re: Good wishes for the Presiding Bishop.

Resolved, that this House express its thanks to our Presiding Bishop for her ongoing ministry as our Presiding Bishop and wish her Godspeed as her tenure in this office continues.

This resolution PASSED.
APPENDIX C

BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE INTERIM MEETING OF FALL 2014

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Bailey, David
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CALL TO ORDER
The business meeting was called to order at 9:37 am by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. The Presiding Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL
It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 148 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP
It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee was recognized as the Senior Bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections
Brian R. Seage Mississippi, 09/27/2014
Robert Skirving East Carolina, 11/08/2014
David Reed Coadjutor of West Texas, installation scheduled for 02/28/2015
Peter Eaton Coadjutor of Southeast Florida, consecration scheduled for 05/09/2015
J. Russell Kendrick elected Bishop of Central Gulf, consecration scheduled for 07/25/2015

Necrology since last meeting
M. Thomas Shaw resigned Bishop of Massachusetts, 10/17/2014
Creighton L. Robertson resigned Bishop of South Dakota, 10/24/2014
James Mark Dyer resigned Bishop of Bethlehem, 11/11/2014
William W. Wiedrich, resigned Bishop Suffragan of Chicago, 11/26/2014
Orris G. Walker, Jr. resigned Bishop of Long Island, 02/28/2015
Resignations since last meeting
Duncan Gray  Bishop of Mississippi, effective February 8, 2015

Changes in Status
Brian Seage  Bishop Diocesan, effective February 8, 2015
David Reed  Bishop Coadjutor, effective February 28, 2015
Henry Parsley  Bishop Provisional of Easton, effective July 2014
Carol Gallagher  Assistant Bishop of Montana, effective September 2014

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP
The Presiding Bishop had no additional communications for this meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF MEETING

Election to the Disciplinary Board

Motion carried
Elected

Election to the College for Bishops Board
The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander presented and moved the slate for election: One a year term – Mr. Donald Romanik, the Rev. Kathryn Young, Ms. Marla M. Hanley. For three year term: the Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, the Rt. Rev. Holly Hollerith, the Rt. Rev. Scott Barker, Mr. Lee Davis Thames, Esq. The motion was seconded and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Elected
Reports from Committees

House of Bishops Committee on Resignations
The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations moved the following resignation:
The Rt. Rev. Duncan Gray, Bishop of Mississippi, effective February 8, 2015. The resignation was moved and AFFIRMED.

Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Ed Konieczny presented and moved a resolution on background checks (Appendix A). After being seconded, discussion followed. The resolution was APPROVED.

Pastoral Development Committee
PREAMBLE FOR COMMITMENT AND CORE VALUES
The Rt. Rev. Jim Waggoner, Pastoral Development Committee, provided the Preamble for Commitment and Core Values (Appendix B) to set standards and norms for the House for our own effectiveness and wellbeing in the way we function in the House. Bishop Waggoner MOVED that we accept the document, which was seconded. Discussion followed. The Rt. Rev. Dan Martins MOVED that we postpone action on this resolution to a time certain. That Motion and seconded, but FAILED. The original resolution was then APPROVED.

Pastoral Development Committee
APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT COMMISSION
The Rt. Rev. Jim Waggoner then offered a resolution (Appendix C) on the appointment of an independent commission to explore the canonical, environmental, behavioral and procedural dimensions of matters involving the serious impairment of individuals serving as leaders in the Church. Bishop Waggoner MOVED the resolution, which was seconded. Discussion followed. The Rt. Rev. Tom Ely offered the following amendment to the resolution (line 5 after the phrase SERVING AS LEADERS IN THE CHURCH): with special attention to issues including alcohol and substance abuse, which was MOVED and seconded. Discussion followed. The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth MOVED an amendment to this amendment, changing including alcohol to addiction which was seconded. Discussion followed. The amendment was APPROVED. With that amendment, the amended resolution continued to be discussed.
The Rt. Rev. Marian Budde moved that the House go into Executive Session, which seconded and was APPROVED.  
The House came out of Executive Session and resumed discussion of the resolution. The Rt. Rev. Mark Andrus MOVED an amendment to the Resolution: Be it further resolved, that the commission make a report to the House of Bishops at the end of the commission's work. The amendment was seconded and discussion ensued.  
The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris MOVED an amendment to the amendment to bring the report to the whole church. This amendment was seconded. Discussion ensued, and the amendment FAILED. The original amendment was taken up again, and it FAILED.  
The original resolution, with the amendment of Tom Ely and subsequent amendment by Mark Hollingsworth, was APPROVED.  

**Special Commission**  
The Presiding Bishop then spoke to the House regarding, given the content of our meeting, whether or not the House would be willing to have a special commission appointment to author a special Pastoral Letter from the House on the Sin of Racism. Discussion ensued and the House supported this work with applause. Bishops interested in serving on this commission will contact the Presiding Bishop directly.  

**Ecclesiology Committee**  
The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon offered and MOVED a resolution (Appendix D) on behalf of the Ecclesiology Committee. After being seconded, discussion ensued. The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith moved to postpone this resolution until a time certain. That motion was seconded and discussion ensued. The motion FAILED. Discussion of the original resolution resumed.  
The Rt. Rev. Dan Martins MOVED an amendment to the resolution, which was seconded, to remove the last section: in order that it may be released to the wider church for study and further development.  
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin then moved to amend the amendment to read to receive the report for further study. This motion was APPROVED. Discussion of the amended amendment ensued. The Amendment was APPROVED.  
The Rt. Rev. Nick Knisley MOVED an amendment, so that the word DRAFT be inserted: the HOB receive a DRAFT report. This motion was seconded and APPROVED.
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth MOVED an amendment, to remove by the House of Bishops. The motion was APPROVED.

The amended resolution, as amended, was again taken up. Discussion ensued. The resolution, as amended, was APPROVED.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

Support of the Church in Pakistan
The Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo MOVED a statement in support of the Church in Pakistan (Appendix E). The resolution was seconded and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Assistant Secretary
APPENDIX A

Be it resolved, that the House of Bishops we value the critical importance of thorough background checks for all nominees for Presiding Bishop, and as the House of Bishops, we will not vote for any person nominated through the discernment or petition process as established by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop who has not completed the JNCPB background check process

The Resolution passed
APPENDIX B

General Convention 2015
Preamble for Commitment and Core Values

We, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church gathered in our March 2015 meeting, call ourselves to the leadership and agreements expressed below as we move forward in the mission of the Church.

We seek to be a mission-minded Church as an expression of our core values encompassed in the Great Commandment, calling us to be a community of love in which all can find their place.

The Experience of General Convention
We, as bishops in community, will designate a time each day in which to share our faith in meaningful conversation with each other. We desire to pause for prayer, spiritual reflection, and discernment during the work of Convention, especially when we are engaged in more difficult and challenging conversations and decisions.

We recognize the usefulness of a variety of action tools, including legislation, continuing conversation, and consensus. We ask that the convention determine the most timely and appropriate means of proceeding, recognizing the variety of tools available and the potential gain and consequence of each tool used. On sensitive issues, we will be willing to suspend the Rules of Order and go into discussion in smaller groups before proceeding.

We will be diligent in identifying those questions best served by technical response and those requiring adaptive work.

Commitments in Preparation for Convention
We will operate and speak from an experience of Communion within which we seek to discover the way forward in areas of disagreement.

We will encourage our deputations to be fully and broadly informed, to increase our capacity for deep listening (especially when engaged in difficult and discomforting debate and conversation), so that we, as a convention and people of faith, can make the best decisions available to us at this time in our life.

We recognize our unique responsibility to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church while at the same time reaffirming that the House of Deputies and House of Bishops share a mutuality of governance, representing the whole of our Church.
We commit to be in dialogue with bishops and deputies who speak from a perspective different from our own, and to pray for the whole of the conversation at convention. We encourage our deputies to seek such conversation and prayers.

We will follow the *Policies for Social Media & Electronic Communications at House of Bishops Meetings and Gatherings.*

The Resolution passed
APPENDIX C

Be it resolved, that the House of Bishops requests the Presiding Bishop appoint, in consultation with the President of the House of Deputies, an independent commission to explore the canonical, environmental, behavioral and procedural dimensions of matters involving the serious impairment of individuals serving as leaders in the Church, with special attention to issues of addiction and substance abuse. We request that appointments to this commission include individuals with professional or personal experience with varieties of impairment, members of Full-Communion partner churches, and members of this Church. We further request that a report of the commission's work include recommendations for both action and further review, as appropriate, in order to clarify lines of authority, to ensure mutual accountability, and to promote justice, well-being and safety within both the Church and the world; and

Be it further resolved, that the House of Bishops request the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Finances for Mission allocate sufficient funding from the 2015 budget for the work of the commission.

The Resolution passed
APPENDIX D

Resolved, that the House of Bishops receive the draft Report of its Ecclesiology Committee entitled "Re-membering and Re-imagining" in order that it may be released to the wider church for study and further development.

The Resolution passed
APPENDIX E

Statement in Support of the Church of Pakistan.

The Bishops of the Episcopal Church, meeting in session at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, express our grief and sadness at the violent and horrific loss of life and wholeness in the cowardly bombings of Christ Church and St. John’s Catholic Church in Youhanabad, Pakistan.

We offer our deepest prayers for the dead, dying and injured and for their families, friends and loved ones, and we stand in awe of the gratitude for the steadfast and courageous witness of Pakistani Christians in the face of ongoing persecution, oppression and violence.

The Resolution passed
APPENDIX F

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WYOMING (PROVINCE VI)
The Rev. Joel Dingman* Mr. Thad Hunter
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The Rev. Kay Flores Mr. Jay Moody
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An asterisk indicates the deputation chair(s)
Clerical deputies are listed left, lay deputies are listed right.
This is the official deputations list as of June 25, 2015

#Missouri: Lisa Fox resigned as L2 and Michael Clark moved up to L4 as of June 27th, 2015.
House of Deputies
Minutes
78th General Convention
MORNING SESSION

This being the day and place designated, pursuant to Canon I.1.14(c), for the meeting of the 78th General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings of Ohio, called the House to order at 8:05 a.m. at the Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, in the Diocese of Utah.

The President announced that the Bible had been placed in the House and was open to Philippians 4:4-7. The President remarked on the scripture.

Appointment of the Chaplain
The President announced the appointment of the Rev. Lester Mackenzie, Deputy of Los Angeles, as Chaplain of the House of Deputies.

The Chaplain led the House in opening prayers.

Appointments
The President announced the appointments of Bryan W. Krislock, Esq., of Olympia as Parliamentarian; Thomas Little of Vermont as Vice Parliamentarian; Sally Johnson of Minnesota as Chancellor to the President; and Richard E. Miller of Southeast Florida as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #1 for the morning session of the First Legislative Day. There were 418 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 835, representing 109 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 418. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 557. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 55 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 27 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:
Cynthia Wilson D'Alimonte, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

**Quorum**  
The President requested that the Secretary certify that a quorum was present.

The Secretary so certified:

I hereby certify that, pursuant to Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution, the clerical order being represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of dioceses entitled to representation in this Convention, and the lay order being likewise represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of the dioceses entitled to representation, there is a quorum of this House present for the transaction of business.  

_The Rev. Dr. Canon Michael Barlowe_

**Election of the Secretary of the House of Deputies**

The President called for nominations for Secretary of the House of Deputies. Deputy Crawford of Vermont placed in nomination the name of the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe as Secretary of the House of Deputies.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations.  

**Motion carried**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved for a single ballot.  

**Motion carried**

The Vice President cast a single ballot for the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe for Secretary of the House of Deputies.

**Motion carried**  
**Secretary of the House of Deputies elected**

**Communication from the President**

The President of the House of Deputies urged the reading of Resolution A152 on the proposed Rules of Order.

**House of Deputies Organized**

The President declared that the House of Deputies was now organized. The President appointed Deputy Alexander of Arkansas, Deputy Gonzalez-Bonillas of Arizona, Deputy Wagner of Iowa, Deputy Burton-Edwards of Indianapolis, Deputy Kilp of Central Pennsylvania, Deputy Neumann of Massachusetts, Deputy Macauley-Dukuly of Newark, Deputy Velez Garcia of Puerto Rico, Deputy Petty of Kansas, Deputy Buck of Navajoland, and Deputy De Prins of Western Louisiana to inform the House of Bishops of the same. The President explained that these are the deputies of the House that were born in the 1990s. The President called on the Chaplain for prayers for the deputies departing to the House of Bishops. The President appointed Deputy González-Bonillas as the spokesperson. Permission was given for them to leave the House to inform the House of Bishops.
Appointment of Assistant Secretaries
The Secretary announced pursuant to Canon I.1.1(d), subject to the approval of the House, the appointment of the following Assistant Secretaries:

- Assistant Legislative Secretary: Marian Conboy
- Voting Secretary: The Rev. Winnie Varghese
- Assistant Secretary for Digital Operations: The Rev. David Michaud

Approval received
Assistant Secretaries appointed

Election of the Secretary of the General Convention
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented Resolution X001 (Appointment of Michael Barlowe as Secretary of General Convention) and moved adoption.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe, having been duly elected Secretary of the House of Deputies, be made Secretary of the General Convention.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to conduct the vote by electronic ballot.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #2)

Delegations with Seat and Voice
The President welcomed and recognized visitors from the Episcopal Church in Liberia, who have seat and voice in the House. The President welcomed two youth representatives from each Province, who have seat and voice in the House. The order of no applause was suspended to welcome these representatives.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #6 on Resolution A043 (Set General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A043)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention function through the following activities:
1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. Joint sessions for the presentation of the Presiding Bishop Nominees, Structure Conversation, and Proposed Budget, and a gathering for Mission Conversation, with time to honor the Presiding Bishop;
3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
4. Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by all legislative committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 78th General Convention held in Salt Lake City, Utah be:
- Monday, June 22
  - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Volunteer Supervisors and Secretariat Gathering
Tuesday, June 23
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  Registration and Deputy Certification
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Legislative Committee Officers and Legislative Aides Orientation
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  Legislative Committees

Wednesday, June 24
7:00 am – 5:00 pm  Deputy Certification
7:00 am – 8:30 am  Legislative Committees
9:00 am – 9:45 am  Presiding Bishop and President, House of Deputies Presentation
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  Bishop and Deputy Orientation
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm  Presentation of Presiding Bishop Nominees
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Legislative Committees

Thursday, June 25
7:00 – 7:30 am  Deputy Certification
8:00 – 9:00 am  Legislative Session
9:30 – 10:45 am  Opening Eucharist
11:45 am – 1:00 pm  Legislative Committees
1:30 – 2:00 pm  Deputy Certification
2:15 – 4:00 pm  Legislative Committees
4:30 – 6:30 pm  Legislative Session
7:30 – 9:00 pm  Legislative Hearings

Friday, June 26
7:00 – 7:30 am  Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am  Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am  Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm  Joint Session PB Nomination and Structure Conversation
1:30 – 2:00 pm  Deputy Certification
2:15 – 4:00 pm  Legislative Committees
4:30 – 6:30 pm  Legislative Session
5:00 pm  Resolution Filing Deadline
7:30 – 9:00 pm  PB&F and Other Hearings

Saturday, June 27
7:00 – 7:30 am  Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am  Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am  Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm  PB Election/Legislative Session
1:30 – 2:00 pm  Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:15 pm  Legislative Session
7:30 – 9:00 pm  PB&F and Other Hearings

Sunday, June 28
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  UTO Ingathering and Eucharist
1:30 – 2:00 pm  Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:15 pm  Legislative Session
5:30 – 6:30 pm  Provincial Caucuses
7:00 – 9:00 pm  Suggested time for Provincial Gatherings
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7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Legislative Session
1:00 – 2:00 pm Legislative Chairs Lunch
1:30 – 2:00 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:15 pm Legislative Session
6:30 – 8:00 pm Bishop Gathering

Tuesday, June 30
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Mission Conversation
1:30 – 2:00 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 7:30 pm Legislative Session
7:45 – 10:00 pm Suggested time for Seminary Gatherings

Wednesday, July 1
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:30 – 2:00 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 3:15 pm Joint Session PB&F
3:45 – 6:15 pm Legislative Session
7:00 – 8:30 pm Reserved for Diocese of Utah Event

Thursday, July 2
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:30 – 2:00 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:15 pm Legislative Session
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Friday, July 3
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
8:30 – 10:00 am Community Eucharist
10:30 – 1:30 pm Legislative Session
1:30 – 2:00 pm Deputy Certification
2:60 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
Joint Adjournment Sine Die
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Thursday, July 2
7:00 – 7:30 am  Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am  Legislative Committees
The President called on the Voting Secretary to conduct the vote by electronic ballot. **Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #3)

**Special Order of Business**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #7 on X002 and moved a Special Order Calendar:

**Resolved, That the Special Order Calendar for the House of Deputies be as follows:**

**Thursday, June 25 (1st Day)**

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Legislative Session
- 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Legislative Session

**Friday, June 26 (2nd Day)**

- 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
- 4:45 pm Nominations from the Floor: Trustees of The Church Pension Fund; Members of Executive Council; Treasurer of the General Convention; Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; General Board of Examining Chaplains; Disciplinary Board for Bishops; and the President of the House of Deputies.

**Saturday, June 27 (3rd Day)**

- 11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm 230th Anniversary Celebration
- 2:15 pm – 6:15 pm Legislative Session

**Sunday, June 28 (4th Day)**

- 2:15 pm – 6:15 pm Legislative Session
- 2:30 pm – 2:40 pm Introduction of the Official Youth Presence
- 2:40 pm Elections of Trustees of The Church Pension Fund; Members of Executive Council; Treasurer of the General Convention; Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; General Board of Examining Chaplains; Disciplinary Board for Bishops; President of the House of Deputies
Monday, June 29 (5th Day)
11:00 am – 12:45 pm Legislative Session
11:15 am – 11:25 am Remarks by the Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Straub, former Executive Officer of the General Convention
2:15 pm – 6:15 pm Legislative Session
2:15 pm – 6:15 pm Nominations from the Floor for Vice President of the House of Deputies
2:30 pm 2:40 pm Remarks by Mr. Mark J. Duffy, Canonical Archivist of the Archives of The Episcopal Church

Tuesday, June 30 (6th Day)
2:15 pm – 7:30 pm Legislative Session
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Episcopal Relief & Development with remarks by President Robert W. Radtke
4:30 pm Elections: Vice President of the House of Deputies; Members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop

Wednesday, July 1 (7th Day)
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
3:45 pm – 6:15 pm Legislative Session
4:30 pm – 4:35 pm Welcome and greetings from the newly elected president of the Episcopal Church Women

Thursday, July 2 (8th Day)
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
2:15 pm – 6:15 pm Legislative Session

Friday, July 3 (9th Day)
10:30 am – 1:30 pm Legislative Session

The President called on the Voting Secretary to conduct the vote by electronic ballot.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #5)

Parliamentary Inquiry
A question was asked on the Voting procedure, and the Voting Secretary explained how the vote is reported to the House in cases when the electronic ballot indicates an overwhelming majority and when vote totals are close.

Introductions by the Secretary
The Secretary introduced those persons participating as staff of the General Convention Office, staff of the Archives, and members of the platform team.

House of Bishops Organized
The President welcomed and recognized visitors from the House of Bishops: the Bishop of Kansas and the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple of North Carolina. The bishops addressed the House and announced that the House of Bishops has a quorum and is organized for business.
Appointments by the President to the Board of Archives
The President announced her appointments to the Board of the Archives:

Ms. Anne Bardol, Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania
Mr. Frederick Gerbracht, Diocese of Long Island
Ms. Pan Adams-McCaslin, Diocese of North Carolina
The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Diocese of Chicago
The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert, Diocese of Ohio

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business made the following motion (X003):
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board of Archives.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #6)

Point of Order
Deputy Neal of Western North Carolina clarified that Pan Adams-McCaslin is from the Diocese of Western North Carolina, not the Diocese of North Carolina.

Appointments by the President to the Board for Transition Ministry
The President announced the following appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry:

Ms. Denise Obando, Diocese of California
Canon Jill Mathis, Diocese of Pennsylvania
The Rev. Paula Clark, Diocese of Washington
The Rev. Elizabeth Easton, Diocese of Nebraska

and for three-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of:

Mr. Michael Spencer, Diocese of Eastern Michigan
Ms. Judy Stark, Diocese of Southwest Florida

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business made the following motion (X004):

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for the terms indicated by the President to Board for Transition Ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #7)

Reading of Memorial Roll
The President announced that the memorial roll of past deputies would be read. The President called on the Chaplain for prayers before the reading of the roll. Following the reading of the roll, the President offered prayers (See Appendix B).

Recess
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:31 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #2 for the Afternoon session of the First Legislative Day. There were 419 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 838, representing 109 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 420. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 559. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 55 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 27 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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Sarah Garno, Diocese of Albany
Patrick Augustine, Diocese of Eau Claire
Richard Hu, Diocese of Taiwan

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

*HB Message # 2:  X005 (House Organized) Adopted*

Ecumenical and Interfaith Guests
The President recognized ecumenical and interfaith guests present in the House. The House welcomed them with applause.

- Armenian Church of America
- Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- Presbyterian Church USA
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Iglesia Filipina Independiente
- Fajutagana World Council of Churches
- Christian Churches Together
- Church of Sweden
- Moravian Church Northern Province
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- United Methodist Church
- American Jewish Committee
- Islamic Society of North America
- Iglesia Filipina Independiente
- Church of Sweden
- The Church of Pakistan
- The Scottish Episcopal Church
- Diocese of Jerusalem
- Anglican Church of Canada
- Anglican Communion Office
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- Lambeth Palace
- West Africa
- St. George's College Jerusalem
- Church Pension Group Guests:
  - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
  - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
  - Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
  - Diocese of Liberia
  - Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
The Most Rev. Renato Abibico  
Anglican Church of Korea  
The Most Rev. Paul Kim, Primate  
Episcopal Relief & Development Guests:  
The Rev. Andy Bowerman  
Anglican Alliance  
The Church of the Province of Central Africa  
The Most Rev. Albert Chama, Primate  
Australian Board of Mission  
Mr. John Deane  
Primates Fund for World Relief  
Ms. Adele Finney  
Nippon Sei Ko Kai  
The Most Rev. Nathaniel Uematsu  
The Episcopal Church of Cuba  
The Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado  
The Episcopal Church of Panama  
The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray

Point of Order
The President called on the Secretary to clarify the usage of the electronic voting devices at the speaking platforms.

Dispatch of Business
The President called on the Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business. The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the Rules of Order be suspended for debate on Resolution A152 (Adopt House of Deputies Proposed Rules of Order) so that time for debate may be extended by 20 minutes to ask questions of the Committee.

Motion carried

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on Resolution A152 (Adopt House of Deputies Proposed Rules of Order) and moved adoption with amendment.

[Ed. Note: The proposed texts have not been italicized for ease of reading.]

Original Text of Resolution:
(A152)
Resolved, That pursuant to Canon I.1.2, the House of Deputies hereby repeals its existing Rules of Order and adopts the attached Rules of Order, which are to remain in force until amended or repealed by the House.

PROPOSED RULES OF ORDER OF THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES
I. Holy Scripture and Prayers
A. Placement of Holy Scripture 1. The President and Secretary will ensure that a copy of the Holy Scriptures is reverently displayed at all meetings of the House of Deputies.
B. Daily Prayers 1. The daily session of the House will begin with prayers. 2. The President may call for prayers at other times. 3. Any Deputy may ask the President to call for prayer at other times.

II. General Rules
A. Duty of Deputies 1. Deputies will prepare for and give their attention to the business of the House. 2. Deputies will attend all sessions of the House unless excused by the President.
B. Communication Devices 1. The President may allow Deputies to bring cell phones, computers, and other communication devices to the House, except as provided in these rules during closed sessions. 2. No talking on communications devices is allowed while the House is in session. 3. All communications devices will be set to the silent mode. 4. Deputies will respect those around them as they use such devices.
C. Distribution of Printed, Digital, and Other Materials 1. Only official reports, papers, and documents necessary for the business of the House may be distributed to the House, except with the approval of: i. the President; or ii. the House by a majority vote. 2. These rules apply to physical materials on the floor and digital materials distributed through official legislative software or devices.

D. Quorum 1. To transact business the Constitution, Article I Sec. 4, requires that: i. A majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in this House must have at least one clerical Deputy present; and ii. A majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in this House must have at least one lay Deputy present.

E. Minutes 1. The Minutes of the House will be kept by the Secretary or Assistant Secretaries and reviewed by the Committee on the Certification of Minutes. 2. The Committee on the Certification of Minutes will review, approve, and publish the final minutes for each day before the start of the next day’s session. 3. The Committee on the Certification of Minutes will report its action at the next scheduled session. 4. The House may require that the Minutes for any session be approved by the House.

III. Deputations

A. Chair of Deputation 1. At least one year before the first legislative session of the General Convention, each Deputation will: i. designate a Chair; and ii. notify the Secretary of the House of Deputies the name of the Chair. 2. The Deputation Chair will: i. serve as the primary contact for House of Deputies communications; ii. certify the Deputation’s vote by orders; iii. certify changes in the Deputation during General Convention; and iv. perform other duties as directed by the President.

B. Certification of Alternate Deputies as Deputies 1. Alternate Deputies may not sit or vote with their Deputations, unless and until certified by the Committee on Credentials as a substitute for a Deputy. 2. The Committee on Credentials will certify Alternate Deputies as Deputies before each session. 3. The procedures for certification will be those determined by the Secretary of the House of Deputies. 4. An Alternate Deputy will serve as Deputy only until the Deputy they replace is able to resume their seats. 5. The Committee on Credentials will hear any disputes on certification of Deputies and will report their decision to the House.

IV. Floor Privileges and Arrangements

A. Floor Privileges. No one will be admitted to the floor except members, officers of the House, and: 1. the Secretary of the House of Deputies; 2. the Treasurer of the General Convention; 3. other persons authorized by the President or Secretary, to assist in the conduct of the business of the House; 4. other persons invited or authorized by the President.

B. Seat and Voice. The following will have seat and voice on the floor of the House: 1. two ordained persons and two lay persons who are duly authorized representatives of the Episcopal Church in Liberia; 2. members of the Official Youth Presence; 3. other persons authorized by the Joint Rules, the Constitution, or Canons.

C. Platform. Only officers of the House of Deputies, designated members of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, and other persons authorized or invited by the President may be on the platform of the House.

D. Placement of Deputations and Others. Deputations will be seated together on the floor of the House in random order, except that: 1. Deputations with members serving on the platform may be seated near the platform; 2. Deputations requiring language interpretation or with other needs may be seated in proximity to one another; and 3. The President may seat deputations and others as necessary to assist in the business of the House.

E. Seating Adjacent to the Floor 1. The President and the Secretary will designate a visitor’s gallery. 2. The President and Secretary may designate areas adjacent to the floor of the House of Deputies as seating for Alternate Deputies, members of Executive Council, and others.
F. Revocation of Floor Privileges 1. Any person, including members and officers, may be excluded for good cause from the floor of the House by a two-thirds vote. 2. Any motion to exclude must specify the length of time, up to the final adjournment, that the member is excluded from the floor. 3. The motion may provide that the person discontinues serving as a member of a committee during the person’s exclusion from the floor.

V. Officers
A. President. The President of the House of Deputies will be elected in accordance with the Canons. 1. The President will preside over all meetings of the House, unless the President relinquishes the Chair for a temporary period. 2. If the President relinquishes the Chair: i. The Vice-President will preside; or ii. If the Vice-President is unable or unwilling to preside, the President may appoint any Deputy to preside. 3. If the President has relinquished the Chair, the President may resume the Chair at any time.

B. Vice-President. The Vice-President of the House of Deputies will be elected in accordance with the Canons. 1. The Vice-President will preside over all meetings of the House in the absence of the President. 2. If the Vice-President is presiding and wishes to relinquish the Chair, the Vice-President may appoint any deputy to preside.

C. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. 1. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will be elected in accordance with the Canons. 2. The Secretary may appoint Assistant Secretaries.

D. Parliamentarian 1. The President may appoint one or more Parliamentarians and Vice-Parliamentarians to advise the President or presiding officer on parliamentary procedure. 2. A Parliamentarian may be a member of the House or another person at the discretion of the President. 3. The Parliamentarian may address the House or any committee of the House at the direction of the President or presiding officer to facilitate the business of the House.

E. Chaplain 1. The President may appoint one or more Chaplains to the House, who may, but need not be, members of the House. The President will specify the duties of the Chaplain.

F. Sergeant-at-Arms 1. The President may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and necessary assistants. 2. The Sergeant-at-Arms and assistants may be members of the House or other persons at the discretion of the President. 3. The President will specify the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Duties may include: i. locating chairs of legislative committees and escorting them to the platform; ii. escorting distinguished visitors and performing ceremonial duties; iii. maintaining order and decorum in the House; iv. ensuring that only authorized persons are seated on the floor during sessions of the House except when there is a Joint Session of both Houses; and v. ensuring that only authorized persons are present during Closed Sessions.

VI. Regular Session Schedule
A. Regular Order of Business 1. The Order of Business of each session of the House will be as follows, unless modified by the House in the schedule adopted by the House: i. Opening Prayer ii. Report of the Certification of the Minutes iii. Communications from the President iv. Report of Dispatch of Business v. Report on Elections vi. Committee Reports and Legislation 2. Order of Committee Reports. The Order of Legislation and Committee Reports will be determined as follows: i. The Committee on Dispatch will adopt and publish a daily legislative calendar the day before each legislative session; ii. During the time allotted for daily Committee Reports and Legislation, resolutions will be considered in the order on the published calendar. iii. Following the adjournment for the day, the Committee on Dispatch will update the calendar for the subsequent day and will modify the order of Committee Reports as necessary to consider high-priority legislation. iv. Once legislation is added to the Legislative Calendar, the legislation will remain on the Calendar unless removed or acted upon by the House.
B. Special Order of Business 1. Priority over regular business. If the House adopts a Special Order of Business, it will have priority over any other item of business, including any pending motions, reports, or resolutions. 2. Vote. A Special Order of Business requires a two-thirds vote to be adopted or amended. 3. Special Consideration of Business. The President, at any time no other Matter is being considered, may present any Matter to the House for its immediate consideration and action.

C. Consent Calendar 1. Business placed upon the Consent Calendar. A Consent Calendar will be maintained by the Secretary and voted upon once a day as the first legislative order of the day. 2. Publishing the Consent Calendar. I. The Consent Calendar must be published at least 24 hours before the beginning of the session at which the calendar is to be voted upon. ii. The Consent Calendar must be posted by the Secretary either: a) online; or b) at a preannounced place and distributed to the Deputies. 3. Placing items on the Consent Calendar. Every Committee Reports on Resolutions or Memorials will be placed on the Consent Calendar automatically unless: I. it is removed in accordance with these Rules; ii. the Rules of Order, the Joint Rules of Order, the Canons, or the Constitution require a different procedure for considering the item; iii. the item has been set by a Special Order of Business; or iv. the item is one of the following: a) a report from the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance; b) an election; c) a resolution of privilege or courtesy; d) the confirmation of the election of the Presiding Bishop. 4. Removing items from the Consent Calendar.

VII. Resolutions and Memorials
A. Resolutions. Resolutions are matters by which the House or the General Convention speaks to a particular subject or matter, amends the Constitution or Canons, or expresses the mind of the House. B. Memorials 1. Memorials are statements about matters of great importance that urge General Convention to take action on a particular topic. 2. Memorials are referred to a legislative committee to inform the committee’s work and deliberation. 3. A committee may propose a resolution in response to a memorial.

C. Form. A Resolution or Memorial will take the form prescribed by the Secretary.
D. Proposing. A Resolution or Memorial may be proposed by: 1. a Deputy, if: I. three other Deputies endorse the resolution; and ii. the Deputy proposes no more than three resolutions. 2. the President of the House of Deputies; 3. a House of Deputies Committee; 4. a Message from the House of Bishops; 5. a Diocese; 6. a Province; 7. a Standing Commission, Task Force, or body required to report to the General Convention; or 8. the Executive Council.
E. Submission Deadline. No Resolution or Memorial may be submitted to the House after the end of the second legislative day, unless it is: 1. a resolution of privilege or courtesy; 2. proposed by a House of Deputies Committee; 3. proposed by the President of the House of Deputies; 4. a Message from the House of Bishops; or 5. voted on by the House to consider it.

VIII. Legislative Committees
A. General Rules on Legislative Committees 1. Appointment and Creation I. No later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention, the President will appoint Legislative Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention. ii. The Legislative
Committees may include the following and any others that the President designates: a) Rules of Order. Reviews and proposes Resolutions to revise the rules that govern the House. b) Constitution & Canons. Receives and proposes Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution or Canons. c) Governance & Structure. Receives and proposes Resolutions that address the governance and structure of this Church including General Convention, Executive Council, and the Anglican Communion. d) World Mission. Receives and proposes Resolutions on mission personnel, world mission strategy, and covenant relationships with other Anglican Provinces or bodies. e) Social Justice & International Policy. Receives and proposes Resolutions on social justice issues in The Episcopal Church’s extra-U.S. dioceses and the international peace and justice work of this Church, including engagement with the Anglican Communion. f) Social Justice & United States Policy. Receives and proposes Resolutions on social justice issues facing the United States, including its international engagement. g) Congregational Vitality. Receives and proposes Resolutions on the health, development, and redevelopment of congregations and faith communities, including church planting, college and university communities, and new and non-traditional contexts. h) Evangelism & Communications. Receives and proposes Resolutions on evangelism within this Church’s jurisdictions; receives and proposes resolutions on communication strategies and technologies to strengthen the Church’s communication of the Gospel and opportunities for information management and exchange within the Church. i) Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music. Receives and proposes Resolutions on the Book of Common Prayer, liturgy, and music of this Church. j) Formation & Education for Ministry. Receives and proposes Resolutions on Christian formation and education for all the baptized, and all matters related to ordained ministry. k) Church Pension Fund. Receives and proposes Resolutions on the purpose, scope, structure, and work of the Church Pension Fund including, but not limited to, pensions, disability, health insurance, other insurance and products for lay and ordained employees of the Church, insurance for Church institutions, and publishing. l) Stewardship & Development. Receives and proposes Resolutions on stewardship, stewardship education, development, and planned giving. m) Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations. Receives and proposes Resolutions on relations between this Church and other Churches, this Church and other religions, interchurch cooperation and unity, and interreligious dialogue and action. n) Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation. Receives and proposes Resolutions on environmental stewardship and the care of creation. o) Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop. Receives the Report from the House of Bishops regarding the election of a Presiding Bishop, and recommends action regarding confirmation.

iii. Special Legislative Committees. The President will appoint the following committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention. These committees are not required to hold hearings under these Rules before taking any action. a) Dispatch of Business. Proposes the agenda for the House, determines the Calendar of the Day, proposes Special Orders of Business, and schedules elections. b) Certification of Minutes. Reviews the minutes of the previous legislative day, corrects the minutes, and reports on their completion to the House. c) Privilege & Courtesy. Receives and proposes Resolutions that commend individuals or organizations, and proposes Resolutions that express the House’s appreciation for groups or persons. d) Credentials. Registers Deputies and reports on the number of voting members in the House of Deputies at each session and acts as tellers for elections.

2. Membership and Composition. I. The President will determine the size of each Legislative Committee and appoint the members. ii. All members of Legislative Committees must be Deputies. iii. The President will be a member of all Legislative Committees, ex officio. iv. The President will seek to balance the committee members across the provinces of the Church, where feasible.

3. Committee Officers. I. The President will appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary of each Legislative Committee. ii. The President must appoint the officers of Legislative Committees no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention.

4. Publication of Committee Appointments. I. The designation of Legislative Committees,
the membership, and officers will be publicly available. ii. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will make the information about Legislative Committees known to the Church. 5. Role and Authority of Legislative Committees. Each Legislative Committee will have the following roles and responsibilities: i. Consider Resolutions, Memorials, and other matters referred to it for action or information. ii. Propose Resolutions and Memorials on subjects that have not been referred to it for action but which are within the scope of the description of their responsibilities in Rule VIII.A.1.ii or as assigned by the President. iii. Hold hearings. iv. Prepare reports and recommend actions on Resolutions, Memorials, and other matters referred to it. 6. Committee Meetings i. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will arrange a meeting space for each Legislative Committee. ii. The meeting location for each Legislative Committee will be made available to the House of Deputies and the public by the Secretary of the House of Deputies. iii. The President may direct any Legislative Committee to convene and consider matters referred to it prior to the time set for Legislative Committee meetings at the General Convention site by the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements. Such meetings will be held electronically in a way that all members can hear all other members. iv. A meeting may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the members. v. In accordance with Canon V.3.1, a quorum will be a majority of all the members. vi. Legislative Committees may, but are not required to, meet in cognate session with a House of Bishops Legislative Committee assigned to consider the same matter or matters. The House of Deputies Legislative Committee must always vote separately on the final action on any matter referred to it. vii. Only members of the Legislative Committee may speak during meetings, unless the Chair invites other persons to speak. viii. All meetings of Legislative Committees will be open to the public, unless the Committee votes to hold a closed meeting. ix. A Legislative Committee may hold a closed meeting upon a two-thirds vote of the members present. No final action on a matter referred to the Committee may be taken during a closed meeting. 7. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will keep (or cause) a record of: i. time and place of each meeting; ii. attendance of Committee members at each meeting; iii. resolutions and matters considered at each meeting and all actions taken on them; and iv. all other motions and actions of the Committee. 8. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will file the record of each Legislative Committee meeting with the Secretary of the House of Deputies at the conclusion of each meeting.

B. Legislative Committee Hearings 1. Hearings Required i. Legislative Committees must hold a hearing on every Resolution, Memorial, or other matter referred to it for action or prepared by it before taking final action. ii. Legislative Committees should try to schedule all Resolutions, Memorials, or other matters on the same subject for hearing at the same time. iii. Hearings may be held by Legislative Committees as early as two (2) days before the first legislative day of General Convention. 2. Notice of Hearings i. Before General Convention. A Legislative Committee may deliver a Notice of Hearing to the Secretary of the House of Deputies at any time more than seven (7) days before the first legislative day of General Convention. Upon receipt, the Notice of Hearing will be posted by the Secretary on the General Convention website. All hearings to be held two days before the first legislative day of General Convention must comply with this Rule. ii. During General Convention. For hearings to be held one day before the first legislative day of General Convention or thereafter during General Convention, a Legislative Committee will deliver the Notice of Hearing to the Secretary of the House of Deputies so that it can be posted by the Secretary on the General Convention website at least eight (8) hours before the hearing. For hearings scheduled before 10:00 a.m., the Notice of Hearing must be posted by the Secretary by 6:00 p.m. of the day before the hearing. iii. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will specify the form for the Notice of Hearing. 3. Testimony at Hearings i. Any person may testify before the Legislative Committee. ii. All persons who wish to testify before the Legislative Committee must register by signing a witness sheet. iii. A person testifying must identify himself or herself by name, status (Deputy, Bishop, or Visitor), Diocese, organization represented, if any, and the Resolution or matter on which they wish to testify.
iv. The Chair may limit the number of persons who may testify, set time limits, alternate pro and con, give preference to Deputies or other groups of persons, and otherwise regulate the hearing. 4. Record of Hearings I. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will keep (or cause) a record of: a) time and place of each hearing; b) attendance of Committee members at each hearing; c) Resolutions and matters considered at each hearing; and d) name and identifying information of each person testifying before the Legislative Committee and the Resolution or matter upon which each spoke. ii. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will file the record of each Legislative Committee hearing with the Secretary of the House of Deputies at the conclusion of each hearing.

C. Legislative Committee Reports 1. Each Legislative Committee must take final action on every Resolution and other matter referred to it for action to recommend to the House that the House takes one of the following acts: I. adopt as proposed; ii. adopt as amended by the Legislative Committee; iii. adopt a substitute a) A substitute Resolution must be on the same subject as the Resolution referred to the Legislative Committee for action. b) A substitute Resolution may only cover one Resolution referred to the Legislative Committee for action. c) If the House declines to adopt a substitute, the original resolution will be automatically referred back to the Committee for additional consideration. iv. adopt a consolidated substitute a) A consolidated substitute Resolution must be on the same subject as the Resolutions referred to the Legislative Committee for action. b) Its report on the final action on that Resolution must identify all the other Resolutions the substitute is intended to cover. c) A vote by the Legislative Committee to recommend adoption of a consolidated substitute will be an automatic recommendation to take no action on all other Resolutions the consolidated substitute is intended to cover. d) If the House declines to adopt a consolidated substitute, the original resolutions will be automatically referred back to the Committee for additional consideration. v. reject vi. refer to a specified Standing Commission, General Convention Task Force, Executive Council or other body of the Church for study, action, or to make recommendations on the subject to the next General Convention vii. take no further action because a) the matter has already been dealt with by action of the House of Deputies at this meeting of General Convention; b) the matter is covered by a Resolution of a prior General Convention; c) for other reasons; viii. If the Resolution or matter has been acted on by the House of Bishops: a) concur with the action of the House of Bishops; b) concur as amended by the House of Deputies Legislative Committee; c) concur with substitute by the House of Deputies Legislative Committee; d) not concur and take a different action; e) not concur; ix. A House of Bishops Message to discharge will be treated as take no action. 2. Minority Report I. If there is a minority position on a final action on a Resolution or other matter and the minority requests to make a minority report to the House, the Chair will include the minority report in the Legislative Committee’s report on the final action on the Resolution or other matter. ii. A minority position consists of at least one-quarter (1/4) of the members of the Legislative Committee present and voting on the Resolution, Memorial, or other matter.

IX. Other Committees
A. General Rules on Other Committees 1. Appointment and Creation I. The President may designate other Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention, except that Conference Committees will be appointed as needed. ii. The Committees may include the following and any others that the President designates: a) Resolution Review 1. The Resolution Review Committee will review all Resolutions submitted prior to General Convention to ensure that they are consistent with the polity of this Church, that they are in the form required by the canons, and to assess whether they have funding implications. 2. The Committee will prepare a report on each Resolution or Memorial and provide it to the chair of the Legislative Committee to which the Resolution or Memorial is referred for action. The Committee will continue the review process while General Convention is in session.
3. The Committee may draft or redraft any matter in the proper language upon referral by the President, Legislative Committee, Deputy, or the House. b) Legislative Aides 1. The President may appoint Legislative Aides to assist Legislative Committees in the conduct of business prior to and during General Convention. 2. Membership and Composition I. The President will determine the size of each other Committee and appoint the members. ii. Members of other Committees need not be Deputies. iii. The President will be a member of all other Committees, ex officio. 3. Committee Officers I. The President will appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary of each other Committee. ii. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will make the information about other Committees known to the Church.

B. Committee Meetings 1. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will arrange a meeting space for each Committee. C. Conference Committees 1. Creation. A Conference Committee will be created by: i. A vote by the House to refer legislation passed by the House of Bishops to a Conference Committee; or ii. When the House has concurred, with amendments, in action taken by the House of Bishops to concur with amendments on legislation passed by the House. 2. Appointment. The President will appoint all members of a Conference Committee from the House of Deputies. 3. Final Action. When a Committee of Conference has been formed, the final action upon the matter under consideration will be deferred until the Conference Committee has reported to this House.

X. Special Committees
A. The President may designate Special Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at or between sessions of the General Convention.
B. Membership and Composition 1. The President will determine the size of each Special Committee and appoint the members. 2. Members of Special Committees need not be Deputies. 3. The President will be a member of all Special Committees, ex officio.
C. Committee Officers 1. The President will appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary of each Special Committee. 2. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will make the information about Special Committees known to the Church.

XI. Sessions of the House
A. Legislative Sessions 1. Purpose. A Legislative Session is a regular session of the House of Deputies where the House considers resolutions, hears reports from committees, and provides Deputies an opportunity to debate.
B. Special Order Sessions 1. Purpose. A Special Order Session is a session set by the House to consider a particular legislation, topic, or other matter under special rules for deliberation and debate. Sessions can be used to consider important or strategic matters in an informal manner for conversation and connection. 2. How Brought. A Special Order Session may be scheduled by a two-thirds vote of the House.
C. Closed Sessions 1. Purpose. A Closed Session has limited attendance and is used to discuss sensitive or pastoral matters. 2. How brought. The Deputies may vote to enter a Closed Session by a majority vote. 3. Who may attend. Only the following may attend a closed session: i. Deputies; ii. Officers of the House of Deputies; iii. persons given seat on the floor of the House; iv. other people authorized by the House; v. other people authorized by the President. 4. Special Rules regarding Closed Sessions I. Minutes will be kept by the Secretary for all Closed Sessions. Minutes taken during a Closed Session may only be reviewed and revealed in a Closed Session. ii. Personal Electronic Devices may not be used to communicate during the Closed Session. iii. Members are honor bound to keep the proceedings of a Closed Session confidential.
XII. Debate

A. Deputies may debate. 1. Any Deputy or person given seat and voice on the floor of the House may participate in debate, unless a rule of the House specifies otherwise.

B. Definitions. 1. Debate. Debates are an opportunity for Deputies to engage in discussion on any matter. 2. Matter. A matter includes any Resolution, Memorial, motion, message from the House of Bishops, or Committee report that is presented to the House to consider and act upon.

C. Deputies may engage in debate on any matter except when: 1. debate has been ended by a vote of the House; 2. debate is not allowed due to a Rule of the House, a Joint Rule, a Canon, or the Constitution.

D. Time Limits. 1. A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on: i. any matter; and ii. all motions related to that matter. 2. If a person rises to speak during the first six minutes, no member may move the following unless no person seeks to debate on the matter: i. amend the motion or resolution; ii. move a substitute; iii. end debate. 3. During a Debate on any motion or matter, a member may: i. speak up to 2 minutes, or up to 4 minutes if translation is required, after being recognized by the Chair; ii. speak twice. 4. Debate will end following: i. a successful vote to end debate; ii. the end of the time allowed for debate by a Rule or Special Order; or iii. by the President if a) at least three people have spoken in favor of the matter and no one rises to speak against; or b) at least three people have spoken against the matter and no one rises to speak in favor; or c) no one rises to speak on the matter.

XIII. Motions

A. How Made. 1. Motions may be made by any Deputy or other person authorized to make a motion by the Rules of the House; 2. A Deputy wishing to make a motion must: i. acknowledge their intent to make a motion in any queuing system; and ii. be recognized by the President or presiding officer.

B. Types of Motion. Any Deputy may make one of the following motions and no other motions may be made on the floor of the House: 1. Motions that affect the general business of the House: i. Adjourn or Recess: a) Is used to end a session (adjourn) or take a short recess. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. No debate is allowed. 2. No amendments may be made. 3. A majority vote is required. ii. Adjourn and reconvene at a specific time: a) Is used to end a session and set a time to reconvene. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. Debate is allowed. 2. Amendments are allowed. iii. Appeal the ruling of the President or presiding officer: a) Is used to appeal any decision of the President or presiding officer on any question of procedure; b) Has the following characteristics: 1. Debate is allowed. 2. Amendments are allowed. 3. A majority vote is required. iv. To Create a Special Order of Business or Change the Order of Business a) Is used to create a Special Order of Business that is not included in the Convention schedule or change an existing Order of Business. It may also include special rules to govern how the order is to be carried out. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. Amendments are allowed. 2. Debate is allowed. 3. A two-thirds vote is required. v. To Suspend the Rules a) Is used to suspend or modify the Rules of the House that interfere with a particular goal of the House. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. Amendments are allowed. 2. Debate is allowed. 3. A two-thirds vote is required. 2. Motions that affect debate on a resolution or matter: i. End Debate and Vote Immediately: a) Is used to end the debate on a motion, resolution, report, or other action item and to force a vote on the motion. It is also sometimes known as "moving the previous question." b) Has the following characteristics: 1. May not be made on a Resolution and an amendment at the same time; 2. No debate is allowed; 3. A two-thirds majority vote is required. ii. Postpone Debating a Motion or Resolution Until a Specific Time a) Is used to postpone debating and considering a motion or Resolution until a certain time, after a certain time has elapsed, or after an event has occurred. It cannot be used to kill a motion. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. Debate is allowed. 2. Amendments are allowed. 3. A majority vote is required. iii. To Recall from a Committee a) Is used to bring something out of a committee and
immediately to the floor of the House. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. May not be brought until the fourth legislative day. 2. Debate is allowed. 3. No amendments are allowed. 4. A two-thirds vote is required. 3. Motions that affect what is done with a matter: I. To refer back to the originating committee, a different committee, a Standing Commission, or other body a) Is used to refer a matter to a committee or group to study the Matter and report back suggested amendments or actions. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. May be debated. 2. May be amended as to the body referred. 3. A majority vote is required. ii. Take No Action a) Is used to stop considering a particular Resolution or Memorial and remove it from further consideration at the current meeting of the House. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. Debate is allowed. 2. No amendments are allowed. 3. A majority vote is required. iii. To Amend or Substitute a) Is used to modify or change a Resolution or motion. This would include a technical change or a substantive change that would alter the meaning or the intent of a Resolution or motion. Amendments must be related to the item in the resolution or motion that they are trying to change. b) Secondary Amendments are: 1. proposed changes to an amendment. Secondary amendments must relate to the specific subject of an amendment and may not be used to alter other parts of a Resolution or parts not affected by an amendment. c) Has the following characteristics: 1. Debate is allowed. 2. Secondary amendments are allowed. 3. A majority vote is required. iv. To Divide the Matter a) Is used to divide a motion, Resolution, or Memorial into separate parts and vote separately. If the motion is easily divisible into separate subjects, it may be divided by the Chair at a request of a member. b) Process to use this motion: 1. First make the motion to divide the question and explain where the motion should be divided. 2. The Chair then rules on the motion and whether it is divisible or not. 3. If the Chair rules it is not divisible, any Deputy may appeal the ruling of the presiding officer. v. To Reconsider Something Previously Acted Upon a) Is used to reconsider a Matter which was previously voted upon by the House at the current meeting of the General Convention. b) Has the following characteristics: 1. Any deputy may move to reconsider a resolution. 2. No amendments are allowed. 3. Debate is allowed if the item being reconsidered is debatable. 4. A majority vote is required. 5. If the motion for reconsideration is adopted, the Resolution is restored to where it was immediately before the previous action being reconsidered was taken by the House.

XIV. Voting
A. Every member must vote when a matter is put to a vote.
B. The President may excuse a member from voting on a matter, if: 1. the member has a conflict of interest; or 2. for other good cause.
C. Vote necessary to adopt a matter. The amount of votes necessary to pass a measure is: 1. A majority vote consists of more than half of the votes. 2. A two-thirds vote consists of more than two-thirds of the votes. 3. A majority Vote by Orders consists of a more than half of the lay deputations and more than half of the clergy deputations.
D. Counting the votes. The amount necessary to pass a matter will be determined by those present and voting.
E. Procedure on a Vote by Orders. 1. Art. 1 Sec. 5 of the Constitution states that: I. the vote of each order, Clerical and Lay, will be counted separately and each order in each Diocese will have one vote; ii. to carry in the affirmative any question being voted on by orders requires concurrence in the affirmative by both orders; iii. concurrence in the affirmative by an order requires the affirmative vote in that order by a majority of the Dioceses present in that order unless a greater vote is required by the Constitution or by the Canons; iv. an affirmative vote of a Clerical or Lay order requires a majority of the Deputies present in that order in that Diocese. 2. No Vote. A no vote (i.e., not in the affirmative) occurs when the majority of a Clerical or a Lay deputation's vote is against a matter or is tied. 3. Two-Thirds Vote. If a motion under the Rules requires a two-thirds vote, and a Vote by Orders is called, the motion will pass if there is concurrence in the affirmative by both orders. 4. Counting.
The count on a Vote by Orders will be by either electronic or written means as required by the President or presiding officer. 5. Publishing the results. The results of all Votes by Orders will be posted promptly in a manner readily accessible to the House and the public and will include how each order in each diocese voted. 6. Polling. The vote of the individual Deputies of a Diocese must be stated and recorded when requested by a member of the Deputation.

XV. Elections
A. Nominations 1. Nominations by any two Deputies are permitted before any election by the House. 2. Each nomination is submitted in writing, in a form adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, to the Secretary, no later than the third legislative day. 3. There are no nominating speeches for any office or position, except for the President and Vice-President of the House.
B. Voting Requirements 1. All elections will be by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, except where there are no more nominees than open seats, in which case the vote may be by voice. 2. A majority vote is required to elect.
C. Balloting Procedures 1. In all elections in which there are eight or fewer nominees, after the third ballot there will be only two more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot. After the fifth ballot, only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled will be on the ballot. 2. In all elections in which there are more than eight nominees, after the third ballot there will be only four more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot. 3. After the fifth ballot, there will be only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot.

XVI. Confirmation of the Election of a Presiding Bishop
A. When the President receives the name of the bishop elected by the House of Bishops, the President will refer the name to the Legislative Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop.
B. The Legislative Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop will make a recommendation to the House on whether to confirm or not to confirm the choice of the House of Bishops.
C. The House may choose to receive the Committee’s report to the House in Closed Session.
D. If the House chooses to receive the report in Closed Session, the House may continue in Closed Session for the purpose of debate.
E. Following the end of debate, the House will move out of Closed Session. The Committee will repeat its recommendation, and the House will immediately vote on the recommendation.
F. The House will vote by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, unless a Vote by Orders is requested.

XVII. Parliamentary Authority
A. The latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised will govern the interpretation of these Rules and Procedures to the extent that Robert’s is not inconsistent with these rules.
B. The Constitution, Canons, Joint Rules, and Rules of this House take precedence when there is a conflict with Robert’s Rules of Order.

XVIII. Supremacy and In-Force Clause
A. These Rules are subordinate to the Constitution, Canons, and Joint Rules of Order of the General Convention.
B. These Rules remain in force at each meeting until amended, revoked, or replaced by the House.
XIX. Amendments to the Rules of Order
A. The House may amend these Rules at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.
B. The Legislative Committee on Rules of Order will consider all proposed amendments to the Rules and make recommendations to the House.
C. All amendments to these Rules take effect immediately unless expressly provided otherwise.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, That pursuant to Canon I.1.2, the House of Deputies hereby repeals its existing Rules of Order and adopts the attached Rules of Order, which are to remain in force until amended or repealed by the House.

[Ed. Note: The amended text has been treated as a substitute for the original proposal as the Committee's amendments did not follow standard form for showing changes.]

Proposed Rules of Order
I. Holy Scripture and Prayers
   A. Placement of Holy Scriptures
      1. The President and Secretary will ensure that a copy of the Holy Scriptures is reverently displayed at all meetings of the House of Deputies.
   B. Daily Prayers
      1. The daily session of the House will begin with prayers.
      2. The President may call for prayers at other times.
      3. Any Deputy may ask the President to call for prayer at other times.

II. General Rules
   A. Duty of Deputies
      1. Deputies will prepare for and give their attention to the business of the House.
      2. Deputies will attend all sessions of the House unless excused by the President.
   B. Communications Devices
      1. The President may allow Deputies to bring cell phones, computers, and other communication devices to the House, except as provided in these rules during closed sessions.
      2. No talking on communications devices is allowed while the House is in session.
      3. All communications devices will be set to the silent mode.
      4. Deputies will respect those around them as they use such devices.
   C. Distribution of Printed, Digital, and Other Materials
      1. Only official reports, papers, and documents necessary for the business of the House may be distributed to the House, except with the approval of:
         i. the President; or
         ii. the House by a majority vote.
      2. These rules apply to physical materials on the floor and digital materials distributed through official legislative software or devices.
   D. Quorum
      1. To transact business the Constitution, Article I Sec. 4, requires:
         i. A majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in this House must have at least one clerical Deputy present; and
         ii. A majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in this House must have at least one lay Deputy present.
   E. Minutes
      1. The Minutes of the House will be kept by the Secretary or Assistant Secretaries and reviewed by the Committee on the Certification of Minutes.
2. The Committee on the Certification of Minutes will review, approve, and publish the final Minutes for each day before the start of the next day’s session.

3. The Committee on the Certification of Minutes will report its action at the next scheduled session.

4. The House may require that the Minutes for any session be approved by the House.

III. Deputations

A. Chair of Deputation

1. At least one year before the first legislative session of the General Convention, each Deputation will:
   i. designate a Chair; and
   ii. notify the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the name of the Chair.

2. The Deputation Chair will:
   i. serve as the primary contact for House of Deputies communications;
   ii. certify the Deputation’s votes by orders;
   iii. certify changes in the Deputation during General Convention;
   iv. perform other duties as directed by the President.

B. Certification of Alternate Deputies as Deputies

1. Alternate Deputies may not sit or vote with their Deputations, unless and until certified by the Committee on Credentials as a substitute for a Deputy.

2. The Committee on Credentials will certify Alternate Deputies as Deputies before each session.

3. The procedures for certification will be those determined by the Secretary of the House of Deputies.

4. An Alternate Deputy will serve for one or more legislative sessions as Deputy but only until the Deputy for whom he or she substituted is able to resume their seats.

5. The Committee on Credentials will hear and decide any disputes on certification of Deputies and will report their decision to the House.

IV. Floor Privileges and Arrangements

A. Floor Privileges. No one will be admitted to the floor except Deputies, officers of the House, and:

1. the Treasurer of the General Convention;
2. other persons authorized by the President or Secretary, to assist in the conduct of the business of the House;
3. other persons invited or authorized by the President.

B. Seat and Voice. The following will have seat and voice on the floor of the House:

1. two ordained persons and two lay persons who are duly authorized representatives of the Episcopal Church in Liberia;
2. members of the Official Youth Presence;
3. other persons authorized by the Joint Rules, the Constitution, or Canons.

C. Platform. Only officers of the House of Deputies, designated members of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, and other persons authorized or invited by the President may be on the platform of the House.

D. Placement of Deputations and Others. Deputations will be seated together on the floor of the House in random order, except that:

1. Deputations with members serving on the platform may be seated near the platform;
2. Deputations requiring language interpretation or with other needs may be seated in proximity to one another; and
3. The President may seat deputations and others as necessary to assist in the business of the House.
E. Seating Adjacent to the Floor
1. The President and the Secretary will designate a visitor’s gallery.
2. The President and Secretary may designate areas adjacent to the floor of the House of Deputies as seating for Alternate Deputies, members of Executive Council, and others.

F. Revocation of Floor Privileges
1. Any person, including Deputies and officers, may be excluded for good cause from the floor of the House by a two-thirds vote.
2. Any motion to exclude must specify the length of time, up to the final adjournment, that the person is excluded from the floor.
3. The motion may provide that the person discontinues serving as a member of a committee during the person’s exclusion from the floor.

V. Officers
A. President. The President of the House of Deputies will be elected in accordance with the Canons.
1. The President will preside over all meetings of the House, unless the President relinquishes the Chair for a temporary period.
2. If the President relinquishes the Chair:
   i. The Vice-President will preside; or
   ii. If the Vice-President is unable or unwilling to preside, the President may appoint any Deputy to preside.
3. If the President has relinquished the Chair, the President may resume the Chair at any time.
B. Vice-President. The Vice-President of the House of Deputies will be elected in accordance with the Canons.
1. The Vice-President will preside over all meetings of the House in the absence of the President.
2. If the Vice-President is presiding and wishes to relinquish the Chair, the Vice-President may appoint any Deputy to preside.
3. If the Vice-President has relinquished the chair to a Deputy, the Vice-President may resume the chair at any time.
C. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries.
1. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will be elected in accordance with the Canons.
2. The Secretary may appoint Assistant Secretaries with the confirmation of the House.
D. Parliamentarian
1. The President may appoint one or more Parliamentarians and Vice-Parliamentarians to advise the President or presiding officer on parliamentary procedure.
2. A Parliamentarian may be a member of the House or another person at the discretion of the President.
3. The Parliamentarian may address the House or any committee of the House at the direction of the President or presiding officer to facilitate the business of the House.
E. Chaplain
1. The President may appoint one or more Chaplains to the House, who may, but need not be, members of the House. The President will specify the duties of the Chaplain.
F. Sergeant-at-Arms
1. The President may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and necessary assistants.
2. The Sergeant-at-Arms and assistants may be members of the House or other persons at the discretion of the President.
3. The President will specify the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Duties may include:
   i. locating Chairs of legislative committees and escorting them to the platform;
   ii. escorting distinguished visitors and performing ceremonial duties;
   iii. maintaining order and decorum in the House;
iv. ensuring only authorized persons are seated on the floor during sessions of the House except when there is a Joint Session of both Houses; and
v. ensuring that only authorized persons are present during Closed Sessions.

VI. Regular Session Schedule

A. Regular Order of Business

1. The regular Order of Business of each session of the House will be as follows, unless modified by the House in the schedule adopted by the House:
   i. Opening Prayer
   ii. Report of the Certification of the Minutes
   iii. Report from the Committee on Credentials
   iv. Communications from the President
   v. Messages from the House of Bishops
   vi. Report of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business
   vii. Report on Elections
   viii. Committee Reports and Legislation

2. Order of Committee Reports. The order of legislation and Committee Reports will be determined as follows:
   i. The Committee on Dispatch will adopt and publish a daily legislative calendar the day before each legislative session;
   ii. During the time allotted for daily Committee Reports and legislation, resolutions will be considered in the order on the published calendar.
   iii. Following the adjournment for the day, the Committee on Dispatch will update the calendar for the subsequent day and modify the order of Committee Reports and legislation as necessary to consider high priority legislation.
   iv. Once legislation is added to the Calendar, the legislation will remain on the Calendar unless removed or acted upon by the House.

B. Special Order of Business

1. Priority over regular business. If the House adopts a Special Order of Business, it will have priority over any other item of business, including any pending motions, reports, or resolutions.

2. Vote. A Special Order of Business requires a two-thirds vote to be adopted or amended.

3. Special Consideration of Business. The President at any time no other Matter is being considered, may present any Matter to the House for its immediate consideration and action.

C. Consent Calendar

1. Business placed upon the Consent Calendar. A Consent Calendar will be maintained by the Secretary and voted upon once a day as the first legislative order of the day.

2. Publishing the Consent Calendar.
   i. The Consent Calendar must be published at least twenty-four hours before the beginning of the session at which the Consent Calendar is to be voted upon.
   ii. The Consent Calendar must be posted by the Secretary either:
      a. Online, to the General Convention web site; or
      b. in hard copy, at a preannounced place and distributed to the Deputies.

3. Placing items on the Consent Calendar. Every Committee Reports on Resolutions or other matters will be placed on the Consent Calendar automatically unless:
   i. the committee votes to exclude it from the Consent Calendar;
   ii. it is removed in accordance with these Rules;
   iii. the Rules of Order, the Joint Rules of Order, the Canons, or the Constitution require a different procedure for considering the item;
   iv. the item has been set by a Special Order of Business; or
v. the item is one of the following:
   a. a report from the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance;
   b. an election;
   c. a resolution of privilege or courtesy;
   d. the confirmation of the election of the Presiding Bishop.

4. Who may remove items from the Consent Calendar. An item may be removed from the Consent Calendar any time before the final vote on the Calendar by:
   i. the Legislative Committee proposing the action;
   ii. the Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business;
   iii. the proposer of the Resolution or Memorial;
   iv. any three Deputies;
   v. the President of the House.

5. Procedure to remove items from the Consent Calendar: An item may be removed by:
   i. providing notice to the Secretary; or
   ii. announcement on the floor of the House.

6. Voting on the Consent Calendar. When voting on the Consent Calendar, the House will vote on all items at once. A majority vote is required to adopt the calendar.
   i. Affirmative Vote. A vote to adopt the Consent Calendar is a vote to take the action recommended by the respective Legislative Committees for all items on the Consent Calendar
   ii. A Negative Vote. If the House rejects the Consent Calendar, all items on the Consent Calendar will be placed on the Calendar by the Committee on Dispatch.

VII. Resolutions and Memorials
A. Resolutions. Resolutions are matters by which the House or the General Convention speaks to a particular subject or concern, amends the Constitution or Canons, or expresses the mind of the House.

B. Memorials
   1. Memorials are statements about matters of great importance that urge General Convention to take action on a particular topic.
   2. Memorials are referred to a legislative committee to inform the committee’s work and deliberation.
   3. A committee may propose a resolution in response to a memorial.

C. Form. A Resolution or Memorial will take the form prescribed by the Secretary.

D. Proposing. A Resolution or Memorial may be proposed by:
   1. a Deputy, if:
      i. two other Deputies endorse the Resolution or Memorial; and
      ii. the Deputy proposes no more than a total of three Resolutions and three Memorials.
   2. the President of the House of Deputies;
   3. a House of Deputies Legislative Committee;
   4. a Message from the House of Bishops;
   5. a Diocese;
   6. a Province;
   7. a Standing Commission, Task Force, or body required to report to the General Convention; or
   8. the Executive Council.

E. Submission Deadline. No Resolution or Memorial may be first submitted to the House after the end of the second legislative day, unless it is:
   1. a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;
   2. proposed by a House of Deputies Legislative Committee;
3. proposed by the President of the House of Deputies;
4. a Message from the House of Bishops; or
5. voted on by the House to consider it.

VIII. Legislative Committees
A. General Rules on Legislative Committees
1. Appointment and Creation
   i. No later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention, the President will appoint Legislative Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention.
   ii. The Legislative Committees may include the following and any others that the President designates:
      a. Rules of Order. Reviews and proposes Resolutions to revise the rules that govern the House.
      b. Constitution & Canons. Receives and proposes Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution or Canons.
      c. Governance & Structure. Receives and proposes Resolutions that address the governance and structure of the Church including General Convention, Executive Council, and the Anglican Communion.
      d. World Mission. Receives and proposes Resolutions on mission personnel, world mission strategy, and covenant relationships with other Anglican Provinces or bodies.
      e. Social Justice & International Policy. Receives and proposes Resolutions on social justice issues in the Church’s extra-US dioceses and the international peace and justice work of the Church, including engagement with the Anglican Communion.
      f. Social Justice & United States Policy. Receives and proposes Resolutions on social justice issues facing the United States, including its international engagement.
      g. Congregational Vitality. Receives and proposes Resolutions on the health, development, and redevelopment of congregations and faith communities including church planting, college and university communities, and new and non-traditional contexts.
      h. Evangelism & Communications. Receives and proposes Resolutions on evangelism within the Church’s jurisdictions; receives and proposes Resolutions on communication strategies and technologies to strengthen the Church’s communication of the Gospel and opportunities for information management and exchange within the Church.
      j. Formation & Education for Ministry. Receives and proposes Resolutions on Christian formation and education for all the baptized, and all matters related to ordained ministry.
      k. Church Pension Fund. Receives and proposes Resolutions on the purpose, scope, structure, and work of the Church Pension Fund including, but not limited to, pensions, disability, health insurance, other insurance and products for lay and ordained employees of the Church, insurance for Church institutions, and publishing.
      l. Stewardship & Development. Receives and proposes Resolutions on stewardship, stewardship education, development, and planned giving.
m. Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations. Receives and proposes Resolutions on relations between the Church and other Churches, the Church and other religions, interchurch cooperation and unity, and interreligious dialogue and action.

n. Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation. Receives and proposes Resolutions on environmental stewardship and the care of creation.

o. Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop. Receives the Report from the House of Bishops regarding the election of a Presiding Bishop, and recommends action regarding confirmation.

iii. Special Legislative Committees. The President will appoint the following Special Legislative Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention. These committees are not required to hold hearings under these Rules before taking any action.

a. Dispatch of Business. Proposes the agenda for the House, determines the Calendar of the Day, proposes Special Orders of Business, and schedules elections.

b. Certification of Minutes. Reviews the Minutes of the previous legislative day, corrects the Minutes and reports on their completion to the House.

c. Privilege & Courtesy. Receives and proposes Resolutions that commend individuals or organizations and proposes Resolutions that express the House’s appreciation for groups or persons.

d. Credentials. Registers Deputies and reports on the number of voting members in the House of Deputies at each session and acts as tellers for elections.

2. Membership and Composition

i. The President will determine the size of each Legislative Committee and appoint the members.

ii. All members of Legislative Committees must be Deputies.

iii. The President is a member of all Legislative Committees, ex officio.

iv. The President will seek to balance the committee members across the provinces of the Church, where feasible.

3. Committee Officers and Assistants

i. The President will appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary, of each Legislative Committee.

ii. The President must appoint the officers of Legislative Committees no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention.

iii. The President may appoint Legislative Aides to assist Legislative Committees in the conduct of business prior to and during General Convention.

4. Publication of Committee Appointments

i. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will make the information about Legislative Committees known to the Church.

5. Role and Authority of Legislative Committees. Each Legislative Committee will have the following roles and responsibilities:

i. Consider Resolutions, Memorials, and other matters referred to it for action or information.

ii. Propose Resolutions on subjects that have not been referred to it for action but which are within the scope of the description of their responsibilities in Rule VIII.A.1.ii or as assigned by the President.

iii. Hold hearings.
iv. Prepare reports and recommend actions on Resolutions, Memorials, and other matters referred to it.

6. Committee Meetings
   i. The Secretary of the House will arrange a meeting space for each Legislative Committee.
   ii. The meeting location for each Legislative Committee will be made available to the House and the public by the Secretary of the House.
   iii. The President may direct any Legislative Committee to convene and consider matters referred to it prior to the time set for legislative committee meetings at the General Convention site by the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements. Such meetings may be held electronically in a way that all members can hear all other members.
   iv. A meeting may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the members.
   v. In accordance with Canon V.3.1 a quorum will be a majority of all the members.
   vi. Legislative Committees may, but are not required to, meet with a parallel House of Bishops Legislative Committee assigned to consider the same matter or matters. The House of Deputies Legislative Committee must always vote separately on the final action on any matter referred to it.
   vii. Only members of the Legislative Committee may speak during meetings, unless the Chair invites other persons to speak.
   viii. All meetings of Legislative Committees will be open to the public unless the Committee votes to hold a closed meeting.
   ix. A Legislative Committee may hold a closed meeting upon a two-thirds vote of the members present. Any motion to enter a closed session must specify the topic to be discussed. No final action on a matter referred to the Committee may be taken during a closed meeting.
   x. Before entering a closed session to discuss a resolution, the Committee must first hold a public hearing on the resolution.

7. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will keep (or cause to be kept) a record of:
   i. time and place of each meeting;
   ii. attendance of Committee members at each meeting;
   iii. Resolutions and other matters considered at each meeting and all actions taken on them; and
   iv. all other motions and actions of the Committee.

8. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will file the record of each Legislative Committee meeting with the Secretary of the House. The record will be delivered by the deadline set by the Secretary of the House.

B. Legislative Committee Hearings
   1. Hearings Required
      i. Legislative Committees must hold a hearing on every Resolution, Memorial, and other matter referred to them for action or proposed by them before taking final action.
      ii. Legislative Committees should try to schedule all Resolutions, Memorials, or other matters on the same subject for hearing at the same time.
      iii. Hearings may be held by Legislative Committees as early as two (2) days before the first legislative day of General Convention.
   2. Notice of Hearings
      i. Two Days before the First Legislative Day. For hearings to be held two days prior to the first legislative day of General Convention, a Legislative Committee will deliver a Notice of Hearing to the Secretary of the House of Deputies at least
seven (7) days before the hearing. Upon receipt the Notice of Hearing will be posted by the Secretary on the General Convention website.

ii. During General Convention and One Day before the First Legislative Day. For hearings to be during or not more than one day before the first legislative day of General Convention, a Legislative Committee will deliver the Notice of Hearing to the Secretary of the House of Deputies so that it can be posted by the Secretary on the General Convention website at least eight (8) hours before the hearing. For hearings scheduled before 10:00 a.m., the Notice of Hearing must be posted by the Secretary by 6:00 p.m. of the day before the hearing.

iii. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will specify the form for the Notice of Hearing.

3. Testimony at Hearings
i. Any person may testify at a hearing before the Legislative Committee.

ii. All persons who wish to testify at a hearing before the Legislative Committee must register by signing a witness sheet.

iii. Persons testifying must identify themselves by name, status (Deputy, Bishop, Alternate, or Visitor), Diocese, organization represented, if any, and the Resolution or matter on which they wish to testify.

iv. The Chair may limit the number of persons who may testify, set time limits, alternate pro and con, give preference to Deputies or other groups of persons and otherwise regulate the hearing.

4. Record of Hearings.
   i. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will keep (or cause to be kept) a record of:
      a. time and place of each hearing;
      b. attendance of Committee members at each hearing;
      c. Resolutions and other matters considered at each hearing; and
      d. name and identifying information of each person testifying before the Legislative Committee and the Resolution or matter upon which each spoke.

   ii. The Secretary of the Legislative Committee will file the record of each Legislative Committee hearing with the Secretary of the House at the conclusion of each hearing.

C. Legislative Committee Reports
1. Each Legislative Committee must take final action on every Resolution and other matter referred to it for action to recommend that the House takes one of the following actions:
   i. adopt as proposed;
   ii. adopt as amended by the Committee. All amendments made by a Committee will apply automatically to the Resolution and the matter before the House when the resolution is considered will be the Resolution as amended by the Committee;
   iii. adopt a substitute Resolution.
      a. A substitute Resolution must be on the same subject as the Resolution referred to the Legislative Committee for action.
      b. A substitute Resolution may only cover one Resolution referred to the Legislative Committee for action.
      c. If the House declines to adopt a substitute, the original resolution will be automatically referred back to the Committee for additional consideration.
   iv. adopt a consolidated substitute Resolution.
      a. A consolidated substitute Resolution must be on the same subject as the Resolutions referred to the Legislative Committee for action.
b. Its report on the final action on that Resolution must identify all the other Resolutions the substitute is intended to cover.

c. A vote by the Legislative Committee to recommend adoption of a consolidated substitute Resolution will be an automatic recommendation to take no further action on all other Resolutions the consolidated substitute Resolution is intended to cover.

d. If the House declines to adopt a consolidated substitute Resolution, the original Resolutions will be automatically referred back to the Committee for additional consideration.

v. reject

vi. refer to a specified Standing Commission, General Convention Task Force, Executive Council or other body of the Church for study, action, or to make recommendations on the subject to the next General Convention

vii. take no further action because

a. the matter has already been dealt with by action of the House of Deputies at this meeting of General Convention;

b. the matter is covered by a Resolution of a prior General Convention;

c. for other reasons;

viii. If the Resolution or matter has been acted on by the House of Bishops:

a. concur with the action of the House of Bishops;

b. concur as proposed to be amended by the House of Deputies Legislative Committee;

c. concur with substitute as proposed by the House of Deputies Legislative Committee;

d. not concur and take a different action;

e. not concur;

ix. A House of Bishops Message to discharge will be treated as take no further action.

2. Minority Report

i. If there is a minority position on a final action on a Resolution or other matter and the minority requests to make a minority report to the House, the Chair will include the minority report in the Legislative Committee's report on the final action on the Resolution or other matter.

ii. A minority position consists of at least one-quarter (1/4) of the members of the Legislative Committee present and voting on the Resolution, Memorial, or other matter.

IX. Other Committees

A. General Rules on Other Committees

1. Appointment and Creation

i. The President may designate other Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention no later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention except that Conference Committees will be appointed during General Convention as needed.

ii. The Committees may include the following and any others that the President designates:

a. Resolution Review

   1. The Resolution Review Committee will review all Resolutions submitted prior to General Convention to review that they are consistent with the polity of this Church, that they are in the form required by the canons, and to assess whether they have funding implications.
2. The Committee will prepare an advisory report on each Resolution and provide it to the chair of the Legislative Committee to which the Resolution is referred for action. The Committee will continue the review process while General Convention is in session.

3. The Committee may draft or redraft any matter in the proper language upon request by the President, a Legislative Committee, a Deputy, or the House.

2. Membership and Composition
   i. The President will determine the size of each other Committee and appoint the members.
   ii. Members of other Committees need not be Deputies.
   iii. The President is a member of all other Committees, ex officio.

3. Committee Officers
   i. The President will appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary, of each other Committee.
   ii. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will make the information about other Committees known to the Church.

B. Committee Meetings
   1. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will arrange a meeting space for each Committee.

C. Conference Committees
   1. Creation. A Conference Committee will be created:
      a. By a vote by the House to refer legislation passed by the House of Bishops to a Conference Committee; or
      b. When the House of Bishops has concurred, with amendment, on the legislation already acted on by the House, and the House does not concur with the House of Bishops’ amendment.
   2. Appointment. The President will appoint a Chair and all members of a Conference Committee from the House of Deputies.
   3. Final Action. When a Committee of Conference has been formed, the final action upon the matter under consideration will be deferred until the Conference Committee has reported to this House.

X. Special Committees
   A. The President may designate Special Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at or between sessions of the General Convention.
   B. Membership and Composition
      1. The President will determine the size of each Special Committee and appoint the members.
      2. Members of Special Committees need not be Deputies.
      3. The President will be a member of all Special Committees, ex officio.
   C. Committee Officers
      1. The President will appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary, of each Special Committee.
      2. The Secretary of the House of Deputies will make the information about Special Committees known to the Church.

XI. Sessions of the House
   A. Legislative Sessions
      1. Purpose. A Legislative Session is a regular session of the House of Deputies where the House considers Resolutions, hears reports from committees, and provides Deputies an opportunity to debate.
B. Special Order Sessions
   1. Purpose. A Special Order Session is a session set by the House to consider a particular Resolution or other matter under special rules for deliberation and debate. Sessions can be used to consider important or strategic matters in an informal manner for conversation and connection.
   2. How Brought. A Special Order Session may be scheduled by a two-thirds vote of the House.

C. Closed Sessions
   1. Purpose. A closed session of the House has limited attendance and is used to discuss sensitive or pastoral matters. No action may be taken by the House in a closed session.
   2. How brought. The Deputies may vote to enter a closed session by a majority vote.
   3. Who may attend. Only the following may attend a closed session:
      i. Deputies;
      ii. Officers of the House of Deputies;
      iii. persons given seat on the floor of the House;
      iv. other persons authorized by the House;
      v. other persons authorized by the President.
   4. Special Rules regarding Closed Sessions
      i. Minutes will be kept by the Secretary for all Closed Sessions. Minutes taken during an closed session may only be reviewed and revealed in a closed session.
      ii. Personal electronic devices may not be used to communicate or record during a closed session.
      iii. Members are honor bound to keep the proceedings of a closed session confidential.

XII. Debate
A. Deputies may debate.
   1. Any Deputy or person given seat and voice on the floor of the House may participate in debate, unless a Rule of the House specifies otherwise.
   2. Any Deputy or person participating in debate will provide their name and the Diocese they represent.

B. Definitions
   1. Debate. Debates are an opportunity for Deputies to engage in discussion on any matter.
   2. Matter. A matter includes any Resolution, Memorial, motion, message from the House of Bishops, or Committee report, that is presented to the House to consider and act upon.

C. Deputies may engage in debate on any matter except when:
   1. debate has been ended by a vote of the House;
   2. debate is not allowed due to a Rule of the House, a Joint Rule, a Canon, or the Constitution.

D. Time Limits
   1. A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on:
      i. any matter; and
      ii. all motions related to that matter.
   2. If a person rises to speak during the first six minutes of debate on a matter, no member may move the following unless no person seeks to debate on the matter:
      i. amend the motion or resolution;
      ii. move a substitute;
      iii. end debate.
3. During a Debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:
   i. speak up to two (2) minutes, or up to four (4) minutes if translation is required, after being recognized by the Chair;
   ii. speak twice.
4. Debate will end following:
   i. a successful vote to end debate;
   ii. the end of the time allowed for debate by a Rule or Special Order; or
   iii. by ruling of the President if
      a. at least three Deputies have spoken in favor of the matter and no one rises to speak against it; or
      b. at least three Deputies have spoken against the matter and no one rises to speak in favor of it; or
      c. no one rises to speak on the matter.

XIII. Motions
A. How Made
1. Motions may be made by any Deputy or other person authorized to make a motion by the Rules of the House;
2. A Deputy wishing to make a motion must:
   i. provide their name and the Diocese they represent.
   ii. acknowledge his or her intent to make a motion in any queuing system; and
   iii. be recognized by the President or presiding officer.
B. Types of Motion. Any Deputy may make one of the following motions and no other motions may be made on the floor of the House, except as otherwise provided by these Rules:
1. Motions that affect the general business of the House:
   i. Adjourn or Recess:
      a. Is used to end (adjourn) a session or take a short recess.
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. No debate is allowed.
         2. No amendments may be made.
         3. A majority vote is required.
   ii. Adjourn and reconvene at a specific time:
      a. Is used to end a session and set a time to reconvene.
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. Debate is only allowed on the time.
         2. Amendments are only allowed on the time.
   iii. Appeal the ruling of the President or presiding officer:
      a. Is used to appeal any decision of the President or presiding officer on any question of procedure;
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. Debate is allowed.
         2. Amendments are not allowed.
         3. A majority vote is required.
         4. Must be made immediately after the Presiding Officer's ruling.
   iv. To Create a Special Order of Business or Change the Order of Business:
      a. Is used to create a Special Order of Business that is not included in the Convention schedule or change an existing Order of Business. It may also include special rules to govern how the order is to be carried out.
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. Amendments are allowed.
         2. Debate is allowed.
         3. A two-thirds vote is required.
v. To Suspend the Rules
   a. Is used to suspend or modify the Rules of the House that interfere with a particular goal of the House.
   b. Has the following characteristics:
      1. Amendments are allowed.
      2. Debate is allowed.
      3. A two-thirds vote is required.

2. Motions that affect debate on a Resolution or other matter:
   i. End Debate and Vote Immediately:
      a. Is used to end the debate on a motion, Resolution, report, or other action item and force a vote. It is also sometimes known as “moving the previous question.”
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. Affects only the matter being debated.
         2. No debate is allowed;
         3. A two-thirds majority vote is required.
   ii. Postpone Debating a Motion or Resolution until a Specific Time
      a. Is used to postpone debating and considering a motion or Resolution until a certain time, after a certain time has elapsed, or after an event has occurred. It cannot be used to postpone action until after General Convention has adjourned.
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. Debate is allowed.
         2. Amendments are allowed.
         3. A majority vote is required.
   iii. To Recall from a Committee
      a. Is used to bring something out of a legislative committee and immediately to the floor of the House.
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. May not be brought until the fourth legislative day.
         2. Debate is allowed.
         3. No amendments are allowed.
         4. A two-thirds vote is required.

3. Motions that affect what is done with a matter:
   i. To Refer to Back to the Originating Committee, a Different Committee, a Standing Commission, or Other Body
      a. Is used to refer a matter to a legislative committee or group to study the matter and report back suggested amendments or actions.
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. May be debated.
         2. May be amended as to the body referred.
         3. A majority vote is required.
   ii. Take No Further Action
      a. Is used to stop considering a particular Resolution or Memorial and remove it from further consideration at the current meeting of the House.
      b. Has the following characteristics:
         1. Debate is allowed.
         2. No amendments are allowed.
         3. A majority vote is required.
iii. To Amend or Substitute
   a. Is used to modify or change a Resolution or motion. This would include a technical change or a substantive change that would alter the meaning or the intent of a Resolution or motion. Amendments must be related to the item in the resolution or motion that they are trying to change.
   b. Secondary Amendments are:
      1. proposed changes to an amendment. Secondary Amendments must relate to the specific subject of an amendment and may not be used to alter other parts of a Resolution or parts not affected by an amendment.
   c. Has the following characteristics:
      1. Debate is allowed.
      2. Only Secondary Amendments are allowed.
      3. A majority vote is required.

iv. To Divide the Matter
   a. Is used to divide a matter, Resolution into separate parts and vote separately. If the matter is easily divisible into separate subjects, it may be divided by the Chair at a request of a member.
   b. Process to use this matter:
      1. First make the request to divide the question and explain where the question should be divided.
      2. The President then rules on whether the question is divisible or not.
      3. If the question is divisible, the House proceeds to debate and act on the divided parts of the question.
      4. If the President rules the question is not divisible, any Deputy may appeal the ruling.

v. To Reconsider Something Previously Acted Upon
   a. Is used to reconsider a Matter which was previously voted upon by the House at the current meeting of the General Convention.
   b. Has the following characteristics:
      1. Any Deputy may move to reconsider a Matter.
      2. No amendments are allowed.
      3. Debate is allowed if the Matter being reconsidered is debatable.
      4. A majority vote is required.
      5. A Matter may only be reconsidered once.
      6. If the motion for reconsideration is adopted, the Resolution is restored to where it was immediately before the previous action being reconsidered was taken by the House.

XIV. Voting
   A. Every Deputy must vote when a matter is put to a vote.
   B. The President may excuse a Deputy from voting on a matter, if:
      1. the Deputy has a conflict of interest; or
      2. for other good cause.
   C. Vote necessary to adopt a matter. The amount of votes necessary to pass a Resolution or other matter is;
      1. A majority vote consists of more than half of the votes.
      2. A two-thirds vote consists of at least two-thirds of the votes.
      3. A majority Vote by Orders consists of a more than half of the lay deputations and more than half of the clergy deputations.
   D. Counting the votes. The amount necessary to pass a matter will be determined by those present and voting.
E. Vote by Orders under Art. 1 Sec 5 of the Constitution.
   1. Procedure:
      i. A vote by Orders will be taken on any matter at the request of the clerical or lay
         deputations of at least three separate dioceses or as required by the Constitution
         or Canons;
      ii. the vote of each order, Clerical and Lay, will be counted separately and each order
          in each Diocese will have one vote;
      iii. to carry in the affirmative any question being voted on by orders requires
          concurrence in the affirmative by both orders;
      iv. concurrence in the affirmative by an order requires the affirmative vote in that
          order by a majority of the Dioceses present in that order unless a greater vote is
          required by the Constitution or by the Canons;
      v. an affirmative vote of a Clerical or Lay order requires a majority of the Deputies
          present in that order in that Diocese.
   2. No Vote. A no vote (i.e., not in the affirmative) occurs when the majority of a Clerical or
      a Lay deputation’s vote is against a matter or is tied.
   3. Two-Thirds Vote. If a motion under the Rules requires a two-thirds vote, and a Vote by
      Orders is duly called, the motion will pass if there is concurrence in the affirmative by a
      two-thirds vote in both orders.
   4. Counting. The count on a Vote by Orders will be by either electronic and/or written
      means as required by the President or presiding officer.
   5. Publishing the results. The results of all Votes by Orders will be posted promptly in a
      manner that is readily accessible to the House and the public and includes how each
      order in each diocese voted.
   6. Polling. The vote of the individual Deputies of a Diocese must be stated and recorded
      when requested by a member of the Deputation.

XV. Elections
    A. Nominations
       1. Nominations by any two Deputies are permitted before any election by the House.
       2. Each nomination is submitted in writing, in a form adopted by the Joint Standing
          Committee on Nominations, to the Secretary, no later than the third legislative day.
       3. There are no nominating speeches for any office or position, except for the President
          and Vice-President of the House.
    B. Voting Requirements
       1. All elections will be by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, except where there
          are no more nominees than open seats, in which case the vote may be by voice.
       2. A majority vote is required to elect.
    C. Balloting Procedures
       1. In all elections in which there are eight or fewer nominees, after the third ballot there
          will be only two more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot.
          After the fifth ballot only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled
          will be on the ballot.
       2. In all elections in which there are more than eight nominees, after the third ballot there
          will be only four more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot.
       3. After the fifth ballot there will be only one more nominee than the number of vacancies
          to be filled on the ballot.

XVI. Confirmation of the Election of a Presiding Bishop
    A. When the President receives the name of the bishop elected by the House of Bishops to serve
       as Presiding Bishop, the President will refer the name to the Legislative Committee on the
       Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop.
B. The Legislative Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop will make a recommendation to the House on whether to confirm or not to confirm the choice of the House of Bishops.

C. The House may choose to receive the Committee’s report to the House in a closed session.

D. If the House chooses to receive the report in a closed session, the House may continue in a closed session for the purpose of debate.

E. Following the end of debate, the House will move out of a closed session. The Committee will repeat its recommendation and the House will immediately vote on the recommendation.

F. The House will vote by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, unless a Vote by Orders is requested.

G. A majority vote is required to confirm.

XVII. Parliamentary Authority
A. The latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised will govern the interpretation of these Rules and Procedures to the extent that Roberts is not inconsistent with these Rules.

B. The Constitution, Canons, Joint Rules, and Rules of this House take precedence when there is a conflict with Robert’s Rules of Order.

XVIII. Supremacy and In Force Clause
A. These Rules are subordinate to the Constitution, Canons, and Joint Rules of Order of the General Convention.

B. These Rules remain in force at each meeting until amended, revoked, or replaced by the House.

XIX. Amendments to the Rules of Order
A. The House may amend these Rules at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

B. The Legislative Committee on Rules of Order will consider all proposed amendments to the Rules and make recommendations to the House.

C. All amendments to these Rules take effect immediately unless expressly provided otherwise.

Following the committee’s report, the House entered the 20-minute session of inquiry directed to the Committee on Rules of Order.

Following the expiration of the 20-minute session, Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Insert the following at XII.D.3:

*Following a vote on any amendment to a motion or resolution, if a person rises to move a further amendment, they shall be heard prior to a resumption of debate or to a motion to end debate.*

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Snow of Oregon moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Amend VI.C.6 to read:

6. Voting on the Consent Calendar. When voting on the Consent Calendar, the House will vote on all items at once. each resolution. A majority vote is required to adopt the calendar the resolution.
A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**

Amendment defeated

Deputy Parker of Oregon moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Insert the following into XII.D:

5. No applause shall be permitted during any session of the House, unless authorized by the Presiding Officer.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**

Amendment defeated

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Amend VIII.B.2.ii to read:
For hearings scheduled before 10:00 a.m., the Notice of Hearing must be posted by the Secretary by 6:00 10:00 p.m. of the day before the hearing.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**

Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A152. The President noted that this resolution takes a two-thirds majority to adopt and called upon the Voting Secretary to take the ballot by electronic vote.

**Motion carried**

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #31)

[Ed. Note: The Committee's report was adopted as the Rules of Order for the House and serves as the Final Text in the Journal. See also the Rules as printed and annotated in the "Constitution and Canons, together with the Rules of Order...2015".]

**Dispatch of Business**
The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved the suspension of the rules in order to bring forth Resolution A302 (Letter of Condolence to Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC).

**Motion carried**

Rules suspended

**Social Justice and United States Policy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #2 on Resolution A302 (Letter of Condolence to Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A302)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, currently meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, joins in pain, grief, and sorrow with the families and friends of Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Rev. Depayne Middleton-Doctor, Myra Thompson, Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., Cynthia Hurd, Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Tywanza Sanders, Susie Jackson, and Ethel Lance, who were slain in a racist act of violence. As our hearts go out to them, The Episcopal Church stands in solidarity with the people of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, our brothers and sisters of the wider African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the people of Charleston, South Carolina as they respond with acts of forgiveness, reconciliation, and justice.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #8)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 6:28 p.m. to reconvene on June 26 at 11:15 a.m.
Appendix A

House of Deputies Legislative Committees

01 Dispatch of Business
Simons, The Rev. Dr. James B., Chair (Pittsburgh, III)
Pompa, The Very Rev. Anthony, Vice-Chair (Bethlehem, III)
Beck, Mr. Kenneth C., Secretary (Spokane, VIII)
Berger, The Rev. Martha Branson, Assistant Secretary (Milwaukee, V)
Aden, Mr. Gareth S. (Tennessee, IV)
Ambos, Esq., Canon Paul (New Jersey, II)
Anderson, Ms. Elizabeth L. (Connecticut, I)
Avedisian, The Hon. Scott (Rhode Island, I)
Baer, Mr. Henry (Oklahoma, VII)
Brown, The Rev. Thomas J. (Massachusetts, I)
Byrd, The Rev. Ronald C. (Michigan, V)
Cole, The Rev. Deacon Richard (Churches in Europe, II)
Kester, Ms. Cheryl L. (Arkansas, VII)
Kusumoto, Mr. Ryan K. (Hawaii, VIII)
Madison, The Rev. Dr. David A. (Fort Worth, VII)
Manosalvas, Mr. Luis (Central Ecuador, IX)
Metoyer, The Rev. Eric (California, VIII)
Sheddy, Ms. Gall K. (Minnesota, VI)
Strowhorn, Canon Charlotte A. (Northern Indiana, V)
Webley-Harris, Mrs. Alice (Southern Virginia, III)
Woggon, The Rev. Karla (Western North Carolina, IV)

02 Certification of Minutes
Russell, Ms. Sally, Chair (Western Kansas, VII)
Reib, Mrs. Kaycee, Vice-Chair (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)
Heine, The Rev. A. J., Secretary (Louisiana, IV)
Bertsch, Mrs. Anneke (Central Florida, IV)
Chapman, Ms. Pamela B. (Western Michigan, V)
Dunn, Ms. Jennifer (East Tennessee, IV)
Helgaas, Ms. Julie (North Dakota, VI)
Scott, The Rev. Shelby (Oklahoma, VII)

03 Rules of Order
Rushing, The Hon. Byron, Chair (Massachusetts, I)
Joseph, Mr. Bill, Vice-Chair (Ohio, V)
Washbush, Mr. John M., Secretary (Milwaukee, V)
Easton, The Rev. Canon Elizabeth, Assistant Secretary (Nebraska, VI)
Ashby, The Rev. Lucinda (Idaho, VIII)
Gee, Mr. Timothy (El Camino Real, VIII)
Lacy, The Very Rev. Mary (East Carolina, IV)
Robbins-Penniman, The Very Rev. Becky (Southwest Florida, IV)
Schneider, Mr. Rob (West Texas, VII)
Sconiers, The Hon. Rose (Western New York, II)
Sluss, The Ven. Mark (Missouri, V)
Spaid, The Rev. Canon William (Western Michigan, V)

04 Constitution and Canons
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McKellaston, Ms. Louisa, Assistant Secretary (Chicago, V)
Simon, Mr. James S., Assistant Secretary (Ohio, V)
Babb, Mr. Kevin J. (Springfield, V)
Barron, The Rev. Carol (Southeast Florida, IV)
Ferrell, Mr. Joseph S. (North Carolina, IV)
Foster, III, Mr. C. Bradford (West Tennessee, IV)
Harvin, Mr. David (Texas, VII)
Hitt, II, Esq., Mr. Lawrence R. (Colorado, VI)
Kilp, Mr. David (Central Pennsylvania, III)
Kimbrough, The Very Rev. Timothy E. (Tennessee, IV)
King, Jr., The Very Rev. Earle C. (Western New York, II)
Mack, Canon Charles (Northern California, VIII)
Marquez, The Rev. Juan (Dominican Republic, IX)
Morrow, Mr. Mike (Kansas, VII)
Oller, The Rev. Janet P. (Indianapolis, V)
Paraison, Mr. Webster (Haiti, II)
Remington, Mr. Scott A. (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Reno, Jr., Mr. Russell R. (Maryland, III)
Taylor, The Rev. Linda (El Camino Real, VIII)
Tisdale, Mr. Thomas S. (South Carolina, IV)
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Wylie, Canon Janet (Los Angeles, VIII)

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Alarid, The Hon. A. Joseph (Rio Grande, VII)
Alexander, The Rev. Sharon (Louisiana, IV)
Ball, The Rev. Valerie L. (New Jersey, II)
Candler, The Very Rev. Samuel G. (Atlanta, IV)
Conley, Canon Judith G. (Arizona, VIII)
Currie, Jr., Mr. Vincent C. (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Fleener, Jr., Mr. William (Western Michigan, V)
Getz, Esq., Ms. Pauline (San Diego, VIII)
Hinton, The Rev. Brad (Delaware, III)
Huston, Dr. Kate (Oklahoma, VII)
Johnson, The Rev. Canon David H. (Mississippi, IV)
Koonce, Ms. Nancy (Idaho, VIII)
Linares, The Rev. Ivette (Puerto Rico, IX)
Plummer, The Rev. Cathlena (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)
Read, The Rev. David G. (West Texas, VII)
Rios, The Rev. Austin K. (Churches in Europe, II)
Rushing, The Hon. Byron (Massachusetts, I)
Sherrod, Ms. Katie (Fort Worth, VII)
Snook, The Rev. Susan Brown (Arizona, VIII)
Snow, Ms. D. Rebecca (Oregon, VIII)
Thompson, Dr. Fredrica Harris (Massachusetts, I)
Watson, III, The Rev. William J. (Southwestern Virginia, III)
White, Canon Jim (Los Angeles, VIII)
Wilson, The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye A. (Newark, II)
Wong, The Hon. Warren J. (California, VIII)

06 World Mission
Alexander, Ms. Martha B., Chair (North Carolina, IV)
Osberger, The Very Rev. Charles E., Vice-Chair (Easton, III)
Crawford, The Rev. Canon Lee A., Secretary (Vermont, I)
Johnson, The Rev. Edwin, Assistant Secretary (Massachusetts, I)
Bernier, The Ven. Noé (Haiti, II)
Brownridge, The Very Rev. Walter (Hawaii, VIII)
Burch, Mrs. Scooty (Upper South Carolina, IV)
Casseus, The Rev. Canon Frantz (Haiti, II)
Daniel, Mrs. Angela M. (Upper South Carolina, IV)
Frade, Ms. Diana (Southeast Florida, IV)
George, The Rev. Dr. Mitzi G. (Western Louisiana, VII)
Granja, The Rev. Eduardo (Central Ecuador, IX)
Kennard, The Rev. Susan (Texas, VII)
Kraft, Ms. Bobbi (Fond du Lac, V)
Lantigua de Sanchez, Sra. Ysabel (Dominican Republic, IX)
Longinotti, Ms. Pia (Spokane, VIII)
Maberry, Ms. Lois (Western Louisiana, VII)
Michell, The Very Rev. Dr. Neal O. (Dallas, VII)
Pollock, The Rev. Dr. John (East Carolina, IV)
Salazar, El Rvdo. Julio (Colombia, IX)
Sie, The Rev. Fr. Michael T. (Liberia, IX)
Sisson, Dr. Edward B. (Mississippi, IV)
Skimina, Mr. Timothy (Northern Indiana, V)
Stewart, Dr. Charles N. (Central New York, II)
Ventura, Ms. Celeste (El Camino Real, VIII)
D'Alimonte, Mrs. Cynthia Wilson (Churches in Europe, II)
07 Social Justice and International Policy
Randle, Mr. Russell V., Chair (Virginia, III)
Kitagawa, The Rev. John E., Vice-Chair (Arizona, VIII)
Duncan, Canon Noreen, Secretary (New Jersey, II)
Macauley-Dukuly, Ms. Dunstanette, Assistant Secretary (Newark, II)
Bedingfield, The Very Rev. John (Western Louisiana, VII)
Brooks, The Rev. Theodora N. (New York, II)
Brown, Ms. Anne C. (Vermont, I)
Brown, Sis. D. Sheba (Liberia, IX)
Commins, The Rev. Gary (Los Angeles, VIII)
Crosdale, Ms. Valarie H. (Long Island, II)
Garcia, Mr. Bryan Velez (Puerto Rico, IX)
Jean, The Rev. MacDonald (Haiti, II)
Lethin, The Rev. Judith (Alaska, VIII)
Mackenzie, The Rev. Lester V. (Los Angeles, VIII)
Mallery, Mr. David G. (Maryland, III)
McCann, Ms. Margaret F. (North Carolina, IV)
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Merchant, II, The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. (South Carolina, IV)
Ramos, Sr. Marco (Venezuela, IX)
Santos, Sr. German (Colombia, IX)
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Starns, Mr. Edgar (Louisiana, IV)
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08 Social Justice and United States Policy
Pollard, Ms. Diane, Chair (New York, II)
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Lawton, Ms. Sarah E., Secretary (California, VIII)
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George, Dr. Anita (Mississippi, IV)
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Jackson, The Rev. Paula (Southern Ohio, V)
James, Dr. Navita Cummings (Southwest Florida, IV)
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09 Congregational Vitality
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MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to order at 11:22 a.m.

Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

Greetings from the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil
The Presiding Bishop introduced the primate of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, Archbishop Francisco de Assis da Silva, who brought greetings to the Joint Session and made remarks on the 125th anniversary of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil.

Joint Session for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop called on the Co-Chairs of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop of Oklahoma and Deputy Johnson of Minnesota, for the report of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.


The Presiding Bishop declared the nominations closed.

Joint Session on Governance and Structure
The Presiding Bishop called on the Co-Chairs of the Committee on Governance and Structure, the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel and Deputy Johnson of Minnesota, to make their report.

Following the report, Deputy Johnson announced that the Joint Session would break into small groups to discuss questions provided by the Committee. Deputy Johnson requested that each small group to report back via Twitter or email.

Following the time allotted for small-group discussion, the Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to order. The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel thanked the Joint Session for their service and input.

Adjournment
The Presiding Bishop announced that the Joint Session was adjourned.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:31 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Frade of Southeast Florida reminded the House about the UTO boxes available around the House.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on Certification of Minutes presented its Report #1 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the First Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Personal Privilege
Deputy Green of San Diego, Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development, spoke about the Committee's concern that there had been no offering taken at the daily Eucharist. He offered the committee members as volunteers to collect the offering. The Secretary explained that the Committee that planned the services had discussed this, and that there were collection bins at the entrances to the worship space, but that he would discuss it with the members further.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #3 for the first session of the Second Legislative Day. There were 420 clerical deputies and 421 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 421. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 561. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 5 new deputies certified and 67 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:
Pai Hui Hsu, Diocese of Taiwan
Leo Wen-bin Tzeng, Diocese of Taiwan
William Cavanaugh, Diocese of Dallas
Anne Schmidt, Diocese of Dallas
A.L. Addington, Diocese of Georgia
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Western Massachusetts  Maggie Sweeney  Mick Kalber
Western New York  Gloria Payne-Carter  Colleen O'Connor
Western North Carolina  Kathy Wright  Kathy Atkinson
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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

**Communications from the President**

The President noted that paper copies of the new Rules of Order had been placed on each deputation's table and will be available on the House of Deputies' website. The President also reminded the House that the second page of motion charts that were distributed prior to the Convention is the valid chart.

**Communications from the Parliamentarian**

The Parliamentarian clarified points of the new Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian also informed the House that the House's platform now has a Twitter handle: @hodplatform. He explained that if any member of the House has a question, they can ask it through the Twitter account. The Parliamentarian also reminded the House of the new rules regarding the removal of items from the Consent Calendar.

**Messages from the House of Bishops**

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #3:** A124 (Amend Title IV) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #4:** A126 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(j)) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #5:** A129 (Amend Canons IV.6 and IV.19) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #6:** A130 (Amend Canon IV.6.7) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #7:** A131 (Amend Canon IV.6.8) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #8:** A132 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #9:** A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #10:** A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.12) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #11:** A136 (Amend Canon IV.14.4) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #12:** A137 (Amend Canon IV.14.5) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #13:** A138 (Amend Canon IV.14.8) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #14:** A139 (Amend Canon IV.14.11) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #15:** A140 (Amend Canon IV.12) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #16: A141 (Amend Canon IV. 14.12(b)) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #17: A142 (Amend Canon IV.5.6(b)(5)) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #18: A143 (Amend Canon IV.16) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #19: A146 (Amend Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c)) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #20: A147 (Amend Canon IV.19.25) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #21: A148 (Amend Canon IV.19.30) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #22: A149 (Amend Canon V.4.1(a)) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #23: A150 (Develop Title IV Training Materials) Re-referred to a Different Committee
HB Message #24: A059 (Continue Revision of the Book of Occasional Services) Adopted
HB Message #25: A125 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(g)) Re-referred to a Different Committee

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced that Resolutions A128 (Amend Canon IV.6.3 Mandatory Reporting by Bishop), C028 (Disclosure of Criminal Records), B009 (Conducting an Online Digital Evangelism Test), A087 (Create Task Force on Evangelism), and A151 (Budget for College for Bishops) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.
The President called on the Voting Secretary to conduct the vote on the Consent Calendar by electronic ballot.

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #1 on Resolution D024 (Affirm and Support Ministry to Appalachia) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D024)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm and renew the Church’s longstanding support to the ongoing mission of Episcopal Appalachian Ministries and its mission to the people of the Appalachian Region; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the ongoing high rates of poverty that continue to exist in Appalachia disproportionate to other regions of the country; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention continue to acknowledge and support financially the “Appalachian Initiative” to increase grassroots ministry and mission that directly address poverty, substance abuse, illiteracy, and inadequate health care found in the Appalachian Region; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $120,000.00 ($40,000 per year) for the implementation of this resolution during the next triennium.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #10)

Congregational Vitality
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #2 on Resolution A039 (Fund the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A039)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church assign $30,000 to the work of the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church for the 2015-2018 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #11)

Evangelism and Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #2 on Resolution A113 (Continue Development of Global Mission Mapping Project) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A113)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage the Office of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Committee to continue the development of the Global Mission Mapping Project.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage the Office of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Committee Council to continue the development of the Global Mission Mapping Project.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #12)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #3 on Resolution D019 (Conducting an Online Digital Evangelism Test) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #13)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #5 on Resolution A010 (Dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A010)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology or incorporate its charge with that of another standing body of The Episcopal Church.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology of incorporate its charge with that of another standing body of The Episcopal Church; and be it further Resolved, that Canon I.1.3 [sic] be amended by the removal of paragraph 12.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #14)

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #1 on Resolution A121 (Amend Canon III.9.4(d)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A121)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.9.4(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(d) If a Priest has been called to a Cure in a congregation in another Diocese, the Priest shall present Letters Dimissory. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall accept Letters Dimissory within three months of their receipt unless the Bishop or Standing Committee has received credible information concerning the character or behavior of the Priest concerned which would form grounds for canonical inquiry and presentment proceedings under Title IV. In such a case, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident and need not accept the Letters Dimissory unless and until the Priest shall be exculpated. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall not refuse to accept Letters Dimissory based on the applicant’s race, color, ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #15)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #2 on Resolution A122 (Amend Canon III.12.3(a)(2)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A122)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.12.3(a)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(2) If no visitation has occurred in a congregation for three years, the Bishop Diocesan or the Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry or comparable body may apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint five Bishops Diocesan who live nearest to the Diocese in which such Congregation is situated as a Council of Conciliation. The Council shall determine all matters of difference between the parties, and each party shall conform to the decision of the Council; provided, that, in case of any subsequent trial disciplinary proceedings of either party for failure to conform to the decision, any right of the Accused Respondent under the Constitutions and Canons of this Church or the Diocese holding the trial disciplinary proceedings may be pleaded and established as a sufficient
defense, notwithstanding the former decision; and Provided, further, that, in any case, the Bishop may at any time apply for such Council of Conciliation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #16)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #4 on Resolution A116 (Budget for Committee Expenses) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A116)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That there be appropriated from the budget of the General Convention the sum of $40,800 for the expenses of the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development for the 2015-2018 triennium.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #19)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #7 on Resolution A073 (Update Model Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A073)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct that the 2004 Model Policies developed by The Church Insurance Agency Corporation for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse (the “2004 Model Policies”) be updated and supplemented to reflect the experience of the Church in using the 2004 Model Policies and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, not later than September 30, 2015, jointly appoint a Special Task Group of five to seven persons with experience in the use and development of Model Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct to update, or to oversee the updating of, the 2004 Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That the updating and supplementing of the 2004 Model Policies be completed by March 31, 2016; and be it further
Resolved, That the Updated Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse to the Church (the “Updated Model Policies”) be promulgated after they are approved by the Special Task Group; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center appoint a knowledgeable person to serve as a point of contact for dioceses to obtain information about complying with the 2004 Model Policies and the Updated Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That not later than December 31, 2016, the Guidelines for the Protection of Children and Youth of each diocese conform to the Updated Model Policies with due regard to applicable local laws on the subject matters of the Updated Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses annually confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center, that the Guidelines of the diocese conform to the Updated Model Policies.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct that the 2004 Model Policies developed by The Church Insurance Agency Corporation for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse (the “2004 Model Policies”) be updated and supplemented to reflect the experience of the Church in using the 2004 Model Policies and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events, and the experiences of LGBTQ persons; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, not later than September 30, 2015, jointly appoint a Special Task Group of five to seven persons with experience in the use and development of Model Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct to update, or to oversee the updating of, the 2004 Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That the updating and supplementing of the 2004 Model Policies be completed by March 31, 2016; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center appoint a knowledgeable person to serve as a point of contact for dioceses to obtain information about complying with the 2004 Model Policies and the Updated Model Policies; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center arrange for the updating or supplementing of written and web-based materials used in the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People programs to reflect the experience of the Church in using the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials; and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events; and be it further
Resolved, That, in addition to developing printed and web-based versions of the updated or supplemented Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials, electronic links to the online versions of the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People curricula be made available on The Episcopal Church website; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize the availability of the revised or supplemented written and web-based Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials to dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses of The Episcopal Church be required annually to confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center that the diocese and (to the best of its

Original Text of Resolution:
(A074)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct that the Episcopal Church Center arrange for the updating or supplementing of written and web-based materials used in the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People programs to reflect the experience of the Church in using the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials; and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events; and be it further
Resolved, That, in addition to developing printed and web-based versions of the updated or supplemented Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials, electronic links to the online versions of the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People curricula be made available on The Episcopal Church website; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize the availability of the revised or supplemented written and web-based Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials to dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses of The Episcopal Church be required annually to confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center that the diocese and (to the best of its
knowledge after due inquiry) congregations in the diocese are training persons in positions of authority (including clergy, staff, vestry, children, and youth educators/leaders and other volunteers) by using the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials or other appropriate materials for this training; and be it further Resolved, That after the written and web-based Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People curricula are revised or supplemented, re-training of trainers be conducted so that the persons conducting training in congregations and dioceses are fully aware of the changes in the training materials and are able to teach them competently; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct that the Episcopal Church Center arrange for the updating or supplementing of written and web-based materials used in the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People programs to reflect the experience of the Church in using the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials; and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events, and the experiences of LGBTQ persons; and be it further Resolved, That, in addition to developing printed and web-based versions of the updated or supplemented Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials, electronic links to the online versions of the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People curricula be made available on The Episcopal Church website; and be it further Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize the availability of the revised or supplemented written and web-based Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials to dioceses and congregations; and be it further Resolved, That dioceses of The Episcopal Church be required annually to confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in the Episcopal Church Center that the diocese and (to the best of its knowledge after due inquiry) congregations in the diocese are training persons in positions of authority (including clergy, staff, vestry, children, and youth educators/leaders and other volunteers) by using the Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People materials or other appropriate materials for this training; and be it further Resolved, That after the written and web-based Safeguarding God’s Children and the Safeguarding God’s People curricula are revised or supplemented, re-training of trainers be conducted so that the persons conducting training in congregations and dioceses are fully aware of the changes in the training materials and are able to teach them competently; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #21)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #9 on Resolution A102 (Amend Canon III.12.4(a)) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A102)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention amend Canon III. 12.4(a) to read as follows:
Each Bishop serving in a Diocese shall reside in that Diocese, provided that, if a Bishop serves in more than one Diocese, the Bishop, with the concurrence of the Standing Committees of each Diocese in which the Bishop serves, shall reside in each of the Dioceses in which the Bishop serves.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention amend Canon III. 12.4(a) to read as follows:
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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #22)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #2 on Resolution A099 (Reduce Diocesan Apportionments) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #23)

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #3 on Resolution A088 (Set Rates for Diocesan Asking for The Episcopal Church) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #24)

End of Consent Calendar

Special Order of Business
The President called for nominations from the floor for the offices open for election, as dictated by the previously passed Special Order.

Nominations for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund
Nominations were taken from the floor for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Deputy Quinones of Puerto Rico nominated Deputy Salazar of Venezuela.

Hearing no further nominations, the President closed nominations for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.
**Nominations for Members of Executive Council**
Nominations were taken from the floor for Members of Executive Council.

Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts nominated Deputy Lloyd of Massachusetts.

Deputy McMahon of Pittsburgh nominated Deputy Van Brunt of Florida.

Deputy Sampson of Navajoland nominated Deputy Mauai of North Dakota.

Hearing no further nominations, the President closed nominations for Members of Executive Council.

Due to a malfunction of the queue system, the President reopened nominations to receive an additional nomination for Executive Council.

Deputy Grisham of Arkansas nominated Deputy Butler of Rio Grande.

Hearing no further nominations, the President closed nominations for Members of Executive Council.

**Nominations for Treasurer of the General Convention**
Nominations were taken from the floor for Treasurer of the General Convention.

Hearing no nominations, the President closed nominations for Treasurer of the General Convention.

**Nominations for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary**
Nominations were taken from the floor for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Deputy Key of San Joaquin nominated Deputy Gundersen of Pittsburgh.

Hearing no further nominations, the President closed nominations for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

**Nominations for the General Board of Examining Chaplains**
Nominations were taken from the floor for the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Hearing no nominations, the President closed nominations for the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

**Nominations for the Disciplinary Board for Bishops**
Nominations were taken from the floor for the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

Hearing no nominations, the President closed nominations for the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.
The President relinquished the chair to the Vice President.

**Nominations for the President of the House of Deputies**
Nominations were taken from the floor for President of the House of Deputies.

Deputy Grisham of Arkansas nominated Deputy Jennings of Ohio.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chair closed nominations for President of the House of Deputies.

**Election of the President of the House of Deputies**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules in order to take the vote on the President of the House of Deputies immediately.

*Motion carried*
*Rules suspended*

The vote was taken. Deputy Jennings was elected President of the House of Deputies.

The Chair relinquished the Chair to the President.

The President addressed the House. The President announced she would be selling her campaign buttons for $5 apiece, with all proceeds going to Episcopal Relief & Development. The President then thanked the House for the opportunity to serve.

**Congregational Vitality**
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #1 on Resolution A003 (Restructure Assets in Service of God’s Mission in the Future) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A003)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct every diocese to develop a theology of sacredly inclusive use of space that is adaptive and generative financially and spiritually; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Officers, in consultation with Executive Council, convene regional consultative groups of professionals such as developers, financiers, architects, designers, community organizers, urban planners, artists, social entrepreneurs, and lawyers to serve as a resource for congregations seeking to re-envision their space and its possible uses, with an eye for demographic changes and trends in their region, and that $200,000 be allotted for this purpose; and be it further
Resolved, That Bishops, Deans, Chapters, Rectors, and Vestries work collaboratively with congregational and community partners, and that every Episcopal cathedral, congregation, religious community, and institution work to re-envision their purpose in a spiritually hungry, community-seeking, and contemporary culture, considering especially the potential for full-scale community involvement in the use of its space and its strategic role in their context at large; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Committees of each diocese create standards for intervention and endowment spending policies; and designate Future Generation Funds to be good stewards of God’s gifts, while caring for generations yet to come.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #18)

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #10 on Resolution A090 (Amend Canon III.8.5(g) Preparation for Ordination) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A090)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church replace existing Canon III.8.5 (g) with the following canon:
CANON III.8.5 (g):
Subject areas for studying during this program of preparation shall include:

1. The Holy Scriptures.
2. Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement. History of the Christian Church.
3. Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
5. Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural ministry skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one’s first language.
6. Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer, and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
7. Theory and the Practice of Ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship in contemporary society.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church replace existing Canon III.8.5 (g) with the following canon:
CANON III.8.5 (g):
Subject areas for studying during this program of preparation shall include:

1. The Holy Scriptures.
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6. Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer, and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
7. Theory and the Practice of Ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship in contemporary society.
stewardship, ecumenism, interfaith relations, mission theology, and the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #17)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #1 on Resolution A089 (Approve Donor Bill of Rights) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A089)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention approve the attached Donor Bill of Rights.

Donor Bill of Rights
Stewardship merits the respect and trust of the faithful, and so that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the Church and in causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors to The Episcopal Church have these rights:
I. To be informed of the Church's mission of the way the Church intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the Church's governing body, and to expect the body to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
III. To have access to the Church's most recent financial statements.
IV. To be assured that their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
V. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and confidentiality to the extent provided by civil and canon law, specifically Canon III.9.5(a)(2).
VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing church ministries of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the Church, or hired solicitors.
IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from lists that a Church may intend to share.
X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention approve the attached following Donor Bill of Rights for the whole Church; and be it further
Resolved, That The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society develop procedures to implement the Donor Bill of Rights; and be it further
Resolved, That the same be directed to revise the Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs to include procedures consistent with the Donor Bill of Rights for dioceses, parishes, and other Church entities.

Donor Bill of Rights
Stewardship merits the respect and trust of the faithful, and so that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the Church and in causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors to The Episcopal Church have these rights:
I. To be informed of the Church’s mission of the way the Church intends to use donated gifted resources, and of its capacity to use donations gifts effectively for their intended purposes.

II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the Church’s governing body, and to expect the body to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

III. To have access to the Church’s most recent financial statements.

IV. To be assured that their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

V. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.

VI. To be assured that information about their donation gift is handled with respect and confidentiality to the extent provided by civil and canon law, specifically Canon III.9.5(a)(2), as amended.

VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing church ministries of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.

VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations gifts are volunteers, employees of the Church, or hired solicitors.

IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from lists that a Church may intend to share.

X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation gift and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

Deputy Snow of Oregon moved to recommit the resolution to the House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development.

The Parliamentarian clarified that, under the new Rules of Order, the motion is to refer to a different committee, not to recommit.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania noted that the motion should be to refer to the same committee, not to refer to a different committee. Deputy Snow verified that referring to the same committee was the correct motion.

A vote was taken on the motion. A voice vote was inconclusive. The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote.

*Motion defeated*

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved to postpone consideration on Resolution Ao89 until the proposed changes to Canon III.9.5.(a)(2), referred to in the resolution, have been considered.

*Motion defeated*

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

IV. To be assured that their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given to the extent possible.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Hinton of Delaware inquired whether the correct canon was referred to. The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development verified that the reference was correct.
**Point of Order**
Deputy Wells of New Hampshire inquired whether the canon referred to should be Canon III.9.5(b) (2). The President considered the point of order not well taken, as the Committee wishes to use the canon as written in the resolution.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved to end debate on the amendment.

- **Motion carried**
- **Debate terminated**
- **Motion defeated**
- **Amendment defeated**

Deputy Perry of Chicago moved to end debate on the resolution.

- **Motion carried**
- **Debate terminated**
- **Motion defeated**
- **Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #25)

**Privilege and Courtesy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 on Resolution D012 (Celebrate National Association of Episcopal Schools’ 50 Years of Service) and moved adoption.

- **Motion carried**
- **Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #321)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(D012)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the National Association of Episcopal Schools for advancing Episcopal education and strengthening the 1,174 Episcopal schools and early childhood education programs through essential services and resources on Episcopal school identity, leadership, and governance, and on the spiritual and professional development and fellowship of school leaders; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Deputies encourage dioceses, congregations, and individuals to celebrate and support the work of the National Association of Episcopal Schools during this, its 50th year, and in years to come, particularly during the week beginning with the first Sunday of October, known in the Episcopal school community as Episcopal Schools Celebration.
The House then expressed its appreciation of the ministry of the NAES with applause.

**Privilege and Courtesy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on Resolution A014 (Celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development’s 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A014)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend Episcopal Relief & Development for strengthening the bonds of Anglican unity by partnering with The Episcopal Church’s Anglican and Episcopal counterparts in nearly 40 countries worldwide, and for utilizing local assets to best steward resources and encourage long-term and holistic change; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourages dioceses, congregations, and individuals to celebrate and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development during this, their 75th year, and in years to come.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend Episcopal Relief & Development for strengthening the bonds of Anglican unity by partnering with The Episcopal Church’s Anglican and Episcopal counterparts in nearly 40 countries worldwide, and for utilizing local assets to best steward resources and encourage long-term and holistic, and sustainable change to help heal a hurting world; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourages dioceses, congregations, and individuals to celebrate and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development during this, their 75th year, and in years to come.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #319)

The House then expressed its appreciation of the ministry of Episcopal Relief & Development with applause.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A014)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention commend Episcopal Relief & Development for strengthening the bonds of Anglican unity by partnering with The Episcopal Church’s Anglican and Episcopal counterparts in nearly 40 countries worldwide, and for utilizing local assets to best steward resources and encourage long-term, holistic, and sustainable change to help heal a hurting world; and be it further
Resolved, That this House of Deputies encourages dioceses, congregations, and individuals to celebrate and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development during this, their 75th year, and in years to come.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House of Bishops be informed of the election of the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings as President of the House of Deputies (E002).
Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #29)

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend rule VI.A.2.i in order to consider a priority legislative calendar.
Motion carried
**Constitution and Canons**
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution A128 (Amend Canon IV.6.3 Mandatory Reporting by Bishop) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A128)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.6.3 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 3. Any person other than the Intake Officer who receives information regarding an Offense shall promptly forward the information to the Intake Officer. A Bishop Diocesan may shall forward information to the Intake Officer whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may indicate conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #28)

**Evangelism and Communications**
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #1 on Resolution Ao87 (Create Task Force on Evangelism) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(Ao87)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to create a Task Force on Evangelism to design and develop an Evangelism Resource to support dioceses, local congregations, Mission Enterprise Zone initiatives, and wider church needs as they participate in evangelism; and be it further
Resolved, That evangelism resources that have already been developed be collected by the Task Force for Evangelism for possible inclusion in the resource; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Deputy Gerbracht of Long Island moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Resolved, That dioceses be encouraged to utilize the Evangelism Resource to identify, train, and equip, and license lay evangelists in accordance with Canon III.4.9; and be it further

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #30)
Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 6:24 p.m. to reconvene on June 27 at 11:15 a.m.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 11:16 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #2 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Second Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #4 for the morning session of the Third Legislative Day. There were 420 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 842, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There was 1 new deputy certified and 56 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:
Michael Clark, Diocese of Missouri

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Communications from the President
The President noted that she had inadvertently omitted some senior deputies from her list and recognized them. The President reminded the House of the Bishops United Against Gun Violence event on Sunday morning.
The President then explained to the House the procedure for the election and confirmation of the 27th Presiding Bishop.

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Wilbert of Ohio reminded the House that the deputation of Ohio was selling buttons at its table to benefit Episcopal Relief & Development.

**Messages from the House of Bishops**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #26:** A117 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3)) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #27:** A119 (Amend Canon III.5.2(b)) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #28:** A060 (Continue the Work of the Congregational Song Task Force) Adopted
- **HB Message #29:** A061 (Support Leadership Program for Musicians) Adopted
- **HB Message #30:** A065 (Develop Liturgical Resource on Christian Initiation) Rejected
- **HB Message #31:** A068 (Translate Book of Common Prayer) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #32:** A069 (Affirm Participation in IALC) Adopted
- **HB Message #33:** A070 (Appointments to Dialogues and Coordinating Committees) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #35:** A029 (Human Trafficking Victims on Indian Reservations) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #36:** A021 (Commitment of 0.7% of the MDGs) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #37:** A056 (Authorize New Liturgical Resources) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #38:** B004 (Relations with Church of Sweden) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #39:** A017 (Ongoing Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #40:** X006 (EMM: 75 Years of Welcoming the Stranger) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #398]
- **HB Message #41:** X007 (ERD: 75 Years of Healing a Hurting World) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #399]
- **HB Message #42:** X008 (IEAB: 125 Years of Gospel Witness) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #400]
- **HB Message #43:** X009 (NAES: 50 Years of Supporting Our Episcopal Schools) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #401]
- **HB Message #44:** A037 (Task Force on the Study of Marriage) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #45:** A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #46:** A150 (Develop Title IV Training Materials) Adopted

**Consent Calendar**
The Secretary announced that Resolutions A100 (Assess Diocesan Viability and Vitality), A046 (Provide Lay Leadership Formation Resources), D004 (Create a Task Force to Study Episcopal Elections and Appointments of Bishops), A023 (Continue the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism), D009 (Revitalization of Congregations), A086 (Create Task Force for Latino-Hispanic Congregational Development and Sustainability), and C048 (Increase the Minimum Wage) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.
Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #3 on Resolution A025 (Support Native American Ministries Engaging At-Risk Teens) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A025)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize establishment of a rapid response to Episcopal Ministries that are engaged in intervention to prevent an ongoing crisis in communities such as teen pregnancies, gang violence, school drop-outs, (LGBT) suicides; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministry’s Subcommittee on Adolescent Ministries develop and administer a support system and financial resources that the Church can provide to these local communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation for the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize establishment of a rapid response to Episcopal Ministries that are engaged in intervention to prevent an ongoing crisis in communities such as teen pregnancies, gang violence, school drop-outs, (LGBT) suicides; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministry’s Subcommittee on Adolescent Ministries develop and administer a support system and financial resources that the Church can provide to these local communities (for example, asset-based community development); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $54,000 ($18,000 per year) for the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #33)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A092 (Affirm Support for Government Entitlements) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A092)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm that God has provided for all of creation, forming a world of sufficiency for all, and that inequality exists not because there is not enough, but because of the way resources are distributed; we depend on God and one another and are commanded to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the suffering and afflicted; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention affirm its support for full funding of government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), food assistance for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the National School Lunch Program, and the
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #6 on Resolution A093 (Evaluate Defense Spending) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A093)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to work for a reordering of federal budget priorities, with a goal of evaluating the balance between legitimate military security needs and poverty alleviation programs; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage the federal government to reduce military expenditures wherever possible in favor of poverty alleviation programs.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to work for a reordering of federal budget priorities, with a goal of evaluating the balance between legitimate military security needs and poverty alleviation programs; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church through the office of Government Relations encourage the federal government to reduce control military expenditures through leveraging technology, operational efficiencies, and other cost cutting measures wherever possible in favor of and that these savings be redirected to poverty alleviation programs.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #41)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #8 on Resolution D027 (Remove Juanita Neal from OFAC Designation List) and moved to discharge and refer the resolution to the Committee on Social Justice and International Policy.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #42)
Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #11 on Resolution A027 (Develop and Support Tribal College Campus Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A027)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention support dioceses and congregations in efforts to develop ministry among students and staff in Tribal Colleges; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Campus Ministry collaborate with the Provincial Campus Ministry Network and the Episcopal Church Center staff in developing models of ministry that connect the local faith community and the college campuses; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention support dioceses and congregations in efforts to develop ministry among students and staff in Tribal Colleges and federally designated Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI); and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Campus Ministry collaborate with the Provincial Campus Ministry Network and the Episcopal Church Center staff in developing models of ministry that connect the local faith community and the college campuses; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation allocate $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #35)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #12 on Resolution A028 (Support Indigenous Theological Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A028)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for each year of the triennium for support of the Bishops’ Native Collaborative, Indigenous training for Province IX, and for other Indigenous ministry training programs under the direction and supervision of the Office of Indigenous Ministry and the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries of The Episcopal Church; be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention support the ongoing development of the Bishops’ Native Collaborative to train and equip leaders and their faith communities in pastoral theology to effectively work with families and individuals; and be it further
Resolved, That Indigenous people be encouraged to develop and share these resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries to seek ways to collaborate with the Dioceses of Oklahoma, Iowa, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, Hawaii, Fond du Lac, Olympia, Los Angeles, Western North Carolina, Ecuador Central, Central Gulf Coast, Western New York, Central New York, Long Island, Northern California, Rio Grande, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and others with Native members for purposes of theological education.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for each year of the triennium for support of the Bishops’ Native Collaborative, Indigenous training for Province IX, and for other Indigenous ministry training programs under the direction and supervision of the Office of Indigenous Ministry and the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries of The Episcopal Church; be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention support the ongoing development of the Bishops’ Native Collaborative to train and equip leaders and their faith communities in pastoral theology to effectively work with families and individuals; and be it further
Resolved, That Indigenous people be encouraged to develop and share these resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries to seek ways to collaborate with the Dioceses of Oklahoma, Iowa, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, Hawaii, Fond du Lac, Olympia, Los Angeles, Western North Carolina, Ecuador Central, Central Gulf Coast, Western New York, Central New York, Long Island, Northern California, Rio Grande, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and others with Native members for purposes of theological education.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #36)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #13 on Resolution A033 (Support Latinas in Ordained Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A033)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Justice and Advocacy Ministries office, and diocesan and provincial multicultural missioners, to discern and recommend steps to empower Latinas for ordained leadership in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Office of Transition Ministries, the Office of Justice and Advocacy Ministries, and diocesan and provincial multicultural missioners to review canons, policies, and practices related to the formation and ordination processes and to eliminate gender and cultural biases that mitigate against the ordination of Latinas; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available funding to seed the development of ordained Latina leadership.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Justice and Advocacy Ministries office, and diocesan and provincial multicultural missionaries, to discern and recommend steps to empower Latinas for ordained leadership in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Office of Transition Ministries, the Office of Justice and Advocacy Ministries, and diocesan and provincial multicultural missionaries to review canons, policies, and practices related to the formation and ordination processes and to eliminate gender and cultural biases that mitigate against the ordination of Latinas; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available funding allocate $10,000 for the triennium to seed the development of ordained Latina leadership.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #37)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #16 on Resolution A082 (Provide Theological Education for Latino/Hispanic Ministries) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A082)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That given the changing demographics in the United States, there is an increased need to provide theological education programs for lay and ordained leaders in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation $100,000 to the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries to develop and implement bilingual Episcopal theological education programs for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries also create programs to provide enculturation and cultural competency for all leaders across The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That given the changing demographics in the United States, there is an increased need to provide theological education programs for lay and ordained leaders in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation allocate $100,000 to the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries to develop and implement bilingual Episcopal theological education programs for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries also create programs to provide enculturation and cultural competency for all leaders across The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #39)
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #17 on Resolution A026 (Develop Local Models of Establishing Young Men’s Ministries in Indigenous Congregations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A026)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention support dioceses and congregations in their efforts to develop ministry among young men in Native American communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries administer funding for, and gather models of ministry among, young men that encourage active participation in God’s Reign in the Church and in the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention support dioceses and congregations in their efforts to develop ministry among young men in Native American communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries administer funding for, and gather models of ministry among, young men that encourage active participation in God’s Reign in the Church and in the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation allocate $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #34)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #18 on Resolution A034 (Support Latinas in Lay Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A034)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Office of Justice and Advocacy Ministries, and with diocesan and provincial multicultural missioners, in supporting programs to develop leadership skills for Latina youth and young adults, on a par with those for offered for boys and young men; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to make available funding to seed the development of Latina lay leadership.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to work with the Office of Justice and Advocacy Ministries, and with diocesan and provincial multicultural missioners, in supporting programs to develop leadership skills for Latina youth and young adults, on a par with those for offered for boys and young men; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available funding to allocate $10,000 for the triennium to seed the development of Latina lay leadership.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #38)

End of Consent Calendar

Celebration of the 230th Anniversary of the House of Deputies
The President welcomed the House to the celebration of the 230th anniversary of the House of Deputies. The President then explained that the first church-wide meeting consisted only of the House of Deputies, which is why the House of Deputies is referred to as the Senior House.

The President then introduced past leaders of the House of Deputies, who were present for the celebration.

The President presented Dr. Charles Willie, former Vice President of the House of Deputies, with the House of Deputies medal for his distinguished service and loyalty to The Episcopal Church even in the face of grave injustice.

The President presented Dr. Bonnie Anderson, the 32nd President of the House of Deputies, the House of Deputies medal for her distinguished service and loyalty to The Episcopal Church.

The President presented the Very Rev. George Werner, the 31st President of the House of Deputies, the House of Deputies medal for his distinguished service and loyalty to The Episcopal Church.

The President presented in absentia the Very Rev. David Collins, the 30th President of the House of Deputies; the Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby, former Vice President of the House of Deputies; and the Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, former Vice President of the House of Deputies for the 76th General Convention, the House of Deputies medal for their distinguished service and loyalty to The Episcopal Church.

The President presented Vincent Curry, former Vice President of the House of Deputies, the House of Deputies medal for his distinguished service and loyalty to The Episcopal Church.

The President then called on the Chaplain to lead the House in song.

Recess
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 12:15 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 12:15 p.m.

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution A164 (Express Deep Appreciation to Canon Bonnie Anderson, 32nd President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A164)
Whereas, Canon Bonnie Anderson has served The Episcopal Church in many capacities with imagination, diplomacy, diligence, and good humor; and
Whereas, She served as chair of Program, Budget & Finance for two terms; and
Whereas, She served as the 32nd President of the House of Deputies; and
Whereas, She encouraged all orders of Ministry in this Church, especially the laity; and
Whereas, She communicated with the House through electronic and social media, helping to create a sense of ongoing community; and
Whereas, She champions the causes of the underserved, youth and young adults and the marginalized. Be it so resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses deep appreciation and gratitude to Canon Bonnie Anderson for her continuing ministry in the Church and in the world.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #43)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A164)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses deep appreciation and gratitude to Canon Bonnie Anderson for her continuing ministry in the Church and in the world.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on Resolution A161 (Express Gratitude to the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner, 31st President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A161)
Whereas, The Very Reverend George L. W. Werner, 31st President of the House of Deputies, has led us with wisdom, patience, courtesy, humility and a fine sense of humor, aided by his extremely patient spouse, Saint Audrey; and
Whereas, He has distinguished himself as a leader of the House of Deputies as both Vice President and President. Be it so resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its deep gratitude to The Very Reverend George L. W. Werner for his exceptional service to the Church and assures him of our prayerful support as he continues his faithful service to The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #44)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A161)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its deep gratitude to The Very Reverend George L. W. Werner for his exceptional service to the Church and assures him of our prayerful support as he continues his faithful service to The Episcopal Church.
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #9 on Resolution A165 (Express Appreciation to Dr. Charles Willie, Vice President of the House of Deputies 1973) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A165)

Whereas, Dr. Charles Willie graduated from Morehouse College in 1948, receiving a Master's Degree from Atlanta University in 1949 and a PhD in Sociology from Syracuse University in 1957; and

Whereas, Dr. Willie was part of a generation of groundbreaking African American educators, serving as the first African American professor at Syracuse from 1950 to 1974; and

Whereas, Dr. Willie also had a distinguished public service career, working with President John F. Kennedy from 1962 to 1964 and with President Jimmy Carter in 1977; and

Whereas, Dr. Willie has been a leader in planning desegregation efforts throughout this nation, from Hartford, Connecticut, to Dallas and Houston, Texas, from Denver, Colorado, to Kansas City, Kansas, from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and from San Jose, California, to St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Dr. Willie is a lay member of The Episcopal Church, a former member of its Executive Council and Past Vice President of the House of Deputies; and

Whereas, As a lay member of The Episcopal Church and a civic activist, he was invited to deliver the ordination sermon at a service held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when eleven women were ordained as priests; and

Whereas, Dr. Willie resigned his position as Vice President of the House of Deputies in 1974 in protest of the Bishops' failure to uphold those ordinations and to support women's equal access to the ordination process; and

Whereas, He was a champion for these and many other acts, small and large, over a lifetime of committed service to The Episcopal Church and to this nation. So be it resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its appreciation to Dr. Charles V. Willie, former Vice President of the House of Deputies and former member of the Executive Council.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #45)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A165)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its appreciation to Dr. Charles V. Willie, former Vice President of the House of Deputies and former member of the Executive Council.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on Resolution A160 (Express Gratitude to Vincent C. Currie, Jr.) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A160)

Whereas, Vincent C. Currie, Jr. has served as a deputy to fourteen General Conventions, beginning in 1976; and

Whereas, He was elected and served as vice-president of the House of Deputies in 2000; and

Whereas, He has chaired committees on the Church Pension Fund, Nominations, and Program, Budget and Finance; and
Whereas, He has served on the Council of Advice to the president of the House of Deputies, the Central America Covenant Committee, the Committee on the State of the Church, the board of the Church Pension Fund and on Executive Council. Be it so resolved. 

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its deep gratitude to Vincent C. Currie, Jr. for his many years of devoted service and extends best wishes for the future.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #46)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A160)  
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its deep gratitude to Vincent C. Currie, Jr. for his many years of devoted service and extends best wishes for the future.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on Resolution A167 (Express Appreciation for the Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby, Vice President of the House of Deputies in 2012) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(A167)  
Whereas, The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby was elected to serve as its Vice President by the House of Deputies for the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana; and  
Whereas, He first entered this House in 1985, serving with distinction and dedication on many of its commissions and committees, as well as on the Board of Episcopal Relief and Development and other organizations; and  
Whereas, He also admirably served the leaders of this House as a member of the Council of Advice to Presidents Chinnis and Werner. So be it resolved.  
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby's presence in this House and his service to the mission of our Church.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #47)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A167)  
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby's presence in this House and his service to the mission of our Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A163 (Commend the Right Reverend Brian Prior, Vice President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(A163)  
Whereas, The Right Reverend Brian Prior was elected Vice President of the House of Deputies at the 75th General Convention; and
Whereas, He ably and wholeheartedly demonstrated at the 76th General Convention in Anaheim, California, his worthiness to hold the office to which he was elected and his commitment to the duties thereof; and
Whereas, He was subsequently transferred from the House of Deputies to the House of Bishops by the movement of the Holy Spirit and the discernment of God's faithful in the Diocese of Minnesota, who elected him their IX Bishop. Be it so resolved.
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its abiding gratitude and commends The Right Reverend Brian Prior for his meritorious and extensive service to our Church, and his dedication to ministry and mission.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #48)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A163)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its abiding gratitude and commends The Right Reverend Brian Prior for his meritorious and extensive service to our Church, and his dedication to ministry and mission.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution A162 (Express Gratitude to the Rev. Canon Dr. Gregory S. Straub) and moved to postpone consideration until Monday, June 29.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on Resolution A166 (Express Gratitude to the Very Rev. David Collins) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A166)
Whereas, The Very Reverend David Collins served admirably as the 30th President of the House of Deputies; and
Whereas, He attended his first convention in 1967, and he played a highly visible and much-applauded role in the tumultuous 1976 convention, when the committee he chaired handled the issue of women's ordination; and
Whereas, He served faithfully as Vice President of the House of Deputies from 1979-1985, and he was overwhelmingly elected as President of the House of Deputies on the first ballot in 1985; and
Whereas, He served The Episcopal Church with dedication as a member of the Presiding Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Evangelism and Renewal, the Church Deployment Board and the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees; and
Whereas, He was Dean of St. Phillip’s Cathedral in Atlanta from 1966-84 and served on the Diocesan Standing Committee and the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta. Be it so resolved.
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its deep gratitude to The Very Reverend David Collins for his many years of dedicated service; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its deep gratitude to The Very Reverend David Collins for his service and advocacy for the cause of equal rights for women in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That we applaud his encouragement to us to ask what “the Lord is saying to us today.”

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #49)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A166)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its deep gratitude to The Very Reverend David Collins for his many years of dedicated service; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention expresses its deep gratitude to The Very Reverend David Collins for his service and advocacy for the cause of equal rights for women in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That we applaud his encouragement to us to ask what “the Lord is saying to us today.”

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #12 on Resolution A168 (Express Gratitude for Dr. Louis Crew Clay, Founder of Integrity USA) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A168)
Whereas, Dr. Louie Crew Clay was responsible for pioneering the initial movement of The Episcopal Church into the technological age of social media in order that its members might share information and foster communication; and
Whereas, He served on Executive Council with dedication and fidelity from 2000-2006; and
Whereas, He founded Integrity USA in 1974, oversaw its first presence at General Convention in 1977, and continues to be a gracious and compelling voice in support of LGBTQ persons and those who love them. So be it resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention acknowledge its indebtedness to Dr. Louie Crew Clay for his leadership in electronic communication; and be it further
Resolved, That we express deep gratitude for his tireless work on Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That we celebrate his passionate determination to bring the LGBTQ community into full inclusion in The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #50)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A168)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention acknowledge its indebtedness to Dr. Louie Crew Clay for his leadership in electronic communication; and be it further
Resolved, That we express deep gratitude for his tireless work on Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That we celebrate his passionate determination to bring the LGBTQ community into full inclusion in The Episcopal Church.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #6 on Resolution C028 (Disclosure of Criminal Records) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C028)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention confirm that an individual’s unrestricted criminal conviction records, other than those discharged and juvenile records, shall not be considered confidential, and that such information must be made available to all persons having a role in hiring or electing the person in question; and be it further Resolved, That the substance of this resolution be included by the Office for Transition Ministry in instructions for search/discernment committees.

Deputy Johnson of Massachusetts moved to refer the resolution back to the House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #51)

The President declared the House at ease and asked deputies not to leave the floor.
The President called the House back to order.

Election of the 27th Presiding Bishop
The President announced that the Bishop of Delaware and the Bishop of Eastern Michigan had arrived with a communication from the House of Bishops.

The Bishop of Delaware brought greetings to the House and announced that the House of Bishops had elected the 27th Presiding Bishop.

The President asked the Chaplain to offer prayers.

The House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop was excused to certify the election.

The President declared the House at ease.

The President called the House back to order. The Secretary announced that there would be a short recess, and that notice would be given 10 minutes prior to reconvening.

Point of Order
Deputy Dales of New Hampshire moved to suspend the rules and keep the House in session until the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop returned with its report on the election of the 27th Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Point of Order
Deputy Musser of Louisiana suggested that the House be in song until the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop returned. The President declined, not knowing how long the Committee would take to conduct its business.
Evangelism and Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #6 on Resolution B009 (Conducting an Online Digital Evangelism Test) and moved adoption with amendment.

Deputy Sparks of Minnesota moved to postpone consideration of the resolution until after the hearing of the House of Deputies Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance.

A vote was taken on the motion. A voice vote was inconclusive. The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote.

Point of Order
Deputy Garner of Alabama inquired whether a motion to postpone consideration was in order within the first six minutes of debate on the resolution. The Parliamentarian affirmed that the motion was in order.

The Voting Secretary reported the results of the electronic vote.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution B011 on the morning of the Ninth Legislative Day.]

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #5 on Resolution A151 (Budget for College for Bishops) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A151)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That there be appropriated from the budget of the General Convention, the sum of $367,500 for the expenses of the College for Bishops for the 2015-2018 triennium.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That there be appropriated from the budget of the General Convention, the sum of $367,500, a restoration of the original request, for the expenses of the College for Bishops for the 2015-2018 triennium.

Point of Order
Deputy Exner of New Hampshire inquired as to how the resolutions with budgetary implications affect the work of the House of Deputies Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance. Deputy Lloyd of Massachusetts explained what the House of Deputies Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance needed from the House and reminded the House of the effect that adding expenses to the budget through resolution would have on the existing proposed budget.

Point of Order
Deputy Causey of Virginia asked the President to clarify how the resolutions with budgetary implications affect the proposed budget. The Parliamentarian explained that, when the House passes the budget, that action would override any previously passed resolutions with budgetary implications.
Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution. The President declared that the resolution did not receive two-thirds majority, so the resolution was defeated.

Point of Order
Deputy Garner of Alabama inquired as to the President's ruling on the two-thirds decision, and asserted that the resolution did not require two-thirds majority. The President ruled that her previous ruling was in error.

A vote was taken on resolution A151.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #52)

The President declared the House at ease.

Point of Order
Deputy Baker-Fones of Oregon inquired as to the means of certifying changes in deputation for the afternoon session. The President stated that she would confer to see what could be done for changes in deputation following the end of the current session.

The President declared the House at ease.

The President called the House back to order at 1:46 p.m.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules in order to immediately consider the report from the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Confirmation of Election of the 27th Presiding Bishop
The House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop presented its report on the Election of the 27th Presiding Bishop and announced that on the first ballot, the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry had received the required votes for election.

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop read the results of each ballot.

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Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop
The House of Deputies Committee on Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop presented its Report #1 on Resolution A153 (Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote, the results of which were 804-12.

Motion carried
Election of Presiding Bishop confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #53)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A153)
Resolved, the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of the Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry as Presiding Bishop.

The House celebrated the confirmation of the election of the 27th Presiding Bishop with applause and song.

The President appointed Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts, Deputy Johnson of Minnesota, and Deputy Schmissrauter of East Tennessee to report the results of the confirmation of the election to the House of Bishops.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in Order to alter the calendar in order for the House to reconvene at 3:15 p.m. and for credentials to be open from 2:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Recess
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 3:15 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House back to order at 1:57 p.m. The Secretary announced that the Committee appointed to inform the House of Bishops of the confirmation of the election of the 27th Presiding Bishop would be returning with Presiding Bishop-elect Curry. The President announced that the House would be at ease until that time and that she would confer with the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business to see how it would affect the previous decision on the credentialing and reconvening times.

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 2:30 p.m.

Special Order of Business
The President moved that the rules be suspended in order to allow Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry to address the House when he reached the podium.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
Presiding Bishop-elect Curry, his family, and the deputation of North Carolina were escorted to the podium by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. The House greeted the Presiding Bishop-elect with applause and song. The Presiding Bishop introduced Presiding Bishop-elect Curry to the House.

Presiding Bishop-elect Curry addressed the House and thanked the bishops and deputies for the opportunity to serve as Presiding Bishop. He expressed his knowledge of the crises that face society and the Church, but also his belief that there is a God and that nothing can stop the movement of God's love in this world.

As Presiding Bishop-elect Curry left the House, the House sang the doxology.

The President announced that the House would adjourn until 4:15 p.m. and that credentials would be open immediately and would close at 3:45 p.m.

**Recess**
The President recessed the House at 2:41 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:16 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #5 for the afternoon session of the Third Legislative Day. There were 420 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 842, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There was 1 new deputy certified and 52 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

**Messages from the House of Bishops**
The Secretary announced that the following message had been received from the House of Bishops:

*HB Message #47: E001 (The Presiding Bishop) Elected*

**Communications from the President**
The President asked the Parliamentarian to explain the difference between a point of order and a parliamentary inquiry.

**Stewardship and Development**
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #4 on Resolution C001 (Set Rates for Diocesan Commitments) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(C001)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to prepare and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to present a
budget to the 79th General Convention in which Diocesan Commitments for funding the budget are set at a rate no higher than 15% for each year of the triennium (2019-2021); and be it further
Resolved, That the member dioceses of this Church commit to pay the full asking percentage as established by the budget approved by the 78th General Convention for the coming triennium (2016-2018) if their financial circumstances so permit; and be it further
Resolved, That the member dioceses of this Church commit to paying the full asking so long as that asking is no higher than 15% for each year of the triennium, with the expectation that the minimum commitment from each diocese of this Church shall reach the asked level during the 2019-2021 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That those dioceses unable to make the minimum commitment during the 2019-2021 triennium submit an action plan to the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development appropriate to the circumstances that will work toward their full participation in the covenanted asking commitment by a set date.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to prepare and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to present a budget to the 79th General Convention in which Diocesan Commitments for funding the budget are set at a rate no higher than 15% for each year beginning with of the next triennium (2019-2021); and be it further
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Resolved, That those dioceses unable to make the minimum commitment during the 2019-2021 triennium submit an action plan to the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development appropriate to the circumstances that will work toward their full participation in the covenanted asking commitment by a set date.

Deputy Carroll of Albany moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend the first paragraph to read:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to prepare and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to present a budget to the 79th General Convention in which Diocesan Commitments for funding the budget are set at a rate no higher than 15% for each year beginning with of the next triennium (2019-2021); and be it further

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
A vote was taken on the resolution.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #54)

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #8 on Resolution C038 (Change the Asking Formula) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(C038)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church change the current Asking Formula from each diocese to 10-12%.

**Committee Substitute:**  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention amend Canon 1.4.6(d) (d) Revenue to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single asking of the Dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget, and Finance process. Any diocese not meeting the minimum annual commitment during any triennium shall submit to The Executive Council for review an action plan that would lead to full compliance. If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget.  
Resolved, That the amendment to Canon 1.4.6.d become effective January 1, 2019; and be it further  
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, or other appropriate body assigned by The Executive Council, to develop a process by which The Executive Council can implement the canonical change.

**Motion carried**  
**Substitute resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #55)

**Privilege and Courtesy**  
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on Resolution A035 (125th Anniversary of the United Thank Offering) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(A035)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes and commends the work of the United Thank Offering volunteers, committee or board members, and staff for their ministry and message of thankfulness in daily life, demonstrated as gifts into Blue Boxes, which has combined to $133,242,104.47 in the last 125 years to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion. As the United Thank Offering commences with the next 125 years of ministry, The Episcopal Church commends its significant contribution to the life of the Church and encourages all Episcopalians to participate in the United Thank Offering.

**Committee Amendment:**  
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**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with amendment**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #56)

The House then expressed its appreciation of the ministry of the United Thank Offering with applause.

**Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse**
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse presented its Report #1 on Resolution D014 (Question Ordinands about Addiction) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D014)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Vestries, Committees on Ministry and Standing Committees interviewing aspirants for ordination ask one or more questions regarding substance use; and be it further
Resolved, That aspirants who may have addiction issues be referred to addiction counselors for further evaluation; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention adopt the following statement:
Alcoholism, substance abuse and addiction disrupt the lives of clergy, their families, and their congregations. Studies indicate that the percentage of seminarians with alcoholic parents was 14% as opposed to 10% of the population. Recovery from addiction needs the support of the church and the aspirant with tools common for recovery such as counseling and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

**Committee Substitute:**
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Sponsoring Clergy, Vestries, Commissions on Ministry, Standing Committees, and Bishops interviewing and evaluating Nominees, Postulants, and Candidates for Ordination explore directly issues regarding substance use in their lives and family systems; and be it further
Resolved, That Nominees, Postulants, and Candidates who may have addiction issues be offered appropriate resources and referred to qualified mental health, healthcare, and/or addiction professionals for further evaluation prior to proceeding in the ordination process.

Deputy Rivetti of Spokane moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add the following resolved:
Resolved, the foregoing shall not be construed to prevent those with the disease of alcoholism or addiction to other drugs from access to the process for ordination.

Deputy Swanson of Vermont moved an amendment to the amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
Amend the Rivetti amendment to read:
Resolved, the foregoing shall not be construed to prevent those with the disease of alcoholism or addiction to other drugs other addictions from access to the process for ordination.

Deputy Perry of Chicago moved to end debate on the amendment to the amendment.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment.  
Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the amendment.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  
Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the resolution.  
Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #57)

Why Serve Young Adult Festival
The President introduced the attendees of the Why Serve Young Adult Festival who are taking part in conversation regarding vocations during General Convention.

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #10 on Resolution C019 (Establish Response to Systemic Racial Injustice) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C019)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize that from racial profiling, search and seizure laws and prosecution, to federal mandatory sentencing guidelines, there is a disproportionate application and enforcement of the legal system for people of color in this country, some with long-term or permanent ramifications, including loss of civil rights and eligibility for various federal benefits post-incarceration; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention take steps to establish and coordinate efforts to educate and assist congregations across the country to study, pray, and act for justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention take steps to establish dialogues with local, regional and national law enforcement agencies to understand, re-examine and change perceptions, behaviors, policies and sentencing guidelines so they are all applied fairly to all people; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the Executive Council and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to advocate publicly for change in national policies, legal systems and law enforcement; and distribute this Resolution to the Congress of the United States.
Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church confesses that, despite repeated efforts at anti-racism training as well as racial justice and racial reconciliation initiatives including the passage of more than 30 General Convention resolutions dating back to 1952, the abomination and sin of racism continue to plague our society and our Church at great cost to human life and human dignity; we formally acknowledge our historic and contemporary participation in this evil and repent of it; and be it further
Resolved, That in the wake of the brutal, overtly racist murders of nine of our Christian brothers and sisters of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015; numerous inexcusable deaths of unarmed black men and youth at the hands of law enforcement personnel; and the moral atrocity of mass incarceration in which a hugely disproportionate number of persons of color have been unfairly caught in the net of an unjust criminal justice system, the 78th General Convention affirms as a top priority of The Episcopal Church in the upcoming triennium the challenging and difficult work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church understands and affirms that the call to pray and act for racial reconciliation is integral to our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to our living into the demands of our Baptismal Covenant; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Bishops, and Vice President of the House of Deputies be charged to lead, direct, and be present to assure and account for the Church’s work of racial justice and reconciliation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $1.2 million for the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Deputy Sparks of Minnesota moved to postpone consideration of Resolution C019 until after the hearing of the House of Deputies Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance.

Motion defeated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #58)

The President announced the House would be at ease.

The President called the House back to order at 5:49 p.m.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules in regard to the calendar in order to move deputy certification for the afternoon sessions to 1:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m. for legislative days four, five, six, seven, and eight.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Congregational Vitality
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #6 on Resolution A100 (Assess Diocesan Viability and Vitality) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.
Point of Order
Deputy Gould of Massachusetts pointed out that the House had bypassed Resolution A011, which had been listed before Resolution A100 on the legislative calendar.

The President announced the House would be at ease.

The President called the House back to order at 5:54 p.m.

The Secretary moved that Resolution A011 be postponed until after consideration of Resolution A100.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

Congregational Vitality
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #6 on Resolution A100 (Assess Diocesan Viability and Vitality) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A100)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention encourages Bishops and Dioceses to prayerfully engage in a candid assessment of the viability and vitality of their Dioceses and to seek creative possibilities for enhancing the viability and vitality of their Dioceses, and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission of the Structure of the Church support these efforts by developing and making available tools and processes for such processes and by facilitating conversations and communications about processes for increasing the viability and vitality of Dioceses.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #59)

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #11 on Resolution A011 (Criminal Justice Reform Study and Advocacy) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A011)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm and renew the Church's longstanding commitment to the evaluation and reform of the federal, state, and local criminal and juvenile justice systems in the United States, as previously called for by General Convention resolutions 1985-C043 (Create a Task Force on Reform of the Criminal Justice System), 2000-B055 (Reaffirm Criminal Justice System Reform), 2003-B026 (Establish the Joint Committee on Criminal Justice), 2006-A111 (Investigate Criminal Justice Issues), and 2012-D026 (Urge Support for Bipartisan U.S. Commission on Criminal Justice); and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare support and advocate for the expansion of funding for treatment, alternatives to incarceration, and reintegration services to people leaving
prison; and call on Episcopalians to support and participate in mentoring and accompaniment programs for those leaving prison; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare opposition to mass incarceration, which perpetuates a cycle of systemic poverty in the United States through its impact on defendants, inmates, parolees, and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm and renew the call of The Episcopal Church for a moratorium on the use of for-profit private prisons, including immigration detention centers, which often set occupancy or “bed” quotas, capitalizing on the criminal, civil, and immigration incarceration of individuals; are a leading factor in the “New Jim Crow,” the disproportionate mass incarceration of youth and men and women who are black and brown; and feed the “School to Prison Pipeline,” which depends on the use of school policing and mandatory sentencing for non-violent crimes; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm and renew support for the repeal of mandatory-minimum sentences for nonviolent offenses; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call for the abolition of the sentencing disparity between crack-cocaine and powder-cocaine offenses; and, as an intermediate step, urge the U.S. Congress, in accordance with the recommendation of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, to make retroactive the 2010 Fair Sentencing Act, which reduces the disparity in sentencing from previous levels; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge states with monetary bail bond systems to reform those systems, which rely upon often-unlicensed and unregulated bail bond agents and on conditioning release from pre-trial incarceration solely on the ability to pay, discriminating against defendants who are poor; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention, acknowledging the importance of employment for reintegration into society by formerly incarcerated persons, urge policymakers to pursue legal reforms to enhance the employability of people leaving prisons; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention condemn offender-funded law enforcement practices, such as requiring newly released inmates to pay for their own court-required drug testing when they often are unemployed or underemployed, and urge policymakers to create equitable post-sentencing parole systems that remove undue financial burden on the parolee as a condition for maintaining parole; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention condemn the practice by many states of felon disenfranchisement, which removes the right of formerly incarcerated (or "returning citizens") to regain the right to vote once they complete their sentence and leave prison; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call for exploration and creation of restorative justice programs to transform juvenile justice systems; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to convene a Criminal Justice Reform Coordinating Committee, comprised of church members, ecumenical partners, and outside experts, for the purpose of developing educational information, advocacy tools, and church policy to assist the dioceses and church members in their ministry to prisoners, people returning home from prisons, and their families; and in their advocacy for comprehensive criminal justice reform at all levels of government; and to direct the Coordinating Committee to report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget to support the work of such Criminal Justice Reform Coordinating Committee.
Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledges that implicit racial bias and racial profiling result in a criminal justice system that disproportionately incarcerates people of color damaging individuals, families, and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention challenges The Episcopal Church at every level to commit mindfully and intentionally to dismantling our current mass incarceration system; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urges the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the Office of Governmental Relations of The Episcopal Church to advocate publicly for changes in Federal policies that perpetuate the mass incarceration system; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage each congregation and Diocese to undertake at least one specific initiative aimed at addressing the destructive consequences of the mass incarceration system. These initiatives include such possibilities as:

1. Advocating for alternatives to incarceration for those who are addicted, and increased funding for treatment programs;
2. Advocating for alternatives to incarceration for those who are mentally ill, and increased funding for treatment programs;
3. Advocating for protection of the civil rights and provision of appropriate support and accommodation for people with disabilities who are arrested and incarcerated;
4. Advocating for funding for job training and apprentice programs for those who are at risk of incarceration and those who are formerly released from prison;
5. Working with local businesses to create pathways to living wage jobs for formerly incarcerated people;
6. Establishing mentoring and accompaniment programs for those leaving prison;
7. Advocating for the repeal of mandatory-minimum sentences for nonviolent offenses;
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9. Advocating to eliminate “three strikes” sentencing protocols;
10. Joining local “Ban the Box” campaigns to remove questions about arrest records in online and written job application forms;
11. Opposing the creation of “for profit” prisons and immigration detention centers, and, where they exist, organize against guaranteed nightly numbers of prisoners and detainees, and for access to education and rehabilitation programs for those being incarcerated or detained;
12. Reforming monetary bail bond systems, which rely upon often-unlicensed and unregulated bail bond agents and on conditioning release from pre-trial incarceration solely on the ability to pay;
13. Advocating for immediate return of the right to vote for those who have served their sentences and left prison; and
14. Calling for the exploration and creation of restorative justice programs to transform juvenile justice systems; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that each Diocese report back to the 79th General Convention on the initiatives engaged at congregational and Diocesan levels.

The President suspended debate on Resolution A011 until the Fourth Legislative Day and asked the Parliamentarians to preserve the queue list.
Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 6:14 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on June 28.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:16 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #3 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Third Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #6 for the afternoon session of the Fourth Legislative Day. There were 420 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 842, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 104 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

**Motion carried**

**Report accepted**

**Messages from the House of Bishops**

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

**HB Message #48:** A020 (Work of TEC at the UN) Adopted with Amendment

**HB Message #49:** A062 (Address Christian Anti-Judaism) Adopted

**HB Message #50:** A063 (Criteria for Biblical Translations and Amend Canon II.2) Adopted

**HB Message #51:** A055 (Revised Liturgical Commemorations) Adopted

**HB Message #52:** A057 (Create Additional Liturgical Commemorations) Adopted with Substitute

**HB Message #53:** B002 (End the Embargo of Cuba) Adopted with Amendment [Ed. Note: Replaced with HB Message #72]

**HB Message #54:** A130 (Amend Canon IV.6.7) Adopted with Amendment

**HB Message #55:** A132 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) Adopted
HB Message #56: A013 (Financial Support for Global Missions, YASC, and EVIM) Adopted
HB Message #57: A131 (Amend Canon IV.6.8) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #58: A136 (Amend Canon IV.14.4) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #59: A137 (Amend Canon IV.14.5) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #60: A139 (Amend Canon IV.14.11) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #61: A140 (Amend Canon IV.12) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #62: A141 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(b)) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #63: A147 (Amend Canon IV.19.25) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #64: A148 (Amend Canon IV.19.30) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #65: A149 (Amend Canon V.4.1(a)) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #66: B003 (Support for The Episcopal Church in Cuba) Adopted with Substitute
HB Message #67: A112 (Encourage Support for YASC and EVIM) Adopted with Substitute
HB Message #68: D035 (Support Christians in Palestine) Adopted with Substitute
HB Message #69: A302 (Letter of Condolence to Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC) Concurred
HB Message #70: A044 (Maintain the Centrality of the Eucharist) Adopted with Substitute
HB Message #71: A058 (Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation) Adopted with Amendment

Communications from the Parliamentarian
The Parliamentarian clarified how the queuing system should work and explained how the queuing system would work for continuation of debate on Resolution A011. The Parliamentarian also clarified the difference between a parliamentary inquiry and an inquiry about the current motion.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Goodman of Rio Grande shared a song that he wrote about card swiping in the queue system. The House expressed its appreciation for his creativity.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Moorehead of Florida spoke about the struggles faced by Christians in the Middle East and asked the House to stand in silence as a sign of solidarity. The House did so.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Wilbert of Ohio reported that $375 worth of buttons had been sold on the Third Legislative Day, with proceeds going to Episcopal Relief & Development. He reminded them that the sale of buttons continued.

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced that Resolutions A085 (Continue Mark 1 Funding (Mission Enterprise Zones) and B015 (Triennial Funding for the Board of Examining Chaplains) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #4 on Resolution A098 (Endorse Principle of Subsidiarity) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A098)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention embrace the principle of "subsidiarity" as embodying a fundamental truth about effective ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council incorporate the principle of "subsidiarity" into its work, governance, and actions, measuring its decisions about where and by whom ministries will be conducted against the standard of what most advances the common good as identified by General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council, in consultation with the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church and other appropriate church bodies, undertake a thorough review and evaluation of whether current or proposed programs, staffing, offices, office locations (including 815 Second Avenue in New York City), provinces, and budgets are consistent with the principle of vigorously encouraging the exercise of any given ministry by the parts of this Church most appropriately gifted to undertake it; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council report its research, findings, actions, and recommendations to the 79th General Convention.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #60)

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #16 on Resolution D039 (Send Delegation to AME Race Symposium) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D039)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Presiding Officers will appoint lay and clergy representatives to attend the African Methodist Episcopal Church Symposium on Race in September 2015; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #61)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #17 on Resolution D015 (Encouraging Advocacy for Hunger Relief) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D015)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That dioceses, parishes, and faithful Episcopalians are urged to pray and discern whether they are specifically called to advocate changes in public policy to help poor and hungry people; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention congratulate Bread for the World (BFW) for forty years of effective, non-partisan Christian public policy advocacy to make U.S. government rules and policies work better to combat hunger and poverty; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend BFW’s objective to change public policy in order to end extreme poverty and hunger in the United States and worldwide by 2030; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize that BFW’s current advocacy efforts, including prayer, letters, and personal visits with lawmakers by committed Christians, are a faithful path for our dioceses, parishes and people to follow as Christian advocates for the poor and hungry.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That dioceses, parishes, and faithful Episcopalians are urged to pray and discern whether they are specifically called to advocate changes in public policy to help poor and hungry people; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention congratulate Bread for the World (BFW) for forty years of effective, non-partisan Christian public policy advocacy to make U.S. government rules and policies work better to combat hunger and poverty; and be it further

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #62)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #18 on Resolution D028 (Oppose Conversion Therapy) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D028)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention supports legislation banning state-licensed therapists from engaging in scientifically discredited and dangerous practices that try to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention supports legislation banning state-licensed therapists and other service providers from engaging in scientifically discredited and dangerous practices that try to change a person’s sexual orientation or force them to deny their gender identity.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #63)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #19 on Resolution C037 (Sponsoring and Supporting Scouting Units) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C037)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention:
Congratulate the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for over 100 years of fine work with American youth, teaching leadership, cooperation, team work, and ethics in a non-sectarian program emphasizing outdoor and life skills, a program which has reached millions of boys;
Commend the BSA for its recent change to a non-discriminatory membership policy, welcoming all youth to be scouts, irrespective of their sexual orientation, a change consistent with Resolution C031 adopted by the 73rd General Convention;
Recognize that sexual activity has never been part of the BSA program and that BSA requires its adult leaders to complete thorough youth protection training;
Continue to encourage the BSA, consistent with C031 adopted by the 73rd General Convention, to change its membership policy for adult leaders, especially with regard to scouting units sponsored by Episcopal congregations, so that all qualified adults are welcome to serve, regardless of their sexual orientation, and
Recommend that vestries and clergy in charge of congregations sponsor or continue to sponsor scouting units (packs, troops, posts and crews), especially those units recently displaced by decisions from other denominations to cease sponsoring scouting units as a consequence of the BSA’s recent change to a non-discriminatory membership policy concerning sexual orientation;
Strongly consider, at the time they charter or renew the registration of their Boy Scout unit, writing to the Boy Scout Council for that unit, making it clear that The Episcopal Church strongly disagrees with the BSA’s policy of discriminating against qualified adult leaders based on sexual orientation; encourage qualified adults to volunteer as leaders and otherwise to support the BSA work with youth in their communities; and engage in educational programs within their churches to inform members and others about these issues; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recommends that the Office of General Convention send a copy of this resolution to the BSA’s National Office and to seek discussions with the BSA National Office about ways to avoid requiring scout units sponsored by Episcopal congregations to discriminate against qualified adults based on sexual orientation.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention congratulate the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for over 100 years of fine work with American youth, teaching leadership, cooperation, teamwork, and ethics in a non-sectarian program emphasizing outdoor and life skills, a program which has reached millions of boys; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend the BSA for its recent change to a non-discriminatory membership policy, welcoming all youth to be scouts, irrespective of their sexual orientation, a change consistent with Resolution C031 adopted by the 73rd General Convention; and be it further
Recognize that sexual activity has never been part of the BSA program and that BSA requires its adult leaders to complete thorough youth protection training;
Continue to encourage the BSA, consistent with C031 adopted by the 73rd General Convention, to change its membership policy for adult leaders, especially with regard to scouting units sponsored by Episcopal congregations, so that all qualified adults are welcome to serve, regardless of their sexual orientation, and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recommend that vestries and clergy in charge of congregations sponsor or continue to sponsor scouting units (packs, troops, posts and crews), especially those units recently displaced by decisions from other denominations to cease sponsoring...
scouting units as a consequence of the BSA’s recent change to a non-discriminatory membership policy concerning sexual orientation; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge that parishes strongly consider, at the time they charter or renew the registration of their Boy Scout unit, writing communicating to the Boy Scout Council for that unit, and to the public making it clear that The Episcopal Church strongly disagrees with the BSA’s policy of discriminating against qualified adult leaders based on sexual orientation; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage qualified adults to volunteer as leaders, and otherwise to support the BSA with youth in their communities; and engage in educational programs within their churches to inform members and others about these nondiscrimination issues; and be it further
Resolved, That insofar as the 77th General Convention affirmed our full inclusion, support, and love for our brothers and sisters in the transgender community at all levels of church leadership and membership, the Episcopal Church is eager to work with the BSA in hopes of making the great benefits and life-long lessons of scouting available to all; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recommends directs that the Office of General Convention send a copy of this resolution to the BSA’s National Office and the National Executive Board of the Boys Scouts, and to seek discussions with the BSA National Office about ways to avoid requiring scout units sponsored by Episcopal congregations to alter its membership policy for adult leaders which discriminates against qualified adults based on sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #64)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #20 on Resolution D025 (Abolish the Death Penalty State by State) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D025)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its longstanding call to put an end to the Death Penalty in recognition that the Death Penalty remains legal in thirty-two states with over 3,000 men and women awaiting execution and that the Death Penalty is disproportionally applied to the poor and to minorities and is in direct opposition to the witness of Jesus; and be it further
Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to governors in the thirty-two states where the Death Penalty is still legal, encouraging them to submit and support legislation in their respective states that would repealed immediately the Death Penalty laws; and be it further
Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the bishops in the thirty-two states where the Death Penalty is still legal, encouraging them to appoint task forces of clergy and lay persons to develop a witness to eliminate the Death Penalty in their particular states, and requesting that these bishops report back on their actions to the Standing Commission on Justice and Public Policy prior to the 79th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its longstanding call to put an end to the death penalty in recognition that the death penalty remains legal in thirty-two states and in federal jurisdictions with over 3,000 men
and women, persons awaiting execution; and that the death penalty is disproportionately applied to the poor and to minorities and is in direct opposition to the witness of Jesus; and be it further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to governors in the thirty-two all states where the death penalty is still legal, encouraging them to submit and support legislation in their respective states that would repeal immediately to abolish the death penalty laws; and be it further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the bishops in the thirty-two states all states where the death penalty is still legal, encouraging them to appoint task forces of clergy and lay persons to develop a witness to eliminate the death penalty in their particular states, and requesting that these bishops report back on their actions to the Standing Commission on Justice and Public Policy prior to the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #65)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #21 on Resolution A094 (Support Income Tax Parity) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A094)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support efforts to reduce economic disparities in the United States by:
Calling for a reversal of federal tax cuts, such as decreased taxes for the highest tax brackets, for inheritances, and on capital gains; and tax cuts that have increased the wealth gap and reduced budget revenue for domestic needs; and
Calling for a reversal of the recent erosion of progressivity in federal tax rates, as highly progressive tax rates were a means of building a strong middle class in the past, and must be an important means of reducing severe inequalities of income and wealth in the future.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support efforts to reduce economic disparities in the United States by:
Calling for a reversal of federal and state tax cuts, such as decreased taxes for the highest tax brackets, for inheritances, and on capital gains; and tax cuts that have increased the wealth gap and reduced budget revenue for domestic needs; and
Calling for a reversal of the recent erosion of progressivity in federal and state tax rates, as highly progressive tax rates are a means of building a strong middle class in the past, and must be an important means of reducing severe inequalities of income and wealth in the future.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #66)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #22 on Resolution A049 (Make Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women a Focus of Foreign and Church Aid) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A049)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend giving priority to gender equality and empowerment of women by using the following principles as
appropriate standards for distribution of foreign aid by the United States: Any proposed economic aid will increase economic capacity, using methods such as global trade and financial and investment agreements, and will include the direct involvement of and capacity building for women; any proposed aid for health care will require a goal of universal coverage, ensuring access without discrimination for women and girls to all types of services offered, without imposing financial hardship on the patient; any proposed aid for agriculture or aquaculture will facilitate the participation of women in the programs; any proposed aid responding to financial or economic crises or natural disasters and their aftermaths will include steps to minimize negative impacts on gender equality and empowerment of women, providing opportunities for women’s employment, and access to essential services and social protection systems for women’s and girls’ and other vulnerable and disadvantaged persons’ human rights; and any proposed aid for environmental and climate-change issues will promote full and equal participation of women at all levels of decision making regarding the use of such aid; and be it further

Resolved, That 78th General Convention commend the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of women through capacity building to dioceses and congregations throughout the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society as a criterion for engagement in domestic and international projects, whether through direct aid or involvement of personnel.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend giving priority to the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of all women, including transgender individuals, by using the following principles as appropriate standards for distribution of foreign aid by the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed economic aid will increase economic capacity, using methods such as global trade and financial and investment agreements, and will include the direct involvement of and capacity building for women; and be it further

Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid for health care will require a goal of universal coverage, ensuring access without discrimination for women and girls and transgender individuals to all types of services offered, without imposing financial hardship on the patient; and be it further

Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid for agriculture or aquaculture will facilitate the participation of women in these programs; and be it further

Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid responding to financial or economic crises or natural disasters and their aftermaths will include steps to minimize negative impacts on gender equality and empowerment of women, providing opportunities for women’s employment, and access to essential services and social protection systems for women’s and girls’ and other vulnerable and disadvantaged persons’ human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That 78th General Convention recommends that any proposed aid for environmental and climate-change issues will promote full and equal participation of women at all levels of decision making regarding the use of such aid; and be it further

Resolved, That 78th General Convention commend the same principles of achievement of gender equality and empowerment of all women, including transgender individuals, through capacity building to dioceses and congregations throughout the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society as a criterion for engagement in domestic and international projects, whether through direct aid or involvement of personnel.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #67)
**Congregational Vitality**

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #7 on Resolution A015 (Continue to Support Province IX Sustainability) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A015)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm the Church’s dedication for the ongoing work of Mark of Mission II — “To Teach, Baptize, and Nurture New Believers, especially as it pertains to the agreed-upon plan for Province IX Sustainability; and be it further

Resolved, That plan adopted by the Project Team for the Second Mark of Mission, meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from July 8-11, 2013 be continued and supported by the representation of the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, working through the Joint Standing Committee on World Mission, or through a similarly tasked representative body or committee of the Executive Council assigned to exert fiduciary responsibility for this crucial component of the ongoing mission of the Church in Province IX, continue to support the work of Province IX Sustainability in the 2016-2018 triennium as detailed in the plan adopted by Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council, Church management, and key leaders of bishops, clergy, and lay representatives from throughout Province IX continue to work together to implement this plan through such time as all dioceses in Province IX reach self-sustainability.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #68)

**Formation and Education for Ministry**

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #20 on Resolution A123 (Amend Canon III.11.3(a)) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A123)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the paragraph following the testimonial in Canon III. 11.3(a) be amended as follows:

Sec. 3. (a) The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement of receipt of:

1. evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;
2. certificates from a licensed medical doctor and licensed psychiatrist, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund shall be used for this purpose; and
3. evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to
bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) ______  (Signed) ______

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (b) of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary certificates required in this Section (documents described in Sec. 3 (b) Sec. 3(a)(2) of this Canon), to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

(b) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee: We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of _____, and having been duly convened at _____, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord______.

(Signed) ______

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #69)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #23 on Resolution Ao80 (Affirm Confirmation as Formation) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(Ao80)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, recognizing that confirmation offers a distinct and valuable opportunity for Christian formation, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $43,500 to the Office of Formation and Congregational Development to convene representatives from 10 dioceses, including a bishop and two appointed leaders, to engage in intentional conversation with the goal of strengthening and articulating best practices around confirmation; and be it further

Resolved, That these gatherings address the significance of confirmation as a creative opportunity for the reaffirmation of baptismal vows in the life of The Episcopal Church and report back to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses engage in similar conversations on confirmation with attention to diverse cultures and their contexts, and report back to the Office of Formation and Congregational Development on their findings.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, recognizing that confirmation offers a distinct and valuable opportunity for Christian formation, that the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $43,500 to the Office of Formation and Congregational Development to convene representatives from 10 dioceses, including a bishop and two appointed leaders, to engage in intentional conversation about creating intergenerational and congregation-wide processes to equip people (teenagers and older) to claim their baptismal identity and be commissioned for ministry with the goal of strengthening and articulating best practices around confirmation; and be it further resolved, that these gatherings address the significance of confirmation as a creative opportunity for the reaffirmation of baptismal vows in the life of The Episcopal Church, and that confirmation produces confident baptized Christians and vital congregations report back to the 79th General Convention; and be it further resolved, that all dioceses engage in similar conversations on confirmation with attention to diverse cultures and their contexts, and report back to the Office of Formation and Congregational Development and the 79th General Convention on their findings; and be it further resolved, that the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $43,500 for the implementation of this resolution.

Year 1-2 ($3000)
Office of Formation and Congregational Development convene (virtually) a representative Confirmation Project Advisory Team to design a structured data-collection process to “tell the story” of confirmation as it is currently practiced in a diocese, and to develop an Episcopal Confirmation Project website to curate existing resources on confirmation.

End of Year 2 – Year 3 ($39,500)
Office of Formation and Congregational Development convene a gathered “laboratory” of 10 Dioceses and Advisory Team to facilitate a process which includes diocesan confirmation story sharing, engaging with expertise of Advisory Team, and structured dialogue.

Year 3 ($1000 – contract with author, web management)
Advisory Team prepares report on the significance of confirmation as Christian formation for the 79th General Convention including resolutions and disseminates the report to all participating dioceses.

Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #70)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #1 on HB Message #39 on Resolution A017 (Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #76)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A017)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues sponsored currently by The Episcopal Church: The dialogue toward full communion with the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue, and the renewed round of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Consultation in the U.S.A. (ARCUSA); and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the continued coordinating committee work with The Episcopal Church's full communion partners, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Northern and Southern Provinces of The Moravian Church in America; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention note with joy and gratitude the deepening relationship between the Primates and Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Anglican Church of Canada, and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and commend, to members of all four churches, the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have issued jointly.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #2 on HB Message #34 on Resolution A070 (Make Appointments to Dialogues and Coordinating Committees) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #77)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A070)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the President of the House of Deputies, appoint representatives to official ecumenical dialogues and coordinating committees of full-communion partners; and be it further
Resolved, That vacancies on dialogues and coordinating committees be widely publicized and a call for applications and expressions of interest be made.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #3 on HB Message #38 on Resolution B004 (Commend Report on Relations with Church of Sweden) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #72)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B004)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention receive the Report on the Grounds for Future Relations Between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church, and commend it to all members of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations or its successor body to work with the Church of Sweden to deepen the relationship.

End of Consent Calendar
Special Order of Business
The President invited the Official Youth Presence to the platform. The Official Youth Presence addressed the House and spoke about their observations on and hopes for The Episcopal Church.

The President asked all deputies who had previously served on the Official Youth Presence to come forward to join the current group. The President then spoke about the importance of the Official Youth Presence in the House and in The Episcopal Church.

Special Order of Business
The Secretary announced that the House would move into the elections of the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, Members of Executive Council, Treasurer of the General Convention, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The Secretary announced that Nina Vest Salmon had withdrawn from the ballot for Executive Council. The President reminded the House of the new Rules of Order regarding elections. The President called on the Voting Secretary to conduct the ballots.

Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund
Following an inquiry, the President announced that the list of nominees was incomplete and stated that the House would move to the next election while the list was corrected.

Election of Members of Executive Council
Deputy Pankey of Central Gulf Coast stated that he was missing from the list of nominees.

The President ruled that elections would be postponed for one hour while all of the lists were corrected.

Continuation of Debate on A011
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy moved to fix a typographical error in Resolution A011 and substitute the word "organizing" for "organize."

Motion carried

Deputy Kloecker of Missouri moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend item 11 to read:
11. Opposing the creation of “for profit” prisons and immigration detention centers, and, where they exist, organizing against guaranteed nightly numbers of prisoners and detainees, and advocate for access to education and rehabilitation programs for those being incarcerated or detained;

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the resolution.

**Motion carried**

Substitute resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #79)

**Constitution and Canons**
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #2 on HB Message #46 on Resolution A150 (Develop Title IV Training Materials) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #71)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A150)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission of Constitution and Canons to develop and implement Title IV training materials for use throughout the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $339,220 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the development of such materials; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $224,820 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the translation of the Title IV training materials into Spanish and Creole.

**Governance and Structure**
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #6 on Resolution A019 (Affirm the Inter-Anglican Secretariat) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A019)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That through our funding and active participation, this Church continues to bear witness to this Church’s ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That through our funding and active participation, this Church continues to bear witness to this Church’s ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat. That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm our common identity and membership in the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council to express our appreciation to the 16th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC16, Lusaka 2016) for the gift of Inter-Anglican conversation and partnership in God's mission; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm its ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat through our funding and active participation.

**Motion carried**

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #73)
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #2 on Resolution A040 (Affirm Response to the Anglican Covenant Process) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried  
Committee discharged  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #74)

Point of Order  
The Secretary explained the reason for the discrepancy between how some motions appear in the virtual binder and the new Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian further clarified the matter.

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #3 on Resolution D022 (Response to Anglican Covenant Process) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried  
Committee discharged  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #75)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #1 on Resolution A042 (Consider 80th General Convention Sites) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(A042)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sites be considered for the 80th General Convention: Anaheim, California (Diocese of Los Angeles), Baltimore, Maryland (Diocese of Maryland), Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky), Minneapolis, Minnesota (Diocese of Minnesota), and St. Louis, Missouri (Diocese of Missouri).

Deputy Castelli of Michigan moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:  
Strike "Anaheim, California (Diocese of Los Angeles)" and add "Detroit, Michigan (Diocese of Michigan)."

Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

Deputy Watkins of Minnesota moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:  
Strike "Baltimore, Maryland (Diocese of Maryland)," "Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky)," and "Detroit, Michigan (Diocese of Michigan)."

The President declared the House at ease while she conferred with the Treasurer regarding the status of the apportionment rates of the dioceses being struck, as that was the reasoning of Deputy Watkins.

The President called the House to order at 3:52 p.m. The President called on the Treasurer of General Convention to give information on the apportionment rates of the affected dioceses.

The President declared that canons require at least three sites to be proposed for a General Convention. The President invited Deputy Watkins to modify her amendment.
Deputy Watkins modified her amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Strike "Baltimore, Maryland (Diocese of Maryland)" and "Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky)."

Deputy Mollegen of Connecticut moved an amendment to the amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add "New Orleans, Louisiana (Diocese of Louisiana)."

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to refer Resolution A042 back to the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved to end debate on the motion to refer.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #111)

Recess
The President yielded the Chair to the Vice President and placed the House in recess for five minutes.

Reconvene
The Chair called the House to Order at 4:20 p.m.

Personal Privilege
The Chair shared why he had come forward with the former members of the Official Youth Presence. He had been appointed as a special youth representative to the 1970 General Convention.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Hamilton of Maine asked the Chair to, at some point, remind the House of the appropriate pace of business, the flow of business between the Houses, and what happens to resolutions that do not make it to the floor.

Election of the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Ballot #1 taken

The Chair read the results of Ballot #1 for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund. The following were elected: Ms. Martha Bedell Alexander, the Very Rev. Tracey Lind, the Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, the Rev. Thomas James Brown, Ms. Sandra S. Swan, Ms. Margaret A. Niles, Canon Anne M. Vickers, the Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel, the Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye A. Wilson, the Rev. Dr. Tim Mitchell, Ms. Sandra F. McPhee, Mr. Kevin B. Lindahl, and the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel III.

Point of Order
Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan asked for clarification as to the number of votes needed to elect. The Parliamentarian clarified the matter.
Election of Members of Executive Council
Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy Members of Executive Council.  
Ballot #1 taken

The Chair read the results of Ballot #1. The Chair declared that there was not an election.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for clergy Members of Executive Council.  
Ballot #2 taken

The Chair read the results of Election Ballot #2. The Chair declared that there was not an election.

Election Ballot #3 was taken for clergy Members of Executive Council.  
Ballot #3 taken

The Chair read the results of Election Ballot #3. The Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd was elected.

The Chair announced that, according to the Rules of Order, only the Rev. Jabriel Simmonds Ballentine, the Rev. Steven J. Pankey, and the Rev. Deacon Brandon Mauai would remain on the ballot for Ballot #4.

Point of Order
Deputy Sisson of Mississippi inquired about the vote totals. The Parliamentarian clarified the manner in which the vote totals were determined.

Election Ballot #4 was taken for clergy Members of Executive Council.  
Ballot #4 taken

The Chair read the results of Election Ballot #4. The Chair declared that there was not an election.

Election Ballot #5 was taken for clergy Members of Executive Council.  
Ballot #5 taken

The Chair read the results of Election Ballot #5. The Chair declared that there was not an election.

The Chair announced that, according to the Rules of Order, only the Rev. Jabriel Simmonds Ballentine and the Rev. Deacon Brandon Mauai would remain on the ballot for Ballot #6.

Election Ballot #6 was taken for clergy Members of Executive Council.  
Ballot #6 taken

The Chair read the results of Election Ballot #6. The Rev. Jabriel Simmonds Ballentine was elected.

The Chair moved to suspend elections until the morning session of the Fifth Legislative Day.  
Motion carried

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements. The Secretary announced that the session would adjourn at 5:15 p.m. due to canonical requirements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 5:14 p.m., to reconvene on June 29 at 11:00 a.m.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 11:01 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #4 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Fourth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #7 for the morning session of the Fifth Legislative Day. There were 420 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 842, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 3 new deputies certified and 95 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:
Alice Perry, Diocese of Mississippi
Ann Bustard, Diocese of East Carolina
Kris Lewis, Diocese of Connecticut

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Communications from the President**
The President expressed the House’s sympathy for the deputation of Utah, who lost a former long-serving deputy yesterday. The President also reported on the demographics of the House at the request of a deputy. The President then reported on the status of business completed thus far and exhorted the House to proceed more quickly on the business of the House. The Parliamentarian then reminded the House of the new legislative calendar system.

**Messages from the House of Bishops**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

*HB Message #72:* B002 (End the Embargo of Cuba) Adopted with Amendment
*HB Message #73:* B016 (Amend Canon I.8) Adopted with Substitute
*HB Message #74:* A016 (Structural Support for Covenant Communities) Adopted with Substitute
*HB Message #75:* A053 (Strengthen Relationship with Diocese of Cuba) Committee Discharged
*HB Message #76:* A114 (Honor Covenant and Bilateral Agreements) Adopted
HB Message #77: D042 (Repeal the Denominational Health Mandate) Committee Discharged
HB Message #78: A048 (Robotic and Cyberwarfare) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #79: B006 (Genetically Engineered Foods in the Care for Creation) Rejected
HB Message #80: A091 (Food Ministries and Food Security) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #81: A039 (Fund the HoD Committee on the State of the Church) Concurred
HB Message #82: C013 (Climate Change and Divestment Strategy) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #83: A124 (Amend Title IV) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #84: A170 (Food System Advocacy) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #85: B018 (Support for Sudan and South Sudan) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #86: C045 (Environmentally Responsible Investing) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #88: X010 (Presiding Bishop's Appointments) Adopted
HB Message #89: X011 (Presiding Bishop's Nominations) Adopted

Personal Privilege
Deputy Cole of Colorado, on behalf of the Episcopal Women’s Caucus, thanked the President for her work on behalf of the Caucus and presented her with a token of their appreciation.

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced that Resolution B015 (Triennial Funding for the Board of Examining Chaplains) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #5 on HB Message #48 on Resolution A020 (Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #83)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A020)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA rejoice together in being granted Economic and Social Council consultative status at the United Nations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church encourages all Episcopalians to educate themselves about the work of the United Nations and the many ways in which our collective call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” aligns with the work of the United Nations, and to support and partner with the United Nations and its programs and agencies in pursuit of peace, reconciliation and justice for all people; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages all Episcopalians to inform themselves about the resources and opportunities presented by this status, especially through association and communication with the Global Partnerships staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Church’s official representatives at the United Nations.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #6 on HB Message #36 on Resolution A021 (Continue Our Commitment of 0.7% of the Millennium Development Goals) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #84)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A021)
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church rejoices in the progress made on the Millennium Development Goals during the past three triennia, but recognizing that much remains to be done, continues our commitment of 0.7% of the Church-wide budget to investment in similar programs throughout the 2016-2018 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention, recognizing that funding for nutrition, education, health care, gender equality and sustainable development programs is essential to achieve not only the Millennium Development Goals, but also to ensure respect for the dignity of all human beings, urges all dioceses and congregations to continue to contribute 0.7% of their annual budgets to fund appropriate international development programs; and be it further
Resolved, That funds in the General Convention budget for the 2016-2018 triennium specified for MDGs be allotted for a grants program that supports congregational and diocesan efforts in international development programs.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #7 on HB Message #35 on Resolution A029 (Protect Human Trafficking Victims on Indian Reservations in Montana and North Dakota) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #85)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A029)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, by providing necessary attention to their physical, psychological, and social needs using approaches that respect victims’ rights and integrity; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urges members of The Episcopal Church to support legislation, and engage in action to promote the recovery and reintegration into society of victims of human trafficking; providing a safe, dignified, and sustainable way for trafficking victims to reintegrate into society and lead a normalized life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the continued participation of The Episcopal Church with groups of the United Nations dealing with human-trafficking issues, particularly, though not exclusively, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, for the purposes of education, advocacy, and collaborative partnerships, and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council Coordinating Committee on Resolution 2012-D042, established in February 2014, be continued in the 2015-2018 Triennium “to assure the effective, thorough, and collaborative implementation of the policies adopted by the 77th General Convention and referred to multiple bodies,” such as the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women and the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That this collaborative effort provide resources for every diocese to conduct an educational campaign to make the public aware of the impact of human trafficking on Indigenous and immigrant peoples, both worldwide and within the dioceses of The Episcopal Church, such as Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota, and to inspire action by individuals, congregations and dioceses to protect victims of human trafficking; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops and provinces be encouraged to report such actions to Executive Council.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #8 on HB Message #72 on Resolution B002 (Support the End of the Embargo of Cuba) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #97)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B002)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention, consistent with resolutions from the 76th and 77th General Conventions calling for an end to the embargo of Cuba, welcomes recent diplomatic initiatives aimed at restoring relations and expanding commerce and movement of people between the United States and Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to concentrate its effort with respect to this issue toward lifting aspects of the embargo that impede The Episcopal Church’s partnership with The Episcopal Church in Cuba.

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #12 on Resolution C030 (Control of Automatic Weapons) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #86)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #13 on Resolution D018 (Curb Gun Violence) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #87)

Congregational Vitality
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #10 on Resolution A012 (Continue Funding of Mission Enterprise Zones) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A012)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Church celebrate and further the good work initiated by GC2012-A073 Establish Diocesan Mission Enterprise Zones, defined as a geographic area, as a group of congregations or as an entire diocese committed to mission and evangelism that engages under-represented groups, including youth and young adults, people of color, poor and working-class people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement”; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church honors the holy experiments emerging throughout the Church – experiments that are building partnerships, expanding the language of ministry, creating new ways to engage the people of God, harvesting and sharing learnings, and lending courage to those leading new ministries and lowering the cost of failure; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention continue to fund the start-up of Mission Enterprise Zones and New Church Starts with a significantly increased budget allocation over the 2012-2015 budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continue to develop the Mission-Centered Episcopalians web-based sharing platform and to bring together mission developers for a face-to-face gathering where they can share best practices, upholding ministry leader wellness, mutual guidance and support, and sharing of stories, resources, and prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That diocesan leaders be encouraged to share what they learn from these Mission Enterprise Zones specifically in the disciplines of a.) financing and sustaining these experiments, b.) adapting liturgical practices for increased missional impact, c.) exploring new processes for mentoring and training emerging leaders in situ, and d.) blessing our diocesan families by more readily incorporating these non-traditional faith communities with voice and vote as discerned by the leadership of that Mission Enterprise Zone or New Church Start; and be it further

Resolved, That applications for partnership and funding from these new ministries will be discerned, supported and called to accountability by a 1st Mark of Mission task force appointed by the Missionary Society and the Episcopal Church’s Executive Council, with the seed money administered by the Church’s Missioner for New Church Starts and Missional Initiatives, for the 2016-2018 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance allocate not less than the three million dollars designated in the EC draft budget for 2016-18 to continue funding the start-up of Mission Enterprise Zones and New Church Starts to implement this resolution during the 2016-2018 triennium.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Church celebrate and further continue the good work initiated by GC2012-A073 to Establish Diocesan Mission Enterprise Zones, defined as a geographic area, as a group of congregations or as an entire diocese committed to mission and evangelism that engages under-represented groups, including youth and young adults, people of color, poor and working-class people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church honors the holy experiments emerging throughout the Church — experiments that are building partnerships, expanding the language of ministry, creating new ways to engage the people of God, harvesting and sharing learnings, and lending courage to those leading new ministries and lowering the cost of failure; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention continue to fund the start-up of Mission Enterprise Zones including New Church Starts from the 2012-2015 triennium with a significantly increased budget allocation over the initial grant funding; and be it further

Resolved, That in the coming triennium, dioceses are encouraged to apply for one of more Mission Enterprise Zone matching grants to facilitate and support the development of Mission Enterprise Zones including New Church Starts with exceptions to the requirement for diocesan matching funds in cases of diocesan financial limitations; and be it further

Resolved, That applications for partnership and funding from these new ministries will be discerned, supported and called by the existing Mission Enterprise Zone leadership (established in A073, GC2012) and grant discernment process in the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church continue to develop the Mission-Centered Episcopalians web-based sharing platform and to bring together mission developers for a face-to-face gathering where they can share best practices, upholding ministry leader wellness, mutual guidance and support, and sharing of stories, resources, and prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That Bishops and other diocesan leaders be encouraged to share what they are learning from these Mission Enterprise Zones in their Dioceses, specifically in the disciplines of: a.) financing and sustaining these experiments, b.) adapting liturgical practices for increased missional impact, c.) exploring new processes for mentoring and training emerging leaders in situ, and d.) blessing our diocesan families by more readily incorporating these non-traditional faith communities with seat and voice and vote as discerned by the leadership of that Mission Enterprise Zone or New Church Start; and be it further

Resolved, That applications for partnership and funding from these new ministries will be discerned, supported and called to accountability by a 1st Mark of Mission task force appointed by the Missionary Society and the Episcopal Church’s Executive Council, with the seed money administered by the Church’s Missioner for New Church Starts and Missional Initiatives, for the 2016-2018 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance allocate not less than the three million dollars designated in the EC draft budget for 2016-18 to continue funding the start-up of Mission Enterprise Zones and including New Church Starts to implement this resolution during the 2016-2018 triennium.

Resolution adopted with amendment

Motion carried

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #88)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #6 on HB Message #32 on Resolution A069 (Affirm Participation in IALC) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #89)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A069)

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the participation of The Episcopal Church in the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $4,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #7 on HB Message #29 on Resolution A061 (Support Leadership Program for Musicians) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #90)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A061)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention endorse the continuation of the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations (LPM), which provides musicians who serve small congregations with continuing education for musical leadership in liturgy; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $18,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #8 on HB Message #31 on Resolution A068 (Translate Portions of Book of Common Prayer) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #103)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A068)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in cooperation with the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, be directed to begin work on translation of portions of the Book of Common Prayer and/or other authorized liturgical resources into French, Creole, and Spanish, according to the principles outlined in Canon II.3.5; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution; $20,000 to be allocated for work on French and Creole translations; and $20,000 for work on Spanish translations.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #9 on HB Message #28 on Resolution A060 (Continue the Work of the Congregational Song Task Force) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #91)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A060)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention empower the Congregational Song Task Force of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to further the mission of The Episcopal Church by enlivening and invigorating congregational song through the development of a variety of musical resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Congregational Song Task Force of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music develop and expand the work begun in the World Music Project; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $72,600 for the implementation of this resolution.

End of Consent Calendar

Introduction
The President welcomed the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub, former Secretary of the General Convention, to the House. The Rev. Dr. Straub addressed the House. He thanked the House for its support and for
allowing him to serve the Church. He then exhorted the House to feel free to streamline business of the Church, but to be careful not to damage the integrity of its structures.

The President announced that $1,000 would be donated to the charity of the Rev. Dr. Straub's choice in honor of his service and that $500 had been put toward the purchase of a cruise trip for the Rev. Dr. Straub.

**Dispatch of Business**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Resolution A162 (Express Gratitude to the Rev. Canon Dr. Gregory S. Straub).

*Motion carried*
*Rules suspended*

**Privilege and Courtesy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution A162 (Express Gratitude to the Rev. Canon Dr. Gregory S. Straub) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A162)
*Whereas*, The Reverend Canon Dr. Gregory S. Straub, having been first appointed Executive Officer and Secretary of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2005; and
*Whereas*, He served in that position with wisdom, distinction, and good humor until 2012; and
*Whereas*, He brought personality, charm, and warmth to the Church’s convention home; and
*Whereas*, Clothes make the man; and
*Whereas*, He was awarded the inaugural House of Deputies Medal in 2012. Be it so resolved.
*Resolved*, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its heartfelt gratitude for his long and devoted service The Episcopal Church and to the General Convention and extends its best wishes for the years to come.

*Motion carried*
*Resolution adopted*

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #82)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A162)
*Resolved*, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its heartfelt gratitude for his long and devoted service The Episcopal Church and to the General Convention and extends its best wishes for the years to come.

**Election of Members of Executive Council**
Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay Members of Executive Council.

*Ballot #1 taken*

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Julia Ayala Harris, Mr. Louis W. Glosson, Ms. Mayra Lisbeth Gonzales Polanco, Canon Dr. Steven Nishibayashi, and Ms. Diane Butler were elected.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for lay Members of Executive Council.

*Ballot #2 taken*

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2. The President declared that there was no election.
Election Ballot #3 was taken for lay Members of Executive Council. The President read the results of Election Ballot #3. Ms. Holli S. Powell was elected.

**Election of the Treasurer of the General Convention**
Election Ballot #1 was taken for Treasurer of the General Convention. The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. Delbert C. Glover was elected.

**Election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary**
Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Tommy Joe Dillon II and the Rev. Yamily Bass-Chaote were elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The President declared there was no election.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for lay Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The President read the results of Election Ballot #2. Ms. Dianne Audrick Smith and Ms. Anne Clarke Brown were elected.

**Election of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops**
Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Canon Suzann Holding and the Rev. Eric W. Larsen were elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Deborah Stokes and Mr. Marcellus Smith were elected.

**Governance and Structure**
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #5 on Resolution D003 (Amend Article V of the Constitution [first reading]) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D003)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article V, Section 1 is amended to read as follows: A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division
of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #92)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #4 on on HB Message #33 Resolution A018 (Encourage Interfaith Engagement) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #104)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A018)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and provinces to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the "Statement on Interreligious Relations" and enact programs and ministries that implement its principles using a variety of resources, starting with "Towards our Mutual Flourishing" and such other resources as dioceses and provinces may find useful; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage dioceses and provinces to include an interreligious component in their Christian formation programs for the laity such as Christian education for children, youth and adults, curricula in Episcopal schools, confirmation curricula, Lenten study programs, and forums for their wider communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge that for clergy development, dioceses and provinces include interreligious competency in continuing education programs, Commissions on Ministry’s formation requirements, clergy days and retreats, and other clergy gatherings; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly encourage Diocesan Bishops to appoint and Diocesan Conventions to authorize the financial support of a [Episcopal] Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer (EDEIO) who will be responsible for insuring engagement with the Statement on Interreligious Relations and the development of programs to increase interreligious literacy and engagement.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #19 on Resolution A023 (Continue the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the existence of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism for another nine years; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the importance of the work of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism to support the Church to live into existing General Convention resolutions mandating anti-racism training for clergy and lay leaders of the Church, which includes meeting in person to review, recommend, and endorse anti-racism curricula for use by the Church and to plan and prepare for at least one Church-wide “Train the Trainer” workshop in the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the existence of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism for another nine years; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the importance of the work of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism to support the Church to live into existing General Convention resolutions mandating anti-racism training for clergy and lay leaders of the Church, which includes meeting in person to review, recommend, and endorse anti-racism curricula for use by the Church and to plan and prepare for at least one Church-wide “Train the Trainer” workshop in the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation to allocate $131,500 covering training, licensing, face-to-face meetings, and translation for the implementation of this resolution.

Point of Order
Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina inquired whether the resolution was in order, as it appeared to be in conflict with Canon I.4.3(h). The Parliamentarian ruled that the resolution was in order.

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #95)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #15 on Resolution A046 (Provide Lay Leadership Formation Resources) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A046)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention mandate that the Office of General Convention and/or the Executive Council establish and make easily accessible a regularly updated and maintained online resource list and library of materials and programs for licensed lay leadership in small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That every diocese be interviewed to determine if there are any local internal resources that may be appropriate to be included in the resource list so that each diocese may provide
leadership formation for all licensed lay ministries through a variety of methods appropriate to the need of the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That a report by the Executive Council be made to The Episcopal Church by June 30, 2016 so that access to information may be distributed to the wider Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention mandate that the Office of General Convention and/or direct the Executive Council to oversee the establishment and make easily accessible a regularly updated and maintained online resource list and library of materials and programs for licensed lay leadership in small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That every diocese be interviewed to determine if there are any local internal resources that may be appropriate to be included in the resource list so that each diocese may provide leadership formation for all licensed lay ministries through a variety of methods appropriate to the need of the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That a report by the Executive Council be made to The Episcopal Church by June 30, 2016 so that access to information may be distributed to the wider Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #96)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.
**Reconvene**
The President called the House to order at 2:15 p.m.

**Prayers**
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Deputies**
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #8 for the afternoon session of the Fifth Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There was 1 new deputy certified, and there were 77 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

Motion carried  
Report accepted

Communications from the President  
The President asked the Parliamentarian to respond to an inquiry as to why the resolutions from the House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy were not on the Consent Calendar.

Personal Privilege  
Deputy Clark of Missouri thanked the House for passing Resolution A023 (Continue the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism).

Personal Privilege  
Deputy Malone of the Virgin Islands gave thanks for the change in date of the Episcopal Youth Event in response to her request at the 77th General Convention.

Messages from the House of Bishops  
The Secretary announced that no messages had been received from the House of Bishops.

Election of the Vice President of the House of Deputies  
The President received nominations for Vice President of the House of Deputies.

Deputy Neumann of Massachusetts nominated Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts.

The President declared that the nominations for Vice President of the House of Deputies were closed.

The President moved that the Rules be suspended so the election of Vice President of the House of Deputies could occur immediately.

Motion carried  
Rules suspended

The vote was taken.

Motion carried  
Vice President of the House of Deputies elected

Introduction  
The President welcomed Mark J. Duffy, Canonical Archivist of The Archives of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Duffy addressed the House and spoke on the history of the General Convention and on the 180th anniversary of the establishment of the Archives, as well as on the role of the Archives in General Convention and other legislative business. He spoke on digital resources that will be forthcoming from the Archives. Mr. Duffy also thanked the staff of the Archives for all of their work as part of the General Convention Secretariat.

The President commended Mr. Duffy and his staff for their work in preserving the history of The Episcopal Church, which allows the Church to move forward. The House showed their appreciation with applause.
Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #14 on Resolution D004 (Create a Task Force to Study Episcopal Elections and Appointments of Bishops) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D004)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Task Force on the Episcopacy be appointed by the Presiding Officers composed of four bishops, four presbyters or deacons, and eight lay persons; and be it further
Resolved, That at least one member of the Task Force will have been a finalist in an Episcopal search who did not receive enough votes for election in the last three years; at least one member of the Task Force will have served as a Transition Consultant in an Episcopal search over the past three years; and at least two members of the Task Force will have served on an Episcopal Search and/or Transition Committee in an Episcopal search process over the past three years; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will study the election, appointment, roles, and responsibilities of the Episcopate, including the use of Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, Bishops Suffragan, Provisional Bishops, Missionary Bishops, and Assistant Bishops in this Church; looking specifically at the particular gifts, life experience, and expertise required for episcopal office; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will pay particular attention to the recent trend away from a diverse House of Bishop, and seek ways to encourage diversity in the Episcopate; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will propose to the 79th General Convention a new process for discernment, nomination, formation, search, election, and transition of bishops in The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to: the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Pastoral Development; the selection of, roles and responsibilities of Transition Consultants; how adjoining dioceses may aid and inform the discernment of a diocese in transition; and any required Constitutional and Canonical changes necessary; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will work with the Office of Pastoral Development to develop best practices and educational materials to be published electronically and made publicly available, and may use some of its budget to retain consultants who will help with this task; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Task Force on the Episcopacy be appointed by the Presiding Officers composed of four bishops, four presbyters or deacons, and eight lay persons; and be it further
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Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Deputy Haskell of Albany moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Strike the fifth Resolve.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution. A voice vote was inconclusive. The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #106)

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #5 on HB Message #24 on Resolution A059 (Continue Revision of the Book of Occasional Services) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #107)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A059)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue its work on a comprehensive revision of the Book of Occasional Services, to seek widespread input on the table of contents and scope of the revision, and to report on its progress to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $94,200 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #10 on HB Message #37 on Resolution A056 (Authorize New Liturgical Resources: A Great Cloud of Witnesses; Weekday Eucharistic Propers) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Smith of the Convocation of Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To add an additional Resolve, following the first:
Resolved, That four persons listed in Holy Women, Holy Men be included in "A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations" (GCW): Karl Barth, William Lloyd Garrison, John Muir, Harriett Beecher Stowe; and be it further

Following a clarification from the House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music, Deputy Smith moved to withdraw his amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment withdrawn

Deputy Shobe of Rhode Island moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To amend the first Resolve to read:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention authorize for use during the next triennium make available for publication and distribution by individuals and in congregations and other church groups for devotional or catechetical use, or use in public worship subject to the provision for optional commemorations on page 18 of the Book of Common Prayer, the liturgical resource entitled, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations” (GCW) as outlined in the Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 174-219 (found in the Adobe Acrobat section of the General Convention iPad) revising and renaming Holy Women, Holy Men; and be it further

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment. A voice vote was inconclusive. The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Bradley of Kentucky moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To amend the section on Christian Discipleship to read:
Christian Discipleship: The family story captured here is uniquely and identifiably a Christian story. This set of stories commemorates the ways particular Christians live out the promises of baptism. A worthy summary of these promises is captured in our Baptismal Covenant, including a commitment to the Triune God as captured in the Apostles’ Creed; continuing in the apostles’ teaching and
fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers; resisting evil and repenting when necessary; proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; seeking and serving Christ in all persons; and striving for justice and peace among all people. Rather than being an anachronistic checklist, these should be considered general guidelines for considering holistic Christian life and practice. There may be occasional exceptions where not all of these promises are successfully kept, or when the person in question is not a Christian, yet the person’s life and work exemplify Christ, significantly the ongoing life of the Church and contributing to our fuller understanding of the Gospel.

The President announced that the time for debate on Resolution A056 had ended.

A vote was taken on the amendment. 

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the resolution as amended. A voice vote was inconclusive. The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #109)

Congregational Vitality
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #5 on Resolution Ao86 (Create Task Force for Latino-Hispanic Congregational Development and Sustainability) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A086)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm the work that the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries has done to identify congregations located in areas with high Latino/Hispanic populations and to provide them with detailed demographic reports, leadership training, training in cross-cultural awareness and marketing and advertising resources to help these congregations and other resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, with the advice of the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries, create a Task Force on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development to provide consultants who will work with congregations, lay leaders, clergy, and diocesan staff to implement the provisions of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Task Force on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, to continue creating formation and leadership development resources and programs to meet the needs of clergy and lay leaders currently serving in Latino/Hispanic ministries, including the programs with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners focused on the continuing education and leadership development of clergy and lay leaders; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with Task Force on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create mechanisms for mentoring and coaching of clergy currently working in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Task Force on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create resources for congregational development and redevelopment intended for diocesan staff, clergy, and lay leaders who are exploring
establishing Latino/Hispanic bilingual, multiethnic, and multicultural worship ministries in their communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Task Force on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create an intensive cultural-competency training program for diocesan staff members, seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders to gain language and cultural skills for ministry in bilingual, multiethnic, and multicultural Latino/Hispanic communities, including collaborations with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America seminaries and other ecumenical partners; and provide educational and media resources that will be easily accessible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development conduct an annual evaluation of programs and review of the use of resources based on a survey of those being served; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $1,500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm the work that the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries has done to identify congregations located in areas with high Latino/Hispanic populations and to provide them with detailed demographic reports, leadership training, training in cross-cultural awareness and marketing and advertising resources to help these congregations and other resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, with the advice of the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries, create a Task Force churchwide Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development to provide consultants coaches and mentors who will work with congregations, lay leaders, clergy, and diocesan staff to implement the provisions of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Task Force Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, to continue creating formation and leadership development resources and programs to meet the needs of clergy and lay leaders currently serving in Latino/Hispanic ministries, including the programs with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners focused on the continuing education and leadership development of clergy and lay leaders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Task Force Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create mechanisms for mentoring and coaching of clergy currently working in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Task Force Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create an intensive cultural-competency training program for diocesan staff members, seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders to gain language and cultural skills for ministry in bilingual, multiethnic, and multicultural Latino/Hispanic communities, including collaborations with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America seminaries and other ecumenical partners; and provide educational and media resources that will be easily accessible; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development conduct an annual evaluation of programs and review of the use of resources based on a survey of those being served; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $1,500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #108)

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #9 on Resolution D005 (Creating a Capacity to Plant Churches) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D005)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention create a church-wide network for church planting that will include: establishing seminary faculty focusing on church planting, recruitment of up to 50 potential church planters this triennium; training of potential church planters including sending some planters to training conferences and providing church planting internships for some planters; providing grants to support up to fifty new church plants this triennium; and creating the capacity to continue to recruit and train fifty new church planters each triennium while supporting up to 50 new church plants each triennium, and be it further
Resolved, That the budget for creating this church-planting network will be $8,433,800 million to be allocated as follows:
- $900,000 for the creation of three seminary faculty positions ($300,000 per year);
- $100,000 for the development of a church planting training program;
- $90,000 for the recruitment of church planters ($30,000 per year);
- $1,093,800 for training of potential of potential church planters;
- $1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders for Latino/Hispanic ministries;
- $750,000 for staff to support this program;
- $4,500,000 for grants to support up to fifty new church plants, with the size of grant depending on the context and needs of the church plant; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Development Office is directed to prioritize raising funds for church planting, with the expectation that $2 million will be raised this triennium to support church planting and a network of donors interested in church planting will be developed to raise up to $5 million each year in future trienniums; and be it further
Resolved, That Dioceses receiving new church plants under this program will contribute a minimum of 20% of the costs of any new plants in their Diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies appoint a task force of not more than twelve people, consisting of those with experience in church planting, diocesan oversight of church planting, and academics working with evangelism and mission, to carry out the provisions of this resolution, including developing criteria for receiving grants, providing a reporting process, making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to
select potential church planters, and developing a network of coaches and internship sites, and that this task force shall include a number of people experienced in the ministry of planting churches; and be it further

Resolved, That the Communications Office be directed to make a priority of reporting on the stories of church plants on an ongoing basis, through news stories, video, and other means, and through developing a website that provides detailed information about the various church plant initiatives happening throughout the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $6,433,800 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention create a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters; and establishing new congregations each triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention create a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters; and establishing new congregations each triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the budget for creating this congregational network will be $5,000,000 to be allocated as follows:

- $200,000 to identify and support existing programs to produce training in planting congregations for clergy and lay leaders
- $600,000 to provide resources for planters of congregations
- $1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders for Latino/Hispanic ministries
- $500,000 to support a staff person to oversee the planting network
- $2,700,000 for grants to support up to 30 congregations with the size and grant depending on the context and need of the congregation; and be it further

Resolved, That the convention encourages the Episcopal Church Development Office to prioritize raising $5 million per triennium to plant new congregations, with the hope that a network of interested donors will be developed; and be it further

Resolved, That Dioceses receiving money for planting new congregations under this program will contribute a minimum of 20% of the costs of any new plants; and be it further

Resolved, the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies appoint an advisory group of not more than twelve people, consisting of those with experience in planting congregations, diocesan oversight of such work, and academics working with evangelism and mission, to carry out provisions of this resolution, including developing criteria for receiving grants, providing a reporting process, making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to identify potential planters, and developing a network of coaches and internship sites; and be it further

Resolved, That the Communications Office be directed to make a priority of reporting on the stories of plants of new congregations on an ongoing basis through news media, video, and other means, and through developing a website that provides detailed information about the various planting initiatives happening throughout the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Point of Order
Deputy Fromberg of California pointed out a typographical error in the fifth Resolve, where the word "that" should be "than." The President moved that the change be accepted.

Motion carried
A vote was taken on the resolution.  

Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted  
(Convoked to the House of Bishops in HD Message #110)  

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #4 on Resolution D009 (Revitalization of Congregations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(D009)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention shall promote the revitalization of existing congregations within The Episcopal Church through the creation of a congregational revitalization network; and be it further  
Resolved, That a churchwide staff position be created to facilitate the creation of this network and coordinate training opportunities for congregational leaders; and be it further  
Resolved, That a network of regional consultants be identified and trained in congregational revitalization, who shall be available to congregations in varying parts of the church to consult with them on revitalization efforts; and be it further  
Resolved, That the staff leader and the network of consultants shall provide training opportunities for congregational clergy and lay leaders in order to help them re-vision their purpose, use of space, outreach to their communities, evangelism efforts, and new ways of proclaiming the gospel of Christ; and be it further  
Resolved, That a Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund be created to fund grants to existing congregations, with special attention given to congregations reaching out to populations that are underrepresented in The Episcopal Church that have a high potential for growth in their contexts; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Development Office be directed to make raising $300,000 for the Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund one of its priorities in the 2016-18 triennium; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance be requested to consider an allocation of $700,000 for the 2016-18 triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention shall promote the revitalization of existing congregations within The Episcopal Church through the creation of a congregational revitalization network; and be it further  
Resolved, That a churchwide staff position be created to facilitate the creation of this network, and coordinate training opportunities for congregational leaders, and encourage collaboration between existing revitalization ministries; and be it further  
Resolved, That a network of regional consultants coaches with practical revitalization experience be identified and trained in congregational revitalization, who shall be available to congregations in varying parts of the church to consult with them on revitalization efforts; and be it further  
Resolved, That the staff leader and the network of consultants coaches shall provide training opportunities for congregational clergy and lay leaders in order to help them re-vision their purpose, use of space, outreach to their communities, evangelism efforts, and new ways of proclaiming the gospel of Christ; and be it further  
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underrepresented in The Episcopal Church that have a high potential for growth in their contexts;
and be it further
Resolved, That Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund grants shall be administered by a grants
committee established for that purpose by Executive Council in consultation with the staff leader; and
be it further
Resolved, That the Development Office be directed to make raising $300,000 for the Congregation
Revitalization Venture Fund one of its priorities in the 2016-18 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance be requested to
consider an allocation of $700,000 for the 2016-18 triennium for the implementation of this
resolution.

Deputy Van Brunt of Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Strike "be directed to make" in the seventh Resolve and replace it with "consider."

Point of Order
Deputy Davidson of Nevada requested that the President call on the Chaplain for prayer in response
to the tone of debate. The President explained that the House would be entering a short recess soon
and that the Chaplain would begin with prayer when the House reconvened.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #112)

Recess
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:35 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Communications from the President
The President asked the Parliamentarian to clarify the use of hyperlinks in the virtual binder. The
Parliamentarian reminded the House that the Secretariat had asked that hyperlinks not be used in
resolutions, but that their usage is not prohibited.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules in order to
consider Resolution X012.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #10 on X012 and moved a Special Order of Business for a debate on resolutions affecting structure:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies set a special order of debate at 5:00 pm on the Sixth Legislative Day, June 30th, 2015, for consideration of (1) a consolidated substitute of the substance of A004 and other resolutions on the subject of Executive Council, (2) A consolidated substitute of the substance of A006 and other resolutions on Standing Commissions and Interim Bodies, and (3) A consolidated substitute of the substance of A004 and D013 and other resolutions on budget.
1. Total time of the debate shall be 1 hour and 15 minutes.
2. The first 15 minutes shall be for presentation and clarifying questions only.
3. The resolutions will follow sequentially using the standard House of Deputies Rules of Order except that debate may not be terminated.
4. The resolutions to be debated will be posted to the Supplemental Day 6 Calendar no later than 9AM on the Sixth Legislative Day, June 30th, 2015.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #113)

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #14 on Resolution C005 (Decreasing Gun Violence) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C005)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention urge all legislators at federal, state, and local levels to help decrease gun violence by implementing laws that
-require criminal background checks for every gun purchase, including those made at gun shows;
-ban the sale, transfer, importation, and manufacture of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines;
-ban the importation and manufacture of kits that convert ammunition feeding devices into large capacity magazines (magazines capable of using over 10 rounds);
-tighten the laws against gun trafficking;
-add additional taxes to all sales of guns and ammunition, and use the proceeds to develop educational campaigns on the dangers of guns and to fund programs for mental health;
-give a personal Income Tax credit to those who surrender their firearms in gun buyback programs;
-prohibit persons from receiving guns through sales or other means without a valid Handgun Safety Certificate and safe handling demonstration; and
-promote funding for research into the causes and prevention of gun violence

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention on the 50th anniversary of the murder of seminarian Jonathan Daniels, urge all legislators at federal, state and local levels to help decrease gun violence by implementing laws that;
1. ✷ Require permits to carry concealed weapons and criminal background checks for every gun purchase, including those made at gun shows; and
2. ✷ Ban the sale, transfer, importation and manufacture of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and
3. Ban the importation and manufacture of Full-Auto Conversion kits that convert ammunition feeding devices into large capacity magazines (magazines capable of using over 10 rounds) automatic weapons; and
4. Tighten the laws against gun trafficking, and increase penalties for those who engage in "straw purchases" of firearms for ineligible persons; and
add additional taxes to all sales of guns and ammunition, and use the proceeds to develop educational campaigns on the dangers of guns and to fund programs for mental health;
give a personal Income Tax credit to those who surrender their firearms in gun buyback programs;
prohibit persons from receiving guns through sales or other means without a valid Handgun Safety Certificate and safe handling demonstration; and
5. Prohibit persons from purchasing guns without evidence of gun safety training; and
6. Recognize the impact of existing inheritance laws on the transfer of gun ownership; and
7. Promote funding for research into the prevention and causes of gun violence.

Deputy Randle of Virginia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend section 2 to read:
2. Except for the use of military and law enforcement agencies, ban the sale, transfer, importation and manufacture of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and

A vote was taken on the amendment. A voice vote was inconclusive. The President called on the Voting Secretary to take an electronic vote.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Slater of Maryland moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #114)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #5 on Resolution C048 (Increase the Minimum Wage) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C048)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention encourages The Episcopal Church to engage in the work of increasing the minimum wage to $15.00 an hour and that all persons responsible for determining salary packages learn what the living wage is for their local community as they make compensation decisions.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention reaffirms resolution 2003-A130, “Support the Establishment of a Living Wage,” which confirms that “it is the policy of The Episcopal Church and its dioceses and congregations to provide employees with a living wage;” and that
the church “continue to support living wage campaigns in the cities and counties of every diocese;” and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, at all levels, engage in and advocate for encourages The Episcopal Church to engage in the work of increasing the minimum wage to $15.00 an hour and that all persons responsible for determining salary packages learn what the living wage is for their local community as they make compensation decisions or a living wage; including increasing the minimum wage for tipped employees to a level that also enables them to earn a living wage.

Deputy Haffner of Spokane moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Add a third Resolve:
Resolved that all member parishes, organizations, and dioceses of The Episcopal Church commit to increasing the minimum wage to $15.00 an hour, or a living wage, for all hourly employees by the triennium beginning January 1, 2019.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #115)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #15 on Resolution D044 (Removal of Confederate Battle Flag) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D044)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recognize that icons and symbols are and have always been important to the liturgical life and practice of The Episcopal Church in leading us to Jesus Christ and in inspiring us to share the Good News that is at the heart of our ministry; and be if further

Resolved, That as our Baptismal Covenant calls Episcopalians to "respect the dignity of every human being" and as the fourth Mark of Mission calls Episcopalians to "transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation," we consider the continued display of the Confederate Battle Flag to be at odds with a faithful witness to the reconciling love of Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church strongly urges all persons, along with public, governmental, and religious institutions, to discontinue the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #116)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #9 on Resolution B008 (Support Handgun Purchaser Licensing) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(B008)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support handgun purchaser licensing in order to prevent gun violence and save lives; and be it further
Resolved, That the dioceses of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to advocate for handgun purchaser licensing in their local contexts.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #117)

Special Legislative Committee on Marriage
The President called on the House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Marriage to present its Report #1 on HB Message #44 on Resolution A037 (Continue Work of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage). The Chair of The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Marriage was not present. The President made a motion to move to the next item of business.

Motion carried

Evangelism and Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #6 on Resolution B009 (Conducting an Online Digital Evangelism Test) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B009)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention directs the Office of Mission Communications of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to develop and conduct a digital evangelism test consisting of several campaigns, with equitable representation among the domestic provinces, with at least one campaign per year in a language other than English, for the benefit of the entire church, and for the purpose of meeting the demand online for the gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of The Episcopal Church; to build and maintain a database of prospects; to cultivate those prospects via email, social media, blogs, and other means as shall prove effective; and to partner with dioceses to refer qualified prospects to local congregations, church plants, or other appropriate ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the budget allocated for the Mission Communications Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be assumed to include funding for creating this digital evangelism test of no more than $1,500,000, and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Development Office is directed to prioritize raising funds for this digital evangelism test, with the expectation that $1.5 million will be raised this triennium to support this test from dioceses that stand to benefit as well as other interested networks, persons, and entities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Mission Communications report back to this Convention in three years' time with the results of this test, and with a recommendation for or against the creation of a permanent digital missionary presence online of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $1,500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention directs the Office of Mission Communications of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to develop and conduct a digital evangelism test initiative consisting of several campaigns, with equitable representation among the domestic provinces, with at least one campaign per year in a language other than English, for the benefit of the entire church, and for the purpose of meeting the demand online for the gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of The Episcopal Church; to build and maintain a database of prospects; to cultivate those prospects via email, social media, blogs, and other means as shall prove effective; and to partner with dioceses to refer qualified prospects to local congregations, church plants, or other appropriate ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the budget allocated for the Mission Communications Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be assumed to include funding for creating this digital evangelism test initiative of no more than $1,500,000 $3,000,000, and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Development Office is directed to prioritize raising funds for this digital evangelism test initiative, with the expectation that $1.5 million will be raised this triennium to support this test from dioceses that stand to benefit as well as other interested networks, persons, and entities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Mission Communications the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society report back to this Convention in three years' time with the results of this test initiative, and with a recommendation for or against the creation of a permanent digital missionary presence online of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $1,500,000 $3,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Deputy Van Brunt of Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend the third Resolve to read:
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Development Office is directed recommended to prioritize raising funds for this digital evangelism test initiative, with the expectation hope that $1.5 million will be raised this triennium to support this test from dioceses that stand to benefit as well as other interested networks, persons, and entities; and be it further

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #118)

Special Legislative Committee on Marriage
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #1 on HB Message #44 on Resolution A037 (Continue Work of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) and moved concurrence.
Deputy Yarbrough of Texas moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add after the sixth Resolve:
*Resolved, That the Task Force consult with other churches in the Anglican Communion and with our ecumenical partners; and be it further*

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the amendment.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Collum of Albany moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Amend the seventh Resolve to read:
*Resolved, That the Task Force *report* produce a report, including a minority report*, and make recommendations to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

**Point of Order**  
Deputy Medina of Nebraska inquired as to whether a task force could be tasked with producing a minority report. The Parliamentarian directed the House to Joint Rule 9, which has no prohibition on a task force including a minority report with their report.

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved to end debate on the resolution.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #120)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A037)  
*Resolved, That the 78th General Convention requests dioceses and parishes use the study materials on marriage provided in the last triennium by the Task Force on the Study of Marriage, namely the “Dearly Beloved” toolkit and the appended essays in their Blue Book report to this Convention; and be it further*
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint jointly an expanded Task Force on the Study of Marriage to continue this work, consisting of not more than 15 people, including theologians, ethicists, pastors, liturgists, and educators, who represent the cultural and theological diversity in the Church; membership should include some of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage appointed in 2012, some from dioceses outside the United States, and young adults; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force explore further those contemporary trends and norms identified by the Task Force on the Study of Marriage in the previous triennium, specifically regarding those who choose to remain single; unmarried persons in intimate relationships; couples who cohabit either in preparation for, or as an alternative to, marriage; couples who desire a blessing from the Church but not marriage; parenting by single or and/or unmarried persons; differing forms of family and household such as those including same-sex parenting, adoption, and racial diversity; and differences in marriage patterns between ethnic and racial groups; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force consult with (i) individuals and couples within these groups about their experience of faith and church life; and (ii) the results of diocesan and parochial study of "Dearly Beloved" toolkit; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force explore biblical, theological, moral, liturgical, cultural, and pastoral perspectives on these matters, and develop written materials about them which represent the spectrum of understanding in our Church and which include responses from theologians, ethicists, pastors, liturgists, social scientists, and educators who are not members of the expanded Task Force, and whose perspectives represent the spectrum of understandings on these matters in our Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force study and monitor, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the impact of same-sex marriage and rites of blessing on our Church; the continuing debate about clergy acting as agents of the state in officiating at marriages; and any other matters related to marriage by action of or referral by this Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force report and make recommendations to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force provide educational and pastoral resources for congregational use on these matters that represents the spectrum of understandings on these matters in our Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $90,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 6:07 p.m. to reconvene on June 30 at 11:15 a.m.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to order at 11:16 a.m.

Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

Introduction
The Presiding Bishop introduced the Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah. Governor Herbert addressed the Joint Session and welcomed the General Convention to the state of Utah. Governor Herbert recognized the Presiding Bishop; Presiding Bishop-elect Curry; the Bishop of Utah; and the Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish, former bishop of Utah; and thanked them for their leadership. He then recognized contributions that the Episcopal Diocese of Utah had made to the state of Utah. Governor Herbert also commended the ecumenical work of The Episcopal Church.

Joint Session on Mission
The Presiding Bishop gave commentary on the Five Marks of Mission: to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; to teach, baptize, and nurture new believers; to respond to human need by loving service; to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation; and to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

The Presiding Bishop then explained the format of the Joint Session, which entailed small group discussion within each deputation on questions provided for each of the Five Marks of Mission.

Following the time allotted for small group discussion, the Presiding Bishop exhorted the Joint Session to continue the conversations at home.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain of the House of Deputies to lead the Joint Session in song.

Recognition of the Presiding Bishop
Mr. Ray Suarez of St. Columba's in Washington, D.C. introduced a retrospective video of the Presiding Bishop's tenure and a video of members of The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion, and ecumenical partners thanking Presiding Bishop Schori for her service. The Joint Session expressed their appreciation of the Presiding Bishop and her ministry with applause. Mr. Suarez introduced the Most Rev. Frank Griswold, who addressed the Joint Session and made remarks on the role of a presiding bishop and on Presiding Bishop Schori’s tenure. He then invited the Joint Session to once again express appreciation for Presiding Bishop Schori. Mr. Suarez then invited the 25th Presiding Bishop, the 26th Presiding Bishop, and the Presiding Bishop-elect to the platform for the purpose of the Joint Session's recording of the moment. Former Presiding Bishop Griswold then led the Joint Session in prayer.

Adjournment
The President announced that the Joint Session was adjourned.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:16 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #5 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Fifth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #9 for the afternoon session of the Sixth Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 180 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Personal Privilege
Deputy Davis of Central Florida rose to speak on behalf of the deputations of Central Florida, Albany, North Dakota, Dallas, and Springfield. Deputy Davis expressed their pleasure with many of the resolutions regarding evangelism and revitalization. However, the deputations felt that the minority of dissenting voices on certain resolutions were not being given opportunity to be heard and encouraged the House to hear those voices as well as that of the majority.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Wilbert of Ohio announced that $800 had been raised for Episcopal Relief & Development through the sale of buttons and asked the President to present the president of Episcopal Relief & Development with the funds when he visited the House.

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

**HB Message #90:** E019 (Secretary of the House of Deputies and General Convention) Elected

**HB Message #91:** E019 (Secretary of the House of Deputies and General Convention) Confirmed

**HB Message #92:** C039 (Fossil Fuel Divestment) Committee Discharged

**HB Message #93:** C041 (Fossil Fuel Holdings) Committee Discharged

**HB Message #94:** C042 (Responding the Climate Change) Committee Discharged

**HB Message #95:** C047 (Promote Policies that Combat Climate Change) Committee Discharged

**HB Message #96:** C049 (Fossil Fuel Divestment) Committee Discharged

**HB Message #97:** D024 (Affirm and Support Ministry to Appalachia) Concurred

**HB Message #98:** A025 (Native American Ministries Engaging In At-Risk Teens) Concurred

**HB Message #99:** A064 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(6)) Adopted with Amendment

**HB Message #100:** A092 (Affirm Support for Government Entitlements) Concurred

**HB Message #101:** A093 (Evaluate Defense Spending) Concurred

**HB Message #102:** A135 (Amend Canon IV.13) Re-referred to a Different Committee

**HB Message #103:** A145 (Amend Canon IV.19.6) Re-referred to a Different Committee

**HB Message #104:** A054 (Resources from "Liturgical Resources I") Adopted with Amendment

**HB Message #105:** A036 (Amend Canon I.18) Adopted with Amendment

**HB Message #106:** A030 (Task Force on Climate Change) Adopted with Substitute and Amendment

Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #11 on X013 and moved a Special Order of Business for a debate on resolutions affecting marriage:
Resolved, That the House of Deputies set special rules of order for debate at 11:30 AM on the Seventh Legislative Day, July 1st, 2015, for the consideration of A054 (Liturgical Resources) and A036 (Amend Canon I.18 Marriage).

1. Total time of the debate shall be 55 minutes.
2. The first 15 minutes shall be for presentation and clarifying questions only.
3. The resolutions will follow sequentially using the standard House of Deputies Rules of Order except that debate may not be terminated on the main motion.
4. The resolutions to be debated will be placed on the Day 7 Priority Calendar.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #123)

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced that Resolutions A038 (Develop an Index of Vitality), A124 (Amend Title IV), A170 (Develop and Continue Food System Advocacy), A103 (Schedule Length of the 79th General Convention), and A104 (Consider Budget for the 79th General Convention) have been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #3 on Resolution D065 (Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XIV.E.3) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D065)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order XIV.E.3 be amended as follows:
3. Two-Thirds Vote. If a motion under the Rules requires a two-thirds vote, and a Vote by Orders is duly called, the motion will pass if there is concurrence in the affirmative by a two-thirds majority vote in both orders.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of _______ concurring, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order XIV.E.3 be amended as follows:
3. Two-Thirds Vote. If a motion under the Rules requires a two-thirds vote, and a Vote by Orders is duly called, the motion will pass if there is concurrence in the affirmative by a two-thirds majority vote in both each order of two-thirds of the Dioceses.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #124)

[Ed Note: A corrected communication for information was sent as Message #414]

Final Text of Resolution:
(D065)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order XIV.E.3 be amended as follows:
3. Two-Thirds Vote. If a motion under the Rules requires a two-thirds vote, and a Vote by Orders is duly called, the motion will pass if there is concurrence in the affirmative by a two-thirds vote in both each orders of two-thirds of the Dioceses.
Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #3 on HB Message #59 on Resolution A137 (Amend Canon IV.14.5 Modification of Times) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #125)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A137)
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.5 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty twenty days from the date on which the Accord is sent to the Bishop Diocesan entered in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney and the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Accord as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Accord. The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty twenty days following the date on which the Accord is sent to the Bishop Diocesan entered and not later than sixty forty days following such date. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Accord. In the case of an Accord under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than the day after the date the Accord became effective and irrevocable.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #4 on HB Message #58 on Resolution A136 (Amend Canon IV.14.4 Distribution of Accord) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #126)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A136)
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. A copy of the Accord shall be sent to the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Church Attorney, the president of the Disciplinary Board, and the Bishop Diocesan by the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever the matter was before when the Accord was reached) on the date that the Conciliator or president of the Panel signs date on which the Accord is signed. If the Accord was reached between the Bishop Diocesan and Respondent under Canon IV. 9, the Bishop Diocesan shall send a copy of the Accord to the president of the panel to which the matter is assigned and the persons listed in this Section on the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #5 on HB Message #26 on Resolution A117 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(3)) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #127)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A117)

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n)(3)(i) be amended as follows:

(i) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. For amendments not in proper form, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons may direct the submitting Commission to the canonical and Rules of Order requirements for amendments to the Constitution and Canons so the submitting Commission may revise its amendment to proper form. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; Provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the House of membership, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #6 on HB Message #27 on Resolution A119 (Amend Canon III.5.2(b)) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #128)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A119)

Resolved, That Canon III.5.2(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Testimonials required of the Standing Committee by this Title must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee, at a meeting duly convened, except that testimonials may be executed in counterparts, any of which may be delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, each of which shall be deemed an original.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #8 on HB Message #54 on Resolution A130 (Amend Canon IV.6.7 Notice of Complaint to Clergy) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #130)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A130)

Resolved, That Canon IV.6.7 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. At the same time as forwarding the intake report to the Reference Panel, the Intake Officer shall send a notice to the subject Member of the Clergy informing
him or her of the nature of the alleged Offense(s), the identity of any persons who have been designated as Complainants, and describing the next procedural steps that the Member of the Clergy can anticipate. The notice shall also remind the Member of the Clergy of his or her duty under Canon IV.3.1 (b) to cooperate in the subsequent proceedings.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #9 on HB Message #57 on Resolution A131 (Amend Canon IV.6.8 Progress and Accountability) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #131)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A131)
Resolved, That Canon IV.6.8 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #10 on HB Message #55 on Resolution A132 (Amend Canon IV.6.9 Time to Reach an Agreement) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #132)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A132)
Resolved, That Canon IV.6.9 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 9. If the determination of the Reference Panel is to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply. If the referral is to the Bishop Diocesan for possible Agreement and an Agreement is not reached within 90 days of the referral, the Reference Panel will re-refer the matter, in accordance with Canon IV.6.8.
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #12 on HB Message #60 on Resolution A139 (Amend Canon IV.14.11 Adding Church Attorney to Comport with Parallel Canon) and moved concurrence.  

**Motion carried**  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #133)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A139)  
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.11 be amended to read as follows:  
**Sec. 11.** If the Order is issued by a Conference Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to the Order as provided in Canon IV. 12.12 and the matter shall be referred to a Hearing Panel for hearing as provided in Canon IV.13.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #13 on HB Message #61 on Resolution A140 (Amend Canon IV.12 Add President of House of Deputies as Recipient of Notice of Accord) and moved concurrence.  

**Motion carried**  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #135)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A140)  
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12 and Canon 14.12(a) be amended to read as follows:  
**Sec. 12.** If there has been no objection by the Respondent or the Church Attorney to the Order(s), notice of Accords and Orders which have become effective shall be given without delay as follows:  
(a) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, the Bishop Diocesan shall give notice of the Accord or Order to every Member of the Clergy in the Diocese, each Vestry in the Diocese, the Secretary of Convention, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which shall be added to the official records of the Diocese; to the Presiding Bishop, to all other Bishops of the Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of the Church; to the President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of ordinations; to the Office of Transition Ministry; the Archives; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #14 on HB Message #62 on Resolution A141 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(b) Correction to References to Office of Transition Ministry) and moved concurrence.  

**Motion carried**  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #136)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A141)  
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12(b) be amended as follows:  
(b) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall give notice of the Accord or Order to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of Ordinations, to the Church Deployment Office of Transition Ministry, and to the
Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with this Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #15 on HB Message #65 on Resolution A149 (Amend Canon V.4.1(a)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #137)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A149)
Resolved, That Canon V.4 be amended as follows:
Sec. 1 (a) Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, the term of a member in any body of the General Convention consisting of several members shall become vacant as follows:
   (1) upon absence from two regularly scheduled meetings of the body between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the body;
   (2) upon inhibition entry of an Order or Accord, which Order or Accord includes a Sentence of Admonition, Suspension, or Deposition of a Member of the Clergy then serving on the body;
   (3) upon the renunciation of the ministry of this Church by a Member of the Clergy;
   (4) upon the certification to the Presiding Bishop by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops as to the abandonment of this Church by a Bishop pursuant to Canon IV.16;
   (5) upon the certification by the Standing Committee as to the abandonment of this Church by a Priest or Deacon pursuant to Canon IV.16; or
   (6) for cause deemed sufficient by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the body.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #16 on HB Message #64 on Resolution A148 (Amend Canon IV.19.30 Requiring Electronic Copies of Proceedings) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #138)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A148)
Resolved, That Canon IV.19.30 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 30. Records of proceedings shall be preserved as follows:
(a)(i) Each Hearing Panel and Provincial Court of Review shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings by any means from which a written transcript can be produced. When all proceedings have been concluded, the president of the Panel or Court shall certify the record. If the president did not participate in the proceeding for any reason, the Panel or Court shall elect another member of the Panel or Court to certify the record.
(b)(2) The Panel or Court shall make provision for the preservation and storage of a copy of the record of each proceeding in the Diocese in which the proceeding originated.
(c)(3) The Panel or Court shall promptly deliver the original certified record of its proceedings to The Archives of The Episcopal Church.
(d) (b) The Bishop Diocesan shall
(i) (1) promptly deliver to The Archives of The Episcopal Church a copy of any Accord or Order which has become effective and a record of any action of remission or modification of any Order and
(ii) (2) provide for the permanent preservation of copies of all Accords and Orders by means which permit the identification and location of each such copy by the name of the Member of the Clergy who is the subject thereof.
(c) When printed records are submitted under this Canon, there shall be delivered to The Archives of The Episcopal Church an electronic copy or version of the records required to be preserved under this Section in such format as The Archives of The Episcopal Church may specify.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #17 on HB Message #63 on Resolution A147 (Amend Canon IV.19.25 Clarification of Bishops Performing as Bishop Diocesan) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #139)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A147)
Resolved, That Canon IV.19.25 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 25. If there is neither a Bishop Diocesan nor a Bishop Coadjutor nor a Bishop Suffragan nor an Assistant Bishop expressly assigned the administration of clergy discipline in a Diocese and not under a restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, the Diocese shall, by agreement pursuant to Canon III.13.2, arrange for a Bishop to perform the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Title before commencing or continuing with any proceedings under this Title. A Bishop performing the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Section has all the authority and powers of the Bishop Diocesan under this Title.

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #9 on HB Message #78 on Resolution A048 (Confront the Challenges and Impacts of Robotic and Cyberwarfare) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #158)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A048)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize that there are practical, military, and theological difficulties in applying Just War principles to the current problems of combating global and domestic terrorism, of responding to undeclared warfare, of responding to stateless combatants, of using evolving capabilities for cyberwarfare and robotics and of the use of social media in support of warfare and/or terrorism; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint a committee of theologians and other scholars in the field of the application and interpretation of Just War principles, military chaplains, active and/or retired military personnel, and such other ecumenical specialists as are required, to study the application of Just War principles to these issues and report to The 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

Congregational Vitality
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #8 on Resolution Ao85 (Continue Mark 1 Funding (Mission Enterprise Zones)) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #140)

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #12 on Resolution Ao84 (Modify Parochial Report) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A084)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Parochial Report be modified to include reporting of congregational activity in all five Marks of Mission; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese be encouraged to include in its canons a category for associated worshipping communities, which may or may not pay diocesan assessment according to rules established by the diocese, and which should include new church plants, worshipping communities whose design broadens the Church’s perspective and reach into mission, and Mission Enterprise Zone initiatives; and be it further
Resolved, That such associated worshipping communities file a parochial report each year reporting their membership, ministries, attendance, and financial data; and be it further
Resolved, That the main measure of weekly attendance at Episcopal congregations, including associated worshipping communities, shall be Average Weekly Attendance, defined as the sum of Average Sunday Attendance and Average Distinct Attendance, as defined below; and be it further
Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified to include a category to report Average Distinct Attendance, defined as average per-week attendance at non-Sunday worship services, most of whose participants do not attend regular Sunday services, e.g., Episcopal school worship, worship services at retirement centers, house churches, and other such non-Sunday worship congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified to report the names of lay leaders who are licensed under Title III, Canon 4.1.a, or who are otherwise recognized by the ecclesiastical authority, who have primary leadership responsibility for worshipping communities.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Parochial Report be modified to include reporting of congregational activity in all any of the five Marks of Mission; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese be encouraged to include in its canons to establish a category for associated worshipping communities, which may or may not pay diocesan assessment according to rules established by the diocese, and which should could include new church plants, and worshipping communities whose design broadens the Church’s mission perspective and reach into mission, and Mission Enterprise Zone initiatives; and be it further
Resolved, That such associated worshipping communities be encouraged to file a parochial report each year reporting their membership, ministries, attendance, and financial data with their diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the main measure of weekly attendance at Episcopal congregations, including associated worshipping communities, shall be Average Weekly Attendance, defined as the sum of Average Sunday Attendance and Average Distinct Attendance, as defined below; and be it further

Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified to include a category to report Average Distinct Attendance, defined as average per-week attendance at non-Sunday worship services, most of whose participants do not attend regular Sunday services, e.g., Episcopal school worship, worship services at retirement centers, house churches, and other such non-Sunday worship congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified to report the names of lay leaders who are licensed under Title III, Canon 4.1.a, or who are otherwise recognized by the ecclesiastical authority, who have primary leadership responsibility for worshipping communities.

Resolved, That the Parochial Report ask if the congregation has a primary weekly service other than Saturday/Sunday; and be it further

Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified on page 2 to gather the average primary/Sunday worship; and be it further

Resolved, That a page be added to the Parochial Report to report areas of outreach ministry in which the congregation is involved with individual/group volunteer activity rather than merely reporting monetary support currently reported on page 3.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #141)

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #13 on Resolution C020 (Ministry to People with Mental Illness and Their Families) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C020)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church call upon dioceses, congregations, schools and agencies of The Episcopal Church to assess best practices in their mission and ministry for the inclusion, support, and spiritual care for persons with mental illness and their families; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses, schools, and agencies publish those best practices while promoting and providing links to local mental health advocacy groups and providers.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon dioceses, congregations, schools and other entities of The Episcopal Church to explore and adopt best practices for the vitality and increased capacity of their mission and ministry in the inclusion, support, and spiritual care for persons with mental illness and their families; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses, congregations, schools and other entities of The Episcopal Church increase understanding about mental illness by providing educational material and training; utilizing existing programs such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness, veterans' groups, governmental departments of mental health, local organizations, and other programs and organizations; and sharing the information so that it is readily accessible.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #142)
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #14 on Resolution A096 (Affirm Relationship-Based Social Justice) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A096)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm the many justice ministries of service and advocacy throughout The Episcopal Church, ministries that are grounded in the Baptismal Covenant and that were initiated by General Conventions, dioceses, congregations, and other Episcopal organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirm and encourage the use of various methods to discern, develop, and sustain justice ministries, such as Asset-Based Community Development, needs surveys, and community organizing; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirm and encourage the formation of partnerships between congregations and service providers, advocacy agencies, and other organizations in order to do justice ministry more effectively and efficiently; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that one of the greatest challenges of our time and culture is the widening gap between the rich and the poor, the sin of economic injustice that pervades our society; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention challenge all Episcopalians to hear in a bold way the call of both Jesus and St. Francis of Assisi to befriend and be with the poor, and that we come to know that the future vitality of The Episcopal Church is grounded in our mutually affirming relationships with our brothers and sisters who are poor; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage all Episcopal congregations to establish relationship-based, social-justice ministries through which relationships are developed between those who serve and those who are served, resulting in shared and transformational experiences and in a greater commitment to work for justice on all sides of the socio-economic divide; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention ask Episcopal groups that are participating in relationship-based social justice to share their experiences with the broader Church through social media, the internet, and official communication channels, so that other groups can learn from their successes, challenges, and insights.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm the many justice ministries of service and advocacy throughout The Episcopal Church, ministries that are grounded in the Baptismal Covenant and that were initiated by General Conventions, dioceses, congregations, and other Episcopal organizations; and be it further

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vitality of The Episcopal Church is grounded in our mutually affirming relationships with our brothers and sisters who are poor; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage all Episcopal congregations to establish relationship-based, social-justice ministries through which relationships are developed between those who serve and those who are served, resulting in shared and transformational experiences and in a greater commitment to work for justice on all sides of the socio-economic divide; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage churches and dioceses to discover and partner with local experts such as Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), Direct Action and Research Training (DART), Gamaliel Foundation, Asset Based Community Development, People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO), and other local formulations of interfaith or cross cultural organizations that use relationships to structure their transformative work; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention ask Episcopal groups that are participating in relationship-based social justice to share their experiences with the broader Church through social media, the internet, and official communication channels, so that other groups can learn from their successes, challenges, and insights.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #143)

Evangelism and Communications

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #7 on Resolution A179 (Commending Memorial V to The Episcopal Church: A Call to Action) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A179)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend Memorial V, presented to this Convention, especially its call to “Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, including learning how to tell the story of how Jesus makes a difference in our lives, even and especially to those who have not experienced true transformation”; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage Deputies and Bishops to circulate Memorial V in their communities, congregations and dioceses for study and reflection.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #144)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #8 on Resolution A172 (Leveraging Social Media for Jesus) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A172)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a Task Force to develop two curricula – one for clergy and one for lay people – for the purpose of leveraging social media for evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force consider grants and other outside sources of revenue to fund this project, including the necessary staff or consultants to oversee this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force develop the curricula in consultation with seminary deans, marketing professionals, and others with knowledge of evangelism and social media; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force develop these curricula by the second year of the upcoming triennium and make them available by the third year, and that Executive Council regularly evaluate the curricula to ensure they are current.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a Task Force of three bishops, three presbyters or deacons and six lay persons to develop two curricula – one for clergy and one for lay people – for the purpose of leveraging social media for evangelism; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force develop the curricula in consultation with seminary deans, marketing professionals, and others with knowledge of evangelism and social media; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force develop these curricula by the second year of the upcoming triennium and make them available by the third year, and that Executive Council the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society regularly evaluate the curricula to ensure they are current; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force consider grants and other outside sources of revenue to fund work with the Development Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to seek funds for this project, including the necessary staff or consultants to oversee this work.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #145)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Communications presented its Report #9 on Resolution A173 (Gathering and Sharing for Evangelism) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A173)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention shall promote the gathering and sharing of evangelism resources for the purpose of equipping the Church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That Forward Movement in collaboration with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall convene an Evangelism Summit, a gathering of leaders from across The Episcopal Church who are engaged in the work of evangelism, both training and equipping. The Evangelism Summit shall be for the purpose of identifying existing evangelism resources, identifying gaps and challenges, and developing an evangelism road map to help the Church spread the Gospel, proclaim the Kingdom, and share the love of God with the world; and be it further
Resolved, That these evangelism resources including a plan of action be shared with the wider Episcopal Church by the attendees of the Summit within their networks, such as the Episcopal Asset Map (episcopalassetmap.org), and in other ways; and be it further
Resolved, That this work will be funded through grants and contributions for the implementation of this resolution, especially in support of under-represented constituencies.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention shall promote the gathering and sharing of evangelism resources for the purpose of equipping the Church to of energizing the Church to boldly and fearlessly share the Good News of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That Forward Movement, in collaboration with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, shall convene by December 31, 2016 an Evangelism Summit, a gathering of leaders from
across The Episcopal Church who are engaged in the work of evangelism, both in training and equipping; and be it further  
Resolved, The Evangelism Summit shall be for the purpose of identifying existing evangelism resources, identifying gaps and challenges, and developing an evangelism road map to help the Church spread the Gospel, proclaim the Kingdom, and share the love of God with the world; That the Summit shall identify existing evangelism resources, gaps and challenges. The purpose is to develop an evangelism road map: to propel the church beyond its walls, to spread the Gospel, proclaim the Kingdom, and to share the love of God in the world; and be it further  
Resolved, That these evangelism resources including a plan of action be shared no more than six months following the conclusion of the Summit with the wider Episcopal Church by the attendees of the Summit within their networks, such as the Episcopal Asset Map (episcopalassetmap.org), and in other ways; and be it further  
Resolved, That this work will be Forward Movement collaborate with the Development Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to fund this work through grants and contributions for the implementation of this resolution, especially in support of under-represented constituencies, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God’s People.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #146)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music  
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #11 on HB Message #70 on Resolution A044 (Maintain the Centrality of The Eucharist) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #147)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A044)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority in each Diocese to discern and implement ways in which small congregations within their Diocese who are without benefit of clergy may receive Communion on a regular basis.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #12 on HB Message #50 on Resolution A063 (Adopt Criteria for Biblical Translations and Amend Canon II.2) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #149)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A063)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention adopt the following Criteria for Recommending New Biblical Translations for Use in Public Worship:  

I. Guiding assumptions:  
1. There is no perfect translation. It is impossible to render the full meaning of a text in its original language and context into another language and context.
2. All translations make interpretive choices; there is no “neutral” translation. However, some translations conform more closely than others to the specific criteria listed below.

3. The goal of these criteria is not to advance any particular interpretations; but, rather, to help ensure that amendments to Canon II.2 will be generally received as reasonable, responsible, and suitable.

4. Ordinarily, for a translation to be considered, it must include the books of the Old and New Testament and the Apocrypha or Deuterocanonical Books as listed in the Articles of Religion.

5. No translation will be universally received as fully meeting all of these criteria. To be recommended, a new translation should be widely received as meeting most of these specific criteria.

II. To be recommended for use in public worship, a translation should meet the specific criteria of being:

1. Based on academically or historically accepted editions of the Hebrew and Greek texts;
2. Technically competent in approximating the meaning of the base text; Comprehensible to the target audience;
3. Fluid when spoken aloud;
4. Stylistically suitable to approved services.

III. While some translations obviously fail to meet these standards, measuring a text by these criteria is far from an exact science. We can, however, look for certain kinds of positive reception to indicate whether or not a text meets most of these criteria:

1. Academic reception. Do most biblical scholars recognize the translation as technically competent and comprehensible to the target audience? Do most liturgical scholars recognize the translation as fluid when spoken aloud and stylistically suitable to approved services?
2. Pastoral reception. Does a significant number of clergy consider the translation comprehensible to their congregations, fluid when spoken aloud, and/or stylistically suitable for their services?
3. Anglican reception. Have most other Churches in the Anglican Communion made provision for the use of the translation in public worship?
4. Full Communion Partners’ reception. Have most of The Episcopal Church’s Full Communion Partners made provision for the use of the translation in public worship?
5. Ecumenical reception. Have other Churches made provisions for the use of the translation in public worship?

Resolved, That Canon II.2 is hereby amended by adding two new sections:

Canon 2: Of Translations of the Bible

Sec. 1. The Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer shall be read from the translation of the Holy Scriptures commonly known as the King James or Authorized Version (which is the historic Bible of this Church) together with the Marginal Readings authorized for use by the General Convention of 1901; or from one of the three translations known as Revised Versions, including the English Revision of 1881, the American Revision of 1901, and the Revised Standard Version of 1952; from the Jerusalem Bible of 1966; from the New English Bible with the Apocrypha of 1970; or from The 1976 Good News Bible (Today’s English Version); or from The New American Bible (1970); or from The Revised Standard Version, an Ecumenical Edition, commonly known as the “R.S.V. Common Bible” (1973); or from The New International Version (1978); or from The New Jerusalem Bible (1987); or from the Revised English Bible (1989); or from the New Revised Standard Version (1990); or from the Contemporary English Version (1995); or from the Contemporary English Version Global (2005); or from the Common English Bible (2011); or from translations,
authorized by the diocesan bishop, of those approved versions published in any other language; or from other versions of the Bible, including those in languages other than English, which shall be authorized by diocesan bishops for specific use in congregations or ministries within their dioceses. Sec. 2. All translations proposed for inclusion in Canon II.2.1 must conform to the Criteria for Recommending New Biblical Translations for Use in Public Worship adopted by General Convention. Sec. 3. All translations proposed for inclusion in Canon II.2.1 must first be referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for review according to the Criteria for Recommending New Biblical Translations for Use in Public Worship.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #13 on HB Message #71 on Resolution A058 (Authorize Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #180)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A058)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation, found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music pp. 231-266, for use in The Episcopal Church; and that the materials be made freely available, with the following revisions:

Supplemental Materials pp. 233-234:
Introduction
When we see the great abundance, diversity, and intricacy of God's creatures, we are awestruck by life on our planet. We are amazed by the God who has created all that is, and who is the engineer or crafter of the cosmos, designing and assembling all the details. But we also know from science that the details of organisms change through time according to their situations—that is, they evolve through adaptation and natural selection. Some people take this to mean that there is no role for God in the evolution of life on our planet; but they miss the point that It is through God's love and humility that the processes of nature operate, bringing growth and adaptive change. God's love grants creation the freedom to make and remake. Scripture is clear that divine mercy is over all God's works. The material world is not something to be simply disregarded and destroyed as unimportant to God, whose love is unwavering.

Just as we do not read Scripture literally, so we must resist reading nature literally, but instead search for the big themes and the evolving stories, exploring a deeper and more sweeping narrative. It is in Jesus Christ that we see God's humility most particularly and gain insight into what theologian John Haught has called the “extravagant generosity” of God. In the ancient hymn of Philippians 2 we gaze at Christ, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself to take the form of a servant, not simply on behalf of humankind, but on behalf of the whole cosmos which is redeemed in him.

Just as we are called to consider the lost and the least among our human brothers and sisters, so we may say that we are called to consider the dignity of all God's creatures: Science currently is working on several fronts to discover more about kinship. There are both genetic/hereditary and ecological relationships among earth's creatures. We share much of our DNA with plants and animals we do not usually consider as having much in common with us, and the air we breathe requires the healthy function of organisms far less complex than we are. For many people honoring the dignity of every creature involves thinking about threatened species of birds and
mammals and large fish, environmentalism’s poster children, but for those who study life on earth, whether professional biologists or backyard naturalists, it means considering the insects and the plankton, the mushrooms and molds, the plants that bring us joy and the ones we call weeds, the algae and the bacteria, and . It means considering the dignity of even those species that which bring humans disease, such as mosquitoes and viruses. It means pondering the relationships among creatures which are not always pretty: predation, parasitism, scavenging.

Each creature’s uniqueness is neither individual nor fixed. Living things develop their characteristics in their contexts in relationship to other creatures, other members of their population, and other species in their community. As the resources in their habitats change, and pressures from their fellow creatures shift, living things change. Death and even extinction of populations and species are a natural part of this process of change. But that reality does not mean that humans should accelerate extinction through our activities.

Our understanding of God as One, yet three persons, is a divine picture of diversity in community. Each person of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Spirit, gives to and receives from the others, in a community of exchange we call love. What is true of God may then be seen to be true of the community of life which God has loved into being and sustains through love. While each creature has its dignity, in life and in death, in struggle and in beauty, all creatures in their diversity, including human beings, are held in community with one another.

There is no doubt that human beings have changed the earth’s cycles, surface, and creatures by our activities. We have managed and bred for our use and enjoyment some plants and animals, and destroyed the habitats of others. We have extracted minerals, fossil fuels, and soils; and have been careless with our use of extracted water. We have preserved some biomes for their scenic beauty, but ignored the ecological services provided by others. We have trawled the bottom of the seas and used them as a trash repository. A growing and increasingly urban population’s hunger for food, clothing, shelter, and fuel is taking its toll, despite ongoing efforts to slow the loss of traditional rural wisdom about conservation and creation care. Human migration has fostered the spread of invasive species that displace native species, just as human migrants have often displaced indigenous peoples.

Scientists and activists We may disagree about what is the greatest threat to human survival on the planet. Should the scarcity of water for drinking and sanitation be our biggest concern, or the challenge to feed a hungry world in an ecologically sustainable way? And which of our excesses put the whole planet in the greatest peril? Is it climate change or the loss of biodiversity that poses the greatest threat to the resilience of life on earth?

Ecologists understand that while entry points for concern and action vary, All these issues are interrelated. In agriculture, to take an example from our managed environment, resilience in the face of climate change will depend on better stewardship of water and increased preservation of the diversity of seed stock available for developing improved crops, while those engaged in agriculture continue to assess their contribution to greenhouse gases, polluted waste water, and soil erosion, and how all these negative impacts on the environment can be decreased.

There have been and will continue to be unintended consequences for our environment due to our choices and behaviors, but study and prayer can help us to become more conscious of the human impact on our planet. As we consider the risen and ascended Christ drawing all things to their perfection in himself, indeed drawing the cosmos into the heart of God in that process the Eastern Church calls “deification,” we find reason for hope and an impetus for the renewing and reconciling of our relationships within the creation of which we are a part.

Supplemental Materials, p. 251:
The Rogation Days are traditionally observed on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day. They may, however, be observed on other days, depending on local conditions and the convenience of the congregation. In ancient times, In the late medieval church, the observance
consisted of an outdoor procession that culminated in a special celebration of the Eucharist. Prayers might be offered for the city and the neighborhood, for all who labor, for the fruitfulness of the land and waters; and for deliverance in time of war, disaster, or epidemic disease. The Church of England and the colonial Anglican Church in North America retained the idea of rogation processions, but it was not until the 1928 Book of Common Prayer that American prayer books contained lessons and collects for these days. The term from which this observance is drawn is the Latin rogare, meaning “to ask.”

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider these liturgical materials for inclusion in a revised edition of the Book of Occasional Services.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #14 on HB Message #49 on Resolution A062 (Address Christian Anti-Judaism) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #150)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A062)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue to collect, review, and disseminate materials to address Christian anti-Judaism expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #15 on HB Message #51 on Resolution A055 (Revise Liturgical Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #179)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A055)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following deletions from the Calendar and liturgical propers set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

4/12  Adoniram Judson, Missionary to Burma, 1850
4/22  John Muir, Naturalist and Writer, 1914, and Hudson Stuck, Priest and Environmentalist, 1920
7/1   Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896
7/12  Nathan Soderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931
7/13  Conrad Weiser, Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760
8/23  Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606 [retaining Martin de Porres, 1639, and Rosa de Lima, 1617, Witnesses to the Faith in South America]
9/3   Prudence Crandall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890
9/8   Nikolai Grundtvig, Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872
9/8   Soren Kierkegaard, Teacher and Philosopher, 1855
10/19 William Carey, Missionary to India, 1834
12/10 Karl Barth, Pastor and Theologian, 1968
12/15 John Horden, Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893
12/15 Robert McDonald, Priest, 1913
12/17 William Lloyd Garrison, 1879 [retaining Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witness]
12/19 Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following additions to the Calendar set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

7/26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938
8/18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969
9/4 Albert Schweitzer, 1965
9/18 Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, 1961
9/24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, 1947
10/24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention authorize for trial use the new and revised collects for commemorations as found in the Blue Book.

Add to Revised Collects and Commemorations:

Page 164:
July 26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938
I: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church standing firm in the witness of thy Son and following the good example of thy servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through thy Son Jesus Christ who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, One God, now and forever. Amen.
II: Grant, we pray, merciful God, that your Church standing firm in the witness of your Son and following the good example of your servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through your Son Jesus Christ who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Page 166:
August 18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969
I: O God, by thy Holy Spirit thou dost give gifts to thy people so that they might faithfully serve thy Church and the world: We give praise to thee for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in thy servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom thou didst call far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We give thanks to thee for thy blessing and prospering of her life’s work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where thou dost send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
II: O God, by your Holy Spirit, you give gifts to your people so that they might faithfully serve your Church and the world: We thank you for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in your servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom you called far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We thank you for blessing and prospering her life’s work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Page 167:
September 4 Albert Schweitzer, 1965
I: O God, who didst endow thy servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire thy Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to thee that all our works might be done to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
II: O God, who endowed your servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire your Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to you that all our works might be done to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Page 168:

September 18  Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld, 1961
I: Almighty God who hast exalted thy humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Enkindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as thou didst within thy servant Dag Hammarskjöld and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Almighty God who exalted your humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Kindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as you did within your servant Dag Hammarskjöld and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

September 24  Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, 1947
I: O God, who didst call Anna Alexander as a deaconess in thy Church, sending her as a teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever thou dost send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment thou dost intend for thy people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen

II: O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen

Page 169:

October 24  Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986
I: Almighty God who hast reconciled the world unto thyself through Christ: Entrust to thy church the ministry of reconciliation as thou didst to thy servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim thy love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Almighty God who has reconciled the world to yourself through Christ: Entrust to your church the ministry of reconciliation as you did to your servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim your love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #16 on HB Message #52 on Resolution A057 (Create Additional Liturgical Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #178)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A057)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to review the following persons in light of the criteria adopted by this General Convention:
1/3 Gladys Aylward
1/4 Thomas Atkinson
1/5 Amma Syncletica of Alexandria
1/12 Caesaria of Arles
1/30 Charles Stuart, King and Martyr, 1649
1/31 Marcella
2/10 Scholastica, Religious, 543
4/3 Katherine Drexel
4/3 Mary of Egypt
4/17 Kateri Tekakwitha
4/22 Maria Gabriella Sagheddu
4/30 Marie de l'Incarnation, Educator and Spiritual Teacher in New France, 1672
5/21 Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330
7/11 Olga of Kiev
7/23 Bridget of Sweden, Founder of Bridgettine Order, 1373
8/12 Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
9/28 Paula and Eustochium
10/3 Mother Theodore (Anne-Therese) Guerin, Religious, Educator, Prophetic Witness, 1856
10/12 Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845
11/5 Catherine of Alexandria
11/8 Elizabeth of the Trinity
11/16 Gertrude the Great and Mechtilde of Hackeborn
11/29 Dorothy Day
12/13 Ella Baker
Emily Ayckbrowm, Founder of the Sisters of the Community of the Church, 1870
Kate Harwood Waller Barrett
Etheldred Berry
Mary McLeod Bethune
Louise De Koven Bowen, Hull House
Josephine Butler
Denzil A. Cartly
Anna Bessant Cassey, Peter Cassey, and Henrietta Lockwood
Rosa Judith Cisneros
Atilano Coco
Florence Converse
Ella Cara Deloria, Native American Poet and Writer
Helen Fuller
Ann Gream
Angelina and Sarah Grimké
Sister Margaret Hawk, Church Army, Native American Activist
Addie D. Waites Hunton
Satoko Kitahara
Susan Trevor Knapp, NY Training School for Deaconesses
Queen Liliʻuokalani
Eva Lee Matthews and Beatrice Henderson
Victoria Earle Matthews, Author and Settlement House Worker, 1907
Eleanor Laura McMain
Harriet O'Brien Monsell
Maria Montessori
Anna Newell, St. Margaret's House, Berkeley
Phoebe Palmer
Katherine Parr
Ellen Albertina Polyblank [Sister Albertina] & Elizabeth Ann Rogers [Sister Beatrice]
Richeldis of Faverches
Eleanor Roosevelt
Dorothy Sayers
Mary Kingsbury Simkovitch, Greenwich House, NYC
Therese of Lisieux
Adeline Blanchard Tyler
Ruth Elaine Younger (Mother Ruth, CHS); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention instruct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to create collects and biographies for those persons on this list who conform to the criteria and present these materials to the 79th General Convention for addition to “A Great Cloud of Witnesses,” with full explanation for those revisions; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,700 for the implementation of this resolution.

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #1 on HB Message #73 on Resolution B016 (Amend Canon I.8) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #154)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B016)
Resolved, The General Convention instructs the Church Pension Fund to study the feasibility of a mandatory, short-term disability plan for all lay employees of The Episcopal Church.
Resolved, The General Convention instructs the Church Pension Fund to report its findings and recommendations in this matter to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church no later than the final regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Council in 2016.

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #1 on HB Message #82 on Resolution C013 (Facilitate Dialogue on Climate Change and Divestment Strategy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #177)
Final Text of Resolution:
(C013)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recommit to oppose environmental racism, expressed in such ways as the locating of extraction, production, and disposal industries where they disproportionately harm neighborhoods inhabited by people of color and low income communities.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #3 on HB Message #80 on Resolution A091 (Affirm Work for Food Ministries and Food Security) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #181)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A091)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the work and projects being carried out across the Church in food ministry, including food pantries, feeding programs, community gardens, educational programs, and advocacy for programs that provide healthy, culturally appropriate food; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages the further development of Native and Indigenous community food programs, such as the program in Navajoland Area Mission that maintains and teaches traditional growing methods and food preparation techniques; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our understanding of the moral, cultural, and environmental relationships associated with food systems, through educational programs focused on: sustainability, equity, cultural diversity, and accessibility of all people to healthy food; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our commitments as Christian communities to address food insecurity, food-related health issues, and food-related environmental effects in our communities and nations, through new and creative community, regional, and ecumenical projects, such as school and community gardens, church garden tithing to food banks, involvement with migrant worker and farm worker ministries, and food-worker organizing; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to increase our involvement in advocacy for the development and maintenance of sustainable; equitable; culturally appropriate; and accessible food systems.

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #9 on Resolution A175 (Encourage the Ministry of the Development Office) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A175)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention celebrates the continuing work of the Development Office of the Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention recognizes that the Development Office, through good stewardship of its resources, raised more than $7,000,000 during this past triennium to support the ministries of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention encourages the Development Office to continue to cultivate relationships and connect the passions of our donors with the needs of the wider church, so that “greater works than these” may flourish.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #155)

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #9 on Resolution A105 (Consider Financial Assistance for Deputies Attending the 79th General Convention) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A105)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider establishing a fund for assistance for Deputies from dioceses with financial need, to be administered by the General Convention Office, to ensure that in each Diocese, at least two Deputies from each Order may attend the 79th General Convention.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #156)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #10 on Resolution D066 (Worship Offerings at General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D066)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon worship planners of all Eucharists at this and all future General Conventions of The Episcopal Church to make provision for the taking of an offering as directed by the rubrics of The Book of Common Prayer, page 361 as “Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon or Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar;” and be it further
Resolved, That these offerings be designated toward the goals of the Five Marks of Mission, particularly “in responding to human need in loving service.”

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon worship planners of all Eucharists at this and all future General Conventions of The Episcopal Church to make provision for the taking of an offering as directed by the rubrics of The Book of Common Prayer, page 361 as “Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon or Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar;” and be it further
Resolved, That these offerings be designated by the Presiding Officers of the General Convention toward the goals of the Five Marks of Mission, particularly "in responding to respond to human need in by loving service." and that the designation be noted in the daily worship bulletin.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #157)

End of Consent Calendar

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #21 on Resolution B015 (Triennial Funding for the Board of Examining Chaplains) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B015)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation for the General Board of Examining Chaplains for the 2016-2018 Triennium as follows:

2016
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $33,675
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000

2017
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $35,685
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000

2018
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $38,055
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000; and be it further

Resolved, That given this level of funding from the General Convention 2016-2018 budget, the General Board of Examining Chaplains requests that the fee for the General Ordination Examination be set at $500; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $161,415 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation for the General Board of Examining Chaplains for the 2016-2018 Triennium as follows:

2016
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $33,675
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000

2017
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $35,685
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000
2018
General Ordination Exam Administration, Evaluation, and Office Expenses $38,055
Annual Meeting of the Board $18,000; and be it further Resolved, That given this level of funding from the General Convention 2016-2018 budget, the General Board of Examining Chaplains requests that the fee for the General Ordination Examination be set at $500; and be it further Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of allocate $161,415 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #129)

Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse presented its Report #3 on Resolution A159 (The Role of the Church in the Culture of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A159)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recognize that the field of substance use disorders and addiction has advanced substantially since 1985 when the 68th General Convention passed the current policy, acknowledging that alcohol use, addiction and recovery all involve biological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions. In addition, we acknowledge the adverse social, economic, environmental, and spiritual impact of substance use disorders and addiction on communities of marginalized people at home and abroad; and be it further Resolved, That the Church, respecting the dignity of every human being, has a moral and ethical responsibility to:

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recognize that the field of substance use disorders and addiction has advanced substantially since 1985 when the 68th General Convention passed the current policy, acknowledging that alcohol use, addiction and recovery all involve biological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions; and be it further Resolved, That, as Holy Baptism is the entrance to the life of wholeness and holiness and addiction disrupts relationships with God, others, and ourselves, impairing body, mind, and spirit, the Church, respecting the dignity of every human being, has a moral and ethical responsibility to:
4. Advocate for public funding and health insurance coverage for prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery, and collaborate with qualified community resources offering these services, and to respond with pastoral care and accountability.; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirms the need for exercising a healing ministry to all whose lives are affected by addiction and encourages all members of The Episcopal Church to pursue healing in their personal, professional, relational and vocational lives, and to seek help at the first sign of the disease of addiction; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge that the epidemic of addiction in the United States has a severely adverse social, economic, environmental, and spiritual impact on all communities, and presents particular challenges to communities of marginalized people at home and abroad; and be it further

Resolved, The Episcopal Church directs dioceses to work in partnership with The Episcopal Church Medical Trust, Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church, and community-based organizations in order to address most effectively prevention, intervention/diversion, education, advocacy, treatment, and recovery, including developing a list of trained therapists and consultants who are available to assist clergy and laity in this education process.

Deputy Rios of the Convocation of Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To strike "in the United States" in the fourth Resolve.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #134)

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse presented its Report #2 on Resolution A158 (Task Force to Review and Revise Policy on Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Recovery) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A158)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention establish a Task Force to review and revise policy on substance abuse, addiction and recovery in order that The Episcopal Church will take a proactive stance regarding addiction prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will collaborate with recovery ministries of The Episcopal Church to create model policies for dioceses, congregations, worshiping communities and other Episcopal Church organizations, suggest best practices for policy implementation and education using culturally-competent curriculum offered in multiple languages. These policies and curriculum will be made available online to the entire church and in a template that can be easily adapted to the local contexts in which it will be implemented; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will include no more than eighteen members. It is expected that it will include at least two bishops, two sitting diocesan chancellors, representatives from the other two clerical orders, two Canons to the Ordinary or senior diocesan officers, four laity amongst whom will be represented qualified mental health, healthcare, public health and/or addiction professionals, and
a representative from the Church Medical Trust. This Task Force will do its work in consultation with Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $75,000 to implement this resolution. That this Task Force will complete its work within one year of its formation; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the work of the Task Force take into account, incorporate, but not be limited to the following:

1. the baptismal life of wholeness and holiness;
2. that the Church’s responsibility spans the spectrum of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery in terms of theology, pastoral care and accountability;
3. take into account church polity and governance;
4. that diocese and congregations are meant to be places of healing and safety;
5. addiction is a disease that has mental, physical, and spiritual aspects;
6. the Church’s role in providing lifelong formation & resources for clergy and laity;
7. the Church benefits from partnerships with community-based organizations;
8. The use of alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances in the local context must be addressed; and be it further

**Resolved,** That all dioceses, congregations, worshiping communities and other Episcopal Church organizations will immediately review and update existing policies utilizing the resources of Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church as needed while this task force is conducting its work.

**Committee Substitute:**

**Resolved,** the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge The Episcopal Church’s long-standing tolerance for the use of alcohol which, in some cases, has contributed to its misuse, and has undermined a climate of wholeness and holiness for all; that our Church culture too often avoids hard conversations about alcohol use, and the role of forgiveness and compassion in healing and recovery; and that The Episcopal Church now commits to create a new normal in our relationship with alcohol. We aspire to be a place in which conversations about alcohol, substance misuse, or addiction are not simply about treatment but about renewal, justice, wholeness, and healing. We affirm that Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church has long been and continues to be a valuable resource for this work; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the 78th Convention adopt the following policy on alcohol and other substance misuse and encourage dioceses, congregations, seminaries, schools, young adult ministries, and affiliated institutions to update their policies on the use of alcohol and other substances with the potential for misuse. These policies should consider the following:

1. The Church must provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.
2. All applicable federal, state and local laws should be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
3. Some dioceses and congregations may decide not to serve alcohol at events or gatherings. Others may decide to permit a limited use of alcoholic beverages at church-sponsored events. Both can be appropriate if approached mindfully.
4. When alcohol is served, it must be monitored and those showing signs of intoxication must not be served. Whenever alcohol is served, the rector, vicar, or priest-in-charge must appoint an adult to oversee its serving. That adult must not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of his or her execution of his or her responsibilities. If hard liquor is served, a certified server is required.
5. Serving alcoholic beverages at congregational events where minors are present is strongly discouraged. If minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.

6. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages must be clearly labeled as such. Food prepared with alcohol does not need to be labeled provided the alcohol is completely evaporated by the cooking process; however, it is recommended that even in this case the use of alcohol in cooking be noted on a label.

7. Whenever alcohol is served, appealing non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.

8. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church events should not be publicized as an attraction of the event, e.g. “wine and cheese reception,” “cocktail party,” “theology on tap,” and “beer and wine tasting.”

9. Food must be served when alcohol is present.

10. The groups or organizations sponsoring the activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from the clergy and the vestry. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and must provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired. Consulting with liability insurance carriers is advised.

11. Recognizing the effects of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, alcoholic beverages shall not be served when the business of the Church is being conducted.

12. Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.

13. We encourage clergy to acknowledge the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind and consider providing a non-alcoholic alternative.; and be it further

Resolved, That, mindful of the emerging legalization of other addictive substances and the increasing rise of addiction, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church provide for the ready availability, implementation, and continuing development of this policy church-wide, in consultation and coordination with Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church.

Deputy Smith of the Convocation of Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To amend the resolution to read:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge The Episcopal Church's long-standing tolerance for the use of alcohol which, in some cases, has contributed to its misuse, and has undermined a climate of wholeness and holiness for all; that our Church culture too often avoids hard conversations about alcohol use, and the role of forgiveness and compassion in healing and recovery; and that The Episcopal Church now commits to create a new normal in our relationship with alcohol. We aspire to be a place in which conversations about alcohol, substance misuse, or addiction are not simply about treatment but about renewal, justice, wholeness, and healing. We affirm that Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church has long been and continues to be a valuable resource for this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th Convention adopt the following policy on alcohol and other substance misuse and encourage dioceses, congregations, seminaries, schools, young adult ministries, and affiliated institutions to update their policies on the use of alcohol and other substances with the potential for misuse. These policies should consider the following:

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7. Whenever alcohol is served, appealing non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.

8. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church events should not be publicized as an attraction of the event, e.g. “wine and cheese reception,” “cocktail party,” “theology on tap,” and “beer and wine tasting.”

9. Food must be served when alcohol is present.

10. The groups or organizations sponsoring the activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from the clergy and the vestry. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired. Consulting with liability insurance carriers is advised.

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12. Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.

13. We encourage clergy to acknowledge the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind and consider providing a non-alcoholic alternative.; and be it further

Resolved, that, mindful of the emerging legalization of other addictive substances and the increasing rise of addiction, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church provide for the ready availability, implementation, and continuing development of this policy church-wide, in consultation and coordination with Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Berlenbach of Pennsylvania moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
Amend section 8 and add a new section 9:
8. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church events should not be publicized as an attraction of the event, e.g. “wine and cheese reception,” “cocktail party,” “theology on tap,” and “beer and wine tasting.”
9. Ministries inside or outside of congregations will make certain that alcohol consumption is not the focus of the ministry and that drinking alcohol is not an exclusively normative activity.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the amendment.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  
Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

Point of Order
Deputy Anderson of Michigan inquired as to the appropriateness of a deputy asking a certain group of deputies to stand to make the deputy's point without first acquiring the group of deputies' permission. The President took the point in advisement.

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:  
In number 10, strike "and" and replace it with "or" to read, "...must have permission from the clergy or the vestry."

Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

The President announced that the time for debate on Resolution A158 had ended. A vote was taken on the resolution.  
Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #148)

Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Episcopal Relief & Development
The President invited Mr. Robert Radtke, president of Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) to the House. Mr. Radtke addressed the House to make remarks on the 75th anniversary of Episcopal Relief & Development and to give thanks for the support and generosity from which ERD has benefitted. The President recognized deputies, dioceses, and other individuals who worked tirelessly to raise money for ERD this past year. It was announced that the House had raised $121,621 for ERD.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Glosson of San Diego rose to commend the House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse for its hard work and thanked the Union of Black Episcopalians for its support during his own journey. Deputy Glosson then requested a healing service as part of the General Convention.
**Personal Privilege**

Deputy Exner of New Hampshire thanked the President for allowing the alternates to take part in the small group discussions with their deputations during the morning’s Joint Session.

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #14 on Resolution D029 (Give Thanks for the Ministry of David Booth Beers) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D029)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recognize and give thanks for the extraordinary ministry to The Episcopal Church of David Booth Beers, who has served for twenty-three years as Chancellor to three successive Presiding Bishops and who has demonstrated personal courage, fortitude, leadership, compassion, creativity, and due diligence in advancing the interests of The Episcopal Church.

*Motion carried*
*Resolution adopted*

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #151)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on Resolution D059 (Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D059)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church join the Diocese of Pittsburgh in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese’s admission to union with the General Convention, and acknowledge the many ways that the Diocese has been an innovator in the service of God and the Church, including Pittsburgh’s leadership in radio broadcasts of religious services, the formation of the United Thank Offering and the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the resilience of the Diocese in its recovery from schism and looks forward to its continuing heritage of innovation and leadership in the next 150 years.

*Motion carried*
*Resolution adopted*

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #152)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #15 on Resolution D078 (Commending Institute for Healing of Memories and the Rev. Fr. Michael Lapsley, SSM) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D078)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That The General Convention commends the Institute for Healing of Memories and its founder and Director, Fr. Michael Lapsley, SSM for their work and witness in North America and internationally. The Institute for Healing of Memories through its Healing of Memories workshops and other activities offers opportunities for reconciliation, forgiveness and spiritual healing to nations, communities and individuals; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirms that Institute for Healing for Memories and Fr. Lapsley, by offering opportunities for healing and reconciliation to people affected by torture, genocide, interpersonal violence, racism, war, incarceration, addiction and other trauma, exemplifies the Church’s fourth Mark of Mission: “To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation”; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends Institute for Healing Memories - North America to its dioceses and congregations for consideration for partnership in mission.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commends the Institute for Healing of Memories and its founder and Director, Fr. Michael Lapsley, SSM for their work and witness in North America and internationally. The Institute for Healing of Memories which, through its Healing of Memories workshops and other related activities offers opportunities for reconciliation, forgiveness and spiritual healing to nations, communities and individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirms that Institute for Healing for Memories and Fr. Lapsley by offering opportunities for healing and reconciliation to people affected by torture, genocide, interpersonal violence, racism, war, incarceration, addiction and other trauma, exemplifies thereby exemplifying the Church’s Fourth Mark of Mission: “To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation”; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commends the North American affiliate of the Institute for Healing of Memories, which is the Institute of Healing - North America to its, as a potential partner in mission for Church dioceses and their congregations for consideration for partnership in mission.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #153)

Recess
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:25 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:26 p.m.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Green of San Diego thanked the presiding officers of the House and the worship planners for taking up offerings at the Eucharists following his request that they do so.

Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province I for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Ballot #1 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Calvin Sanborn was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province I for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Ballot #1 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Sarah Ambrogi was elected.
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province II for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Canon Sandye A. Wilson was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province II for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Hon. Rose H. Sconiers was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province III for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Canon Anne Kitch was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province III for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. David Kilp was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province IV for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Jayne Pool was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province IV for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mrs. Matilda O. Kistler was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province V for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Ronald C. Byrd, Sr. was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province V for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Pam Chapman was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province VI for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Christopher A. Johnson was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province VI for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Twilla Two Bulls was elected.
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province VII for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Dr. Mitzi George was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province VII for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Catherine Bailey was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province VIII for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Ken Brannon was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province VIII for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. Jeff Diehl was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province IX for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Canon Cristóbal León Lozano was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province IX for the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Sra. Grecia Reynoso was elected.

**Special Order of Business**
The Secretary announced that it was time to take up the Special Order of Business as passed in Resolution X012. The Parliamentarian reminded the House of the content of the Special Order.

The House entered the time for clarifying questions directed to the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure.

At the end of the time set aside for clarifying questions, the President asked the House if they wished to permit the time for questions to be extended in order to accommodate those who had already signed into the queue.

**Motion carried**

Following the extended time for clarifying questions, the President declared the House at ease.

**Reconvene**
The President called the House to Order at 6:06 p.m.
Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #13 on Resolution A004 (Amend I.4.1-8 Restructure Executive Council) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A004)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title I, Canon 4, Sections 1-8, be stricken in their entirety and replaced to read as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) There shall be an Executive Council of the General Convention (which Council shall generally be called simply the Executive Council) whose duty it shall be to carry out the program and policies adopted by the General Convention. The Executive Council shall have charge of the coordination, development, and implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church.

(b) [Ed. note: original text of (b) not included in original text.]

(c) [Ed. note: original text of (c) not included in original text.]

Sec. 2 (a) Of the members to be elected by the General Convention, the Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies, and the Presbyters or Deacons and Lay Persons shall be elected by the House of Deputies subject to confirmation by the House of Bishops.

(b) Except in the case of members initially elected for shorter terms in order to achieve rotation of terms, the terms of office of the members of the Council (other than ex officii members) shall be equal to twice the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The terms of office of all members shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were elected or, in the case of election by a Synod, upon the adjournment of the first regular meeting of General Convention following such election. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Council in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Chair for good cause. Members shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. No person who has served at least three consecutive years on the Executive Council shall be eligible for immediate re-election for a term of more than three years. After any person shall have served six consecutive years on the Executive Council, a period of three years shall elapse before such person shall be eligible for re-election to the Council.

(c) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the death or resignation of a member elected by the General Convention or through the change in status of any such member by consecration or ordination, the Council shall fill such vacancy by the election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the General Convention. The General Convention shall elect a suitable person to serve the portion of any term which will remain unexpired.

(d) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the failure of any Provincial Synod to elect a member, or through the death, resignation, or removal from the Province of any such member, the President and Provincial Council of the Province shall appoint a suitable person, canonically resident in such Province, to serve until the Provincial Synod shall by election fill the vacancy.

(e) The Council shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by Canon, and such further powers as may be designated by the General Convention, and between sessions of the General Convention may initiate and develop such new work as it may deem necessary. It may, subject to the provision of this Canon, enact By-laws for its own government and the government of its several departments.

(f) In its capacity as the Board of Directors of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Council shall have the power to direct the disposition of the moneys and other property of said Society in accordance with the provisions of this Canon and the orders and budgets adopted or approved by the General Convention.
The Council shall elect the Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no other procedure is provided. Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for Standing Commissions in Canon I.1.2 (j) and (k), and shall provide comprehensive written or oral reports to Executive Council at Council’s next meeting following each meeting of the ACC.

Sec. 3 (a) The Presiding Bishop shall be ex officio the Chair and President. The Chair and President shall be the chief executive officer of the Executive Council and as such the Chair and President shall have ultimate responsibility for the oversight of the work of the Executive Council in the implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church as may be committed to the Executive Council by the General Convention.

(b) The President of the House of Deputies shall be ex officio Vice Chair.

(c) The Secretary of the General Convention shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council ex officio.

(d) The Presiding Bishop shall appoint, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Executive Council, an executive director, who shall be an adult confirmed communicant in good standing or a member of the clergy of this Church in good standing who shall be the chief operating officer and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Presiding Bishop and be accountable to the Presiding Bishop. If a vacancy should occur in the office of the executive director, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(e) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Council shall appoint a Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council, who may, but need not, be the same person as the Treasurer of the General Convention and who shall report and be accountable to the Chair of Executive Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair of the Executive Council. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(f) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall perform such other duties as are customary for such office and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and the By-laws of the Council. In the absence or at the request of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the By-laws of the Council.

(g) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Council shall elect a Joint Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of 6 members, one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Council Standing Committee with primary responsibility for financial matters, one from the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, and the remaining four shall be members of the Church at large, having experience in general business practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall designate the Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council and the Society.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The operations of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review,
at least annually, the Committee's Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

(h) The Executive Council shall establish by its By-laws such Standing Committees of the Executive Council, consisting of its own members, as shall be deemed appropriate and necessary by the Executive Council for the discharge of its duties, the members of which are to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice Chair and appointed by the Council. Any other Committee of Executive Council will cease to exist at the close of the next General Convention following its creation unless otherwise extended. The Council may also establish such other Committees, which may include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to The Episcopal Church. Executive Council may revoke, rescind, or modify the mandate or charter of any Executive Council Committee not otherwise created by Canon.

(i) The additional officers, agents and employees of the Council shall be such and shall perform such duties as the Council, upon the recommendation and under the authority and direction of the Chair and President, may from time to time designate.

Sec. 4 (a) The Council shall meet at such place, and at such stated times, at least three times each year, as it shall appoint and at such other times as it may be convened. The Council shall be convened at the request of the President, or on the written request of any nine members thereof.

(b) A majority of the elected members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council. No action shall be taken in the name of the Council except when a quorum, so defined, is present and voting.

Sec. 5. With the exception of the salary of the President, the salaries of all officers of the Council and of all agents and employees of the Council shall be fixed by the Council and paid by the Treasurer.

Sec. 6 (a) The Executive Council shall submit to the General Convention at each regular session thereof the Budget for the Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention.

(b) The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a Canonical and corporate portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President’s office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices.

(c) The budget proposed for adoption by the General Convention shall include provision for support for the Program of the Episcopal Church. The program so submitted shall include a detailed budget of that part of the program for which it proposes to make appropriations for the ensuing year, and estimated budgets for the succeeding portion of the budgetary period.

(d) Revenue to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single asking of the Dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget, and Finance process. If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget.

(e) After the preparation of the budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed askings necessary to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church. The Executive Council shall also submit to the General Convention, with the budget, a plan for the askings of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the budget.
(f) There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the Budget for the Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention. The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the budget and estimated budgets approved by the Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6 (d) of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

(g) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a Budget for the Episcopal Church and the planned askings for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total askings to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church.

(h) Each Diocese shall thereupon notify each Parish and Mission of the amount of the askings of such Diocese. Each Diocese shall present to each Parish and Mission a total objective which shall include both its share of the proposed Diocesan Budget and its share of the asking of the Diocese by the Executive Council in accordance with the plan adopted by the General Convention.

(i) Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial information as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council.

(j) Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following:

1. dissolution of the congregation;
2. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or VI.2 of the Constitution;
3. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
4. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

Sec. 7 (a) Every Missionary Bishop or, in case of a vacancy, the Bishop in charge of the jurisdiction, receiving aid from the Council, shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of work performed, of money received from all sources and disbursed for all purposes, and of the state of the Church in the jurisdiction at the date of such report, all in such form as the Council may prescribe.

(b) Every Bishop of a Diocese receiving aid from the Council shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of the work in the Diocese supported in whole or in part by the Council.

Sec. 8. The Council, as soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, shall make and publish a full report of its work to the Church. Such report shall contain an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements and a statement of all trust funds and other property of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and of all other trust funds and property in its possession or under its control. The Council shall make a like report, including a detailed schedule of the salaries paid to all officers, agents, and principal employees, to each General Convention.

Sec. 1 (a) There shall be an Executive Council of the General Convention (which Council shall generally be called simply the Executive Council, or the Council) whose duty it shall be to oversee the execution of the program and policies adopted by the General Convention. As Executive Council, and also in its capacity as Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Executive Council shall have oversight of the work done by the Presiding Bishop and the Society. The Executive Council
shall also have oversight responsibility for the work of the Office of General Convention, and the Executive Officer of General Convention shall report directly to the Executive Council. In such capacities, the Council shall have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the moneys and other property of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in accordance with the provisions of this Canon and the resolutions, orders, and budgets adopted or approved by the General Convention. It shall also have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the moneys of the Office of General Convention. The Council shall adopt procedures it deems appropriate for approval of expenditures by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Office of General Convention.

(b) The Executive Council shall be accountable to the General Convention and shall render a full, published report concerning the work of the bodies for which it has oversight responsibility to each meeting of the General Convention. The report shall include information on the implementation of all resolutions adopted in the previous General Convention calling for action by the Executive Council, the Presiding Bishop, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Office of General Convention.

(c) The Executive Council shall be composed of 19 members elected by the General Convention, of whom 10 shall be elected at General Convention in even-numbered years, and nine shall be elected at General Convention in odd-numbered years. The Executive Council shall include one elected member from each of the nine Provinces; at least three Bishops, five presbyters or deacons, and eleven lay persons; and the rules of order of the General Convention shall structure the voting for Council members so as to assure that this minimum distribution of Provinces and Orders is achieved. The Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Deputy shall be ex officis members on the Executive Council, with seat, voice, and vote.

(d) The Executive Council shall appoint a Governance Committee from among its members to assist the Council to (i) advise the Standing Committee on Search and Nominations annually in November on what skills are needed on the Executive Council to enable it to function with maximum effectiveness, and whether those skills are at that time represented on the Executive Council, and (ii) create a charter that describes the skills requisite for service on the Executive Council.

(e) The Executive Council members elected by General Convention shall be elected from among candidates nominated by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations established by the Rules of Order. The Synod of each Province shall, within six months before General Convention, submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations the names of up to six persons from its Province, including at least one from each of the three Orders, to be considered as a nominee for Executive Council. In considering candidates for nomination, the Standing Committee shall consider the skills, gifts, and experience needed by the Executive Council in discharging its responsibilities under this Canon; the value of cultural and geographic diversity on the Council; the input received from the Executive Council; and the value of including historically underrepresented voices in the governance of the Church. The Standing Committee shall present a slate of nominees that includes at least six Bishops, ten presbyters or deacons, and twenty-two lay persons. Nominees for Executive Council are not required to be Deputies. There shall not be nominations for Executive Council positions from the floor of General Convention.

(f) The Presiding Bishop shall be the Chair of Executive Council, and the Presiding Deputy shall be the Vice Chair of Executive Council.

(g) The Church General Manager, the Church Treasurer, the Church Legal Officer, the General Convention Executive Officer, and the Church Secretary shall be ex officiis members with seat and voice but no vote on the Executive Council.

(h) Except in the case of members initially elected for shorter terms in order to achieve rotation of terms, the terms of office of the members of the Council (other than ex officiis members) shall be equal to twice the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The terms of office of all members shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were elected. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Council in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless
excused by the Chair and Vice Chair for good cause. Members shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. No person who has served at least three consecutive years on the Executive Council shall be eligible for immediate re-election for a term of more than three years. After any person shall have served six consecutive years on the Executive Council, a period of three years shall elapse before such person shall be eligible for re-election to the Council.

(i) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through death, resignation, disability, or other reason, the Council shall fill such vacancy by the election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the General Convention. If the vacancy results in no member of Executive Council from a Province, the Council shall elect a person from that Province to fill the vacancy until the next General Convention. The General Convention shall elect a suitable person to serve the portion of any term that will remain unexpired from among nominees selected in the manner provided in this Canon.

(j) The Council shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by Canon, and such further powers as may be designated by the General Convention. It may, subject to the provisions of this Canon, enact procedures for its own committees.

(k) The Council shall elect the Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no other procedure is provided. Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for Standing Commissions in Canon I.1.2 (j) and (k), and shall provide comprehensive written reports to Executive Council at Council’s next meeting following each meeting of the ACC.

(l) The Presiding Deputy shall serve as a Vice President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Presiding Deputy shall be ex officio Vice Chair of Council.

(m) The Secretary of the General Convention shall be ex officio the Secretary of Council.

(n) Upon joint nomination of the Presiding Officers, the Council shall appoint a Church General Manager for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, who shall be an adult confirmed communicant in good standing or a member of the clergy of this Church in good standing who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Presiding Bishop. If a vacancy should occur in the office of the Church General Manager, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(o) Upon joint nomination of the Presiding Officers, the Council shall appoint a Treasurer for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, who may, but need not, be the same person as the Treasurer of the General Convention and who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Presiding Bishop. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner. The Treasurer shall function as both treasurer and the chief financial officer of DFMS.

(p) Upon joint nomination of the Presiding Officers, the Council shall appoint a Church Legal Officer for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Presiding Bishop. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(q) The officers and staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall assist the Presiding Bishop in carrying out the work of the Church.

(r) Upon joint nomination of the Presiding Officers, the Council shall appoint a General Convention Executive Officer, who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Executive Council. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner. Unless otherwise directed by Executive Council, the supporting staff of the General Convention Executive Officer shall include the functions of a Secretary and a Treasurer of the General Convention and those of a Manager of the General Convention. The General Convention Executive Officer shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the Standing Committees specifically funded by the General Convention Expense Budget.

(s) The Executive Council, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its entire membership, may elect to terminate the employment of the Church General Manager, Church Treasurer, Church Legal Officer, or
General Convention Executive Officer. In that event, a successor shall be appointed in the manner set out in this Canon for appointments to those positions.

(t) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall perform such other duties as are customary for such office, and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and the bylaws of the Council. In the absence or at the request of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the bylaws of the Council.

(u) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Council shall elect an Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members: one from the Executive Council committee with primary responsibility for financial matters; one from the Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance; and the remaining four from members of the Church-at-large having experience in general business and financial practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. Annually the Audit Committee shall elect a Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council. Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee’s Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

(v) The Executive Council may establish by its bylaws such Standing Committees, consisting of its own members, as shall be appropriate and necessary for the discharge of its duties, the members of which are to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice Chair and appointed by the Council. The Council may also establish such other Committees and ad hoc working groups or task forces, which may include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to the Church. Unless otherwise provided in the procedures adopted by Executive Council, each Committee of Executive Council will cease to exist at the close of the next General Convention following its creation unless extended by Executive Council. Executive Council may revoke, rescind, or modify the mandate or charter of any Executive Council Committee not otherwise created by Canon.

(w) The Executive Council shall have a budget approved by General Convention for its work and the necessary expenses of its members and Committees. The Executive Council shall establish policies and procedures for managing and handling disbursements of funds from this budget.

Sec. 4 (a) [sic] The Council shall meet at such place, and at such stated times, at least three times each year, as it shall appoint and at such other times as it may be convened. The Council shall be convened at the request of the Chair, or on the written request of any five members thereof.

(b) A majority of the elected members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council. No action shall be taken in the name of the Council except when a quorum, so defined, is present and voting. A member may participate in, and vote at, Council meeting by means of technology where all participants may hear one another simultaneously and according to procedures and guidelines set forth in the Council bylaws.

Sec. 5. Members of Executive Council shall be entitled to reimbursement for their reasonable expenses of attending meetings, in accordance with procedures established and approved by Executive Council.
Except as determined by General Convention, the salaries of all officers of the Council and of all agents and employees of the Council and the Society shall be fixed by the Council.

Sec. 6 (a) The Executive Council shall submit to the General Convention at each regular session thereof a proposed budget for the Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The Church Treasurer, supported by his or her staff, shall be responsible for preparing drafts of the proposed budget for review and approval of Executive Council.

(b) The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall provide for the expenses of the General Convention, the expenses of the mission and ministry programs of the Church and of its administration, the stipends and expenses of the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Deputy, together with the necessary expenses of those offices, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments.

(c) Revenue to support the budget for The Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single assessment of the Dioceses of the Church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget, and Finance process. If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Executive Council shall make appropriate spending adjustments as faithful as possible to the budget adopted by General Convention.

(d) After the preparation of the proposed budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the General Convention convenes, transmit to the Bishop of each diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed assessments necessary to support the proposed budget. The Executive Council shall also submit to the General Convention, with the proposed budget, a plan for the assessments of the respective dioceses of the sum needed to fund a balanced budget.

(e) A diocese that neglects or fails to pay its assessment according to the budget adopted by General Convention shall be subject to such reduction of any Church program funds designated for the diocese as the Executive Council may approve, taking into account the diocese’s particular circumstances.

(f) The General Convention shall consider and take appropriate action on the proposed budget presented to it.

(g) The Council shall have the power to approve, in accordance with such written procedures as it may deem prudent, expenditures of all sums of money covered by the budget and estimated budgets approved by the Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention. It shall also have power to approve other initiatives proposed by the Presiding Bishop or otherwise considered by Council between meetings of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council are prudent and which the Church revenues will be adequate to support.

(h) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a budget and the diocesan assessments for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each diocese of its share of the total assessments to support the budget for the Episcopal Church.

(i) Each diocese shall thereupon notify each Parish and Mission of the amount of the assessments of such diocese. Each diocese shall present to each Parish and Mission a total objective which shall include both its share of the proposed Diocesan Budget and its share of the assessment of the diocese by the Executive Council in accordance with the plan adopted by the General Convention.

(j) Each diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council.

(k) Each diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following:

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address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
(4) merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case the diocese shall
include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location
and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.
Sec. 7 (a) Every Missionary Bishop or, in case of a vacancy, the Bishop in charge of the jurisdiction,
receiving aid from the General Convention budget, shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the
Council, giving account of work performed, of money received from all sources and disbursed for all
purposes, and of the state of the Church in the jurisdiction at the date of such report, all in such form as
the Council may prescribe.
(b) Every Bishop of a diocese receiving aid from the General Convention budget shall report at the close
of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of the work in the diocese supported in whole or in part
by that aid.
Sec. 8. The Council, as soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, shall cause to be prepared
and publish a full report of the work of the Executive Council, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary
Society, and the General Convention Office to the Church. Such report shall contain an itemized
statement of all receipts and disbursements and a statement of all trust funds and other property of
The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and of all other trust funds and property in its possession
or under its oversight responsibility. The report shall include a schedule of the salaries paid to all officers
of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title I, Canon 4, Sections 1-5, be stricken in their
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of the work done by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in its capacity as its Board of Directors.
The Council shall have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the funds and other property of
the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in accordance with the provisions of this Canon and the
resolutions, orders, and budgets adopted or approved by the General Convention. The Executive Council
shall also have oversight responsibility for the work of the Office of General Convention and the
Executive Officer of General Convention who shall report directly to the Executive Council. It shall also
have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the moneys of the Office of General Convention. The
Council shall adopt procedures it deems appropriate for approval of expenditures by the Domestic and
Foreign Missionary Society and the Office of General Convention.
(b) The Executive Council shall be accountable to the General Convention and shall render a full,
published report concerning the work of the bodies for which it has oversight responsibility to each
meeting of the General Convention. The report shall include information on the implementation of all
resolutions adopted in the previous General Convention calling for action by the Executive Council, the
Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Office of General Convention.
(c) The Council shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by Canon, and such further powers as may be
designated by the General Convention, and between sessions of the General Convention may initiate and
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(d) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of 20 members elected by the General Convention, of
whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and 12 shall be Lay Persons who are
confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two Bishops, two Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay
Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of 18
members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following ex officiis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

(e) The Executive Council shall appoint a committee from among its members to assist the Council to (i) advise the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations and the Provincial Councils on what skills, gifts and experience are needed on the Executive Council to enable it to function with maximum effectiveness, and whether those skills are at that time represented on the Executive Council, and (ii) create a description of the skills, gifts and experience requisite for service on the Executive Council, including the value of cultural and geographic diversity on the Council and the value of including historically underrepresented voices in the governance of the Church.

(f) Of the Executive Council members elected by the General Convention, the Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies, and the Presbyters or Deacons and Lay Persons shall be elected by the House of Deputies subject to confirmation by the House of Bishops.

(g) Except in the case of members initially elected for shorter terms in order to achieve rotation of terms, the terms of office of the members of the Council (other than ex officiis members) shall be equal to twice the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The terms of office of all members shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were elected or, in the case of election by a Synod, upon the adjournment of the first regular meeting of General Convention following such election. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Council in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Chair or Vice Chair for good cause. Members shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. No person who has served at least three consecutive years on the Executive Council shall be eligible for immediate re-election for a term of more than three years. After any person shall have served six consecutive years on the Executive Council, a period of three years shall elapse before such person shall be eligible for re-election to the Council.

(h) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through death, resignation, disability, or other reason, with respect to a member elected by the General Convention, the Council shall fill such vacancy by the election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the General Convention.

(i) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the failure of any Provincial Synod to elect a member, or through the death, resignation, or removal from the Province of any such member, the Provincial Council of the Province shall appoint a suitable person to serve until the Provincial Synod shall by election fill the vacancy.

Sec. 2. (a) The Presiding Bishop shall, ex officio, be the Chair and chief executive officer of the Executive Council, and as such, shall have ultimate responsibility for the oversight of the work of the Executive Council in the implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church as may be committed to the Executive Council by the General Convention.

(b) The President of the House of Deputies shall, ex officio, be the Vice-Chair of Executive Council.

(c) The Secretary of the General Convention shall be ex officio the Secretary of the Executive Council.

(d) The Treasurer of the General Convention shall be ex officio the Treasurer of the Executive Council.

(e) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall perform such other duties as are customary for such office, and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and the By-laws of the Council. In the absence of or at the request of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings of the
Council and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the By-laws of the Council.

(f) Upon joint nomination by the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Council shall appoint a Chief Operating Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Chair. If a vacancy should occur in the office of the Chief Operating Officer, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(g) Upon joint nomination by the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Council shall appoint a Chief Financial Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Chair. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(h) Upon joint nomination by the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Council shall appoint a Chief Legal Officer who shall function as general counsel and serve at the pleasure of, and report and be accountable to, the Chair. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.

(i) The Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council shall participate in an annual performance review conducted by the Chair, the results of which will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Executive Council.

(j) The Executive Council, by a two-thirds vote, may direct the Chair to no longer retain one or more of the Officers reviewed by the Chair in section 2(i).

(k) The Officers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Officers of the Executive Council, and a committee of six members of Executive Council who are not officers, shall engage in a mutual ministry review every eighteen months, facilitated by a consultant selected by the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

(l) The Council shall elect the Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no other procedure is provided in the Canons. Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for Standing Commissions in these Canons, and shall provide comprehensive written reports to Executive Council at the Council’s next meeting following each meeting of the ACC.

Sec. 3. Upon joint nomination of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall elect an Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members: one from the Executive Council committee with primary responsibility for financial matters; one from the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance; and the remaining four from members of the Church-at-large having experience in general business and financial practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. Annually the Audit Committee shall elect a Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council. Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee’s Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

Sec. 4. The Executive Council may establish by its By-laws Committees and ad hoc working groups or task forces, which may include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to the Church. All Committees and ad hoc working groups and task forces of Executive Council will cease to
exist at the close of the next General Convention following their creation unless extended by Executive Council. Executive Council may revoke, rescind, or modify the mandate or charter of all Executive Council Committees, ad hoc working groups and task forces not otherwise created by Canon.

Sec. 5. (a) The Council shall meet at such place, and at such stated times, at least three times each year, as it shall appoint and at such other times as it may be convened. The Council shall be convened at the request of the Chair, or on the written request of any five members of Council.

(b) A majority of the elected members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council. No action shall be taken in the name of the Council except when a quorum, so defined, is present and voting. A member may participate in, and vote at, Council meetings by means of technology where all participants may hear one another simultaneously and according to procedures and guidelines set forth in the Council By-laws.

(c) Members of Executive Council shall be entitled to reimbursement for their reasonable expenses of attending meetings, in accordance with procedures established and approved by Executive Council. Except as determined by General Convention, the salaries of all officers of the Council and of all agents and employees of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall be fixed by the Council.

During the time for debate, the President announced that the House would be at ease and declared that the clock for debate be stopped.

The President called the House to order at 6:17 p.m.

The Secretary announced that he had been made aware that Spanish translations had not been made available for Resolutions A004, A006, and D013.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to postpone consideration of Resolutions A004, A006, and D013 until the first legislative item after the Consent Calendar of the Seventh Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #11 on HB Message #45 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4 Clarification of Compensation under Restriction) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Ross of Delaware moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend the resolution to read:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.7.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. Any restriction on ministry imposed pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(a) or placement on Administrative Leave pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(b) must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for which it is issued; (c) set forth clearly the limitations and conditions imposed and the duration thereof; (d) set forth clearly changes, if any, in the terms of compensation, if any; (e) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; (f) be promptly served upon the Member of the
Clergy; and (fg) advise the Member of the Clergy of his or her right to be heard in the matter as provided in this Canon. A copy of such writing shall be promptly provided to the Church Attorney.

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Sconiers of Western New York moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend the resolution to read:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.7.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. Any restriction on ministry imposed pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(a) or placement on Administrative Leave pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(b) must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for which it is issued; (c) set forth clearly the limitations and conditions imposed and the duration thereof; (d) set forth clearly changes, if any, in the terms of compensation, if any <and the duration thereof>; (e) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; (e) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy; and (fg) advise the Member of the Clergy of his or her right to be heard in the matter as provided in this Canon. A copy of such writing shall be promptly provided to the Church Attorney.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Point of Order
Deputy Salazar of Venezuela rose to thank the President for postponing consideration of Resolutions A004, A006, and D013, but pointed out that Resolution A133 and the resolutions following in the legislative calendar did not have Spanish translations either.

The President announced that the work of the House had progressed faster than that of the translators and declared that the House would recess for the evening and continue business in the morning. The President then announced that those deputies in the queue for the debate on Resolution A133 would keep their places.
[Ed. note: Debate resumed on Resolution A133 on the afternoon of the Seventh Legislative Day.]

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 6:49 p.m. to reconvene on July 1 at 11:15 a.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 11:15 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #6 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Sixth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #10 for the morning session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 79 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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Spokane: Colin Haffner, Katherine Kerr-Cornejo
Virginia: Helen Spence, Ellyn Crawford
Washington: Barbara Miles, Kemah Camara
Washington: Clark Downs, Annie Brown
Washington: Jan Cope, Rosemarie Duncan
West Missouri: Jonathan Frazier, Marshall Scott
The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

Motion carried  
Report accepted

Communications from the President
The President introduced Kindling, a group of young adults who promote various ministries. The House welcomed them with applause. The President also announced that Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis has begun a "rebuild the churches" fund for those black churches that have been burned by arsonists, and she encouraged the House to send their donations to that fund. The Parliamentarian clarified to the House the order of business for the day.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Kitagawa of Arizona thanked the convention planners for the inclusion of Taiko drums at worship.

Point of Order
Deputy Hart inquired whether a motion to end debate on an amendment would be in order under the Special Order of Business for Resolutions A004, A006, and D013. The Parliamentarian ruled that a motion to end debate on an amendment would be in order.

Point of Order
Deputy Snow of Oregon inquired whether a motion to extend time on debate for Resolutions A004, A006, and D013 would be in order. The Parliamentarian ruled that a motion would be in order.

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

* HB Message #108: A015 (Continue to Support Province IX Sustainability) Concurred*
* HB Message #109: A047 (Moral and Spiritual Injury of Trauma) Adopted with Substitute*
* HB Message #116: D039 (Send Delegation to AME Race Symposium) Concurred*
* HB Message #117: C023 (Amend Canon I.17.7) Rejected*
* HB Message #118: A174 (Support for Episcopal Gap Year Program) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #119: A181 (Costs of Employee Benefits in Province IX) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #122: A125 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(g)) Adopted*
* HB Message #123: A126 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(j)) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #124: A129 (Amend Canons IV.6 and IV.19) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #125: A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.12) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #126: A138 (Amend Canon IV.14.8) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #127: A143 (Amend Canon IV.16) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #128: A176 (Humanitarian Relief in Liberia) Adopted with Amendment*
* HB Message #129: C015 (Addition to Baptismal Covenant Language) Referred*
HB Message #130: C018 (Justice, Peace and Security in the Holy Land) Adopted with Substitute
HB Message #131: D071 (Call for Ratification of the UN CRPD) Adopted
HB Message #132: A171 (Commendation of Papal Encyclical) Adopted with Substitute
HB Message #133: C019 (Establish Response to Systemic Racial Injustice) Concurred
HB Message #134: A067 (Revise Book of Common Prayer for Revised Common Lectionary [second reading]) Adopted
HB Message #135: A169 (Revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979) Adopted
HB Message #136: E023 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province I) Elected
HB Message #137: C010 (Invite All to Holy Communion) Rejected
HB Message #138: E024 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province II) Elected
HB Message #139: E025 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province III) Elected
HB Message #140: E026 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province IV) Elected
HB Message #141: E027 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province V) Elected
HB Message #142: E028 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VI) Elected
HB Message #143: E029 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VII) Elected
HB Message #144: E031 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province IX) Elected
HB Message #145: E030 (JNC for the Presiding Bishop - Province VIII) Elected
HB Message #146: D005 (Creating a Capacity to Plant Churches) Concurred
HB Message #147: D009 (Revitalization of Congregations) Concurred
HB Message #149: A113 (Global Mission Mapping Project) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #121
HB Message #150: A010 (Dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #121
HB Message #151: D028 (Oppose Conversion Therapy) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #115
HB Message #153: D015 (Hunger Relief) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #113
HB Message #154: E009 (Executive Council (Bishops)) Elected
HB Message #155: C037 (Supporting Scouting Units) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #112
HB Message #156: E009 (Executive Council (Bishops)) Elected
HB Message #157: A094 (Support Income Tax Parity) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #111
HB Message #158: A049 (Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women a Focus of Foreign and Church Aid) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #110
HB Message #159: A011 (Criminal Justice Reform) Concurred - Replaces HB Message #109
HB Message #160: E007 (Treasurer of General Convention) Elected
HB Message #161: E014 (Trustees of the General Theological Seminary (Bishops)) Elected
HB Message #162: E011 (General Board of Examining Chaplains) Elected

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Resolutions A004, A006, D013, A133, A054, A036 in the order they appear on the legislative calendar.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced that Resolutions D054 (Countering Violence against Women), D017 (Change the Resolution Filing Deadline), and A124 (Amend Title IV) have been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

Deputy Bouzek of Nevada moved to remove Resolutions A005 (Amend I.2 — Of the Presiding Bishop in a Unicameral General Convention) and A007 (Amend I.1.1 — Canonical Implementation of a
Unicameral General Convention) from the Consent Calendar. Deputies Davidson and Guzman-Walsh of Nevada also supported the motion and the resolutions were removed.

Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan moved to lay the Consent Calendar on the table until the House had completed action on the items on the Special Order of Business. The President proposed moving the Consent Calendar to the last action of the session, which Deputy Fleener deemed acceptable.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

Continuation of Debate on A004
Deputy Van Brunt of Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To strike section 2(j).

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment. The President ruled the amendment was defeated, but the House called for an electronic vote.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Johnstone of Lexington moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend section 1(d) to read:
(d) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of 20-10 members elected by the General Convention, of whom four/two shall be Bishops, four/two shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and six/six shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two/one Bishop s., two/one Presbyters or Deacons, and six/three Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of 18-9 members elected by the Provincial Synods, alternating Presbyters/Deacons and laity in order that the number of clergy/laity be as equitable as possible; (c) of the following ex officiis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

The President announced the time for debate had expired.

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
Deputy Snow of Oregon moved to suspend the rules to extend debate on Resolution A004 by 10 minutes. An electronic vote was taken on the motion.

**Motion defeated**

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #182)

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #14 on Resolution A006 (Amend I.1.2 — Restructure Standing Commissions and Interim Bodies of General Convention) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A006)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title I, Canon 1, Section 2 be stricken in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

Sec. 2 (a) The General Convention by Canon may establish Standing Commissions to study and draft policy proposals on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church. The Canon shall specify the duties of each Standing Commission. Standing Commissions shall be composed of three (3) Bishops, three (3) Priests and/or Deacons of this Church and six (6) Lay Persons, who shall be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. The Priests, Deacons, and Lay Persons are not required to be Deputies to General Convention.

(b) The terms of all members of Standing Commissions shall be equal to the interval between the regular meeting of the General Convention preceding their appointment and the adjournment of the second succeeding regular meeting of the General Convention, and such terms shall be rotated so that, as near as may be, the term of one half of the members shall expire at the conclusion of each regular meeting of the General Convention. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Commission occurring in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Commission for good cause.

(c) The Presiding Bishop shall appoint the Episcopal members and the Presiding Deputy the Lay and other Clerical members, of each Commission as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the General Convention, but not later than ninety (90) days after adjournment. Episcopal members appointed after the adjournment of any General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is elected shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop-elect. Vacancies shall be filled in similar manner; provided, however, that vacancies occurring within one year of the next regular General Convention shall not be filled unless requested by the Commission.

(d) The Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Deputy may jointly appoint members of the Executive Council as liaisons to facilitate communication between the Executive Council and each Commission and the coordination of the work of each Commission and the committees of Executive Council. Notice of such appointments shall be given to the Secretary of General Convention. These liaisons shall not be members of the Commission but shall have seat and voice. The reasonable expenses of these liaisons shall be provided for by the Executive Council. Each Commission shall have staff support from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society designated by the Executive Officer of General Convention. Each Commission may constitute committees from among members or non-members of the Commission, and, subject to the Commission's budget, engage the services of consultants and coordinators necessary to complete its work.
(e) The Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Deputy shall be members ex officis of every Commission, or may appoint personal representatives to attend any meeting in their stead, but without vote.

(f) The Executive Officer of the General Convention shall, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days following the meeting of the General Convention, notify the members of the General Convention of the Commission appointments and their duty to present reports to the next Convention and shall schedule an organizational meeting for each Commission. One year prior to the opening day of the Convention, the Executive Officer of the General Convention shall remind the Chairs and Secretaries of all Commissions of this duty.

(g) Every Commission shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary.

(h) The General Convention may refer a relevant matter to a Commission for its consideration; but may not direct the Commission to reach any particular conclusion.

(i) A Commission shall give timely and appropriate notice to the Church of the time, place, and agendas of meetings; and instructions on how members of the Church may address their views to the Commission.

(j) Every Commission shall prepare a report, which, together with any minority report, shall be sent, not later than 150 days prior to the opening day of each Convention, to the Executive Officer of the General Convention, who shall distribute the same to all members of the Convention.

(k) The Report of every Commission presented at the General Convention shall:

1. Set forth the names of its original members, any changes in membership, the names of all those who concur in, and all those who dissent from, its recommendations.

2. Summarize the work of the Commission, including the various matters studied, the recommendations for action by the General Convention, and drafts of Resolutions proposed for adoption to implement the recommendations of the Commission.

3. Include a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures, including moneys received from any source whatsoever, and if it recommends that it be continued, the estimated requirements for the ensuing interval until the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

(l) Every Commission, as a condition precedent to the presentation and reception of any report to General Convention, in which such Commission proposes the adoption of any Resolution, shall, by vote, authorize a member or members of General Convention, who, if possible, shall be a member of the Commission, with such limitations as the Commission may impose, to accept or reject, on behalf of the Commission, any amendments proposed by General Convention to any such Resolution; provided, however, that no such amendment may change the substance of the proposal, but shall be primarily for the purpose of correcting errors. The name of the member or members of General Convention upon whom such authority has been conferred, and the limitations of authority, shall be communicated in writing to the Presiding Officers of General Convention not later than the presentation of such report to the General Convention.

(m) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

1. A Standing Commission on Governance, Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:
   
   i) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form, including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; Provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the General Convention, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

   ii) Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons with respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and on the basis of such a review, propose to the General Convention such technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the
Commission are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such consistency and clarity without altering the substance of any Constitutional and Canonical provisions; Provided, however, that the Commission shall propose, for the consideration of the appropriate Legislative Committees of the General Convention, such amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are technically desirable but involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision.

(iii) On the basis of such review suggest to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society such amendments to its by-laws as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to conform the same to the Constitution and Canons.

(iv) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the authorized “Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as The Episcopal Church” to reflect actions of General Convention which amend the Constitution and Canons and, in the discretion of the Commission, develop other materials which are appropriate to the purpose of the “Annotated Constitution and Canons,” and facilitate the publication of this document and related materials. The Commission may provide or support forums to promote commentary, discussion, and understanding of the Constitution and Canons.

(v) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

(2) A Standing Commission on Theology, Liturgy and Music. The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.

(ii) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.

(iii) Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or Convocation of Bishops.

(iv) Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.

(v) Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.

(vi) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications regularly in use in this Church, and encourage the composition of new musical materials.

(vii) Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.

(viii) At the direction of the General Convention, to serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and strategies concerning Church music.

(n) Within 90 days of the adjournment of a General Convention and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Deputy shall review the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, and shall thereupon, in consultation with Executive Council, jointly appoint such study committees and task forces as are necessary to complete that work. The composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church’s orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the beginning of the next General Convention following, unless re-appointed by the Presiding Bishop and Presiding Deputy.
Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title I, Canon 1, Section 2 be stricken in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

Sec. 2 (a) The General Convention by Canon may establish Standing Commissions to study and draft policy proposals on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church. The Canon shall specify the duties of each Standing Commission. Standing Commissions shall be composed of five Bishops, five Priests and/or Deacons of this Church and ten Lay Persons, who shall be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. The Priests, Deacons, and Lay Persons are not required to be Deputies to General Convention.

(b) The terms of all members of Standing Commissions shall be equal to the interval between the regular meeting of the General Convention preceding their appointment and the adjournment of the second succeeding regular meeting of the General Convention, and such terms shall be rotated so that, as near as may be, the term of one-half of the members shall expire at the conclusion of each regular meeting of the General Convention. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Commission occurring in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Commission for good cause.

(c) The Presiding Bishop shall appoint the Episcopal members and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint the Lay and other Clerical members of each Commission as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the General Convention, but not later than 90 days after adjournment. Episcopal members appointed after the adjournment of any General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is elected shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop-elect. Vacancies shall be filled in similar manner; provided, however, that vacancies occurring within one year after the next regular General Convention shall not be filled unless requested by the Commission.

(d) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall jointly appoint members of the Executive Council as liaisons to facilitate communication between the Executive Council and each Standing Commission and the coordination of the work of each Standing Commission and the committees of Executive Council. Notice of such appointments shall be given to the Secretary of General Convention. These liaisons shall not be members of the Commission but shall have seat and voice. The reasonable expenses of these liaisons shall be provided for by the Executive Council. Each Commission shall have staff support from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society designated by the Presiding Bishop. Each Commission may constitute committees from among members or non-members of the Commission, and, subject to the Commission's budget, engage the services of consultants and coordinators necessary to complete its work.

(e) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall be members ex officiis of every Commission, or may appoint personal representatives to attend any meeting in their stead, but without vote.

(f) The Executive Officer of the General Convention shall, not later than 120 days following the meeting of the General Convention, notify the members of the General Convention of the Commission appointments and their duty to present reports to the next Convention and shall schedule an organizational meeting for each Commission. One year prior to the opening day of the Convention, the Executive Officer of the General Convention shall remind the Chairs and Secretaries of all Commissions of this duty.

(g) Every Commission shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary.

(h) The General Convention may refer a relevant matter to a Commission for its consideration; but may not direct the Commission to reach any particular conclusion.

(i) A Commission shall give timely and appropriate notice to the Church of the time, place, and agendas of meetings; and instructions on how members of the Church may address their views to the Commission.
Every Commission shall prepare a report, which, together with any minority report, shall be sent, not later than 150 days prior to the opening day of each Convention, to the Executive Officer of the General Convention, who shall distribute the same to all members of the Convention.

The Report of every Commission presented at the General Convention shall:

- Set forth the names of its original members, any changes in membership, the names of all those who concur in, and all those who dissent from, its recommendations.
- Summarize the work of the Commission, including the various matters studied, the recommendations for action by the General Convention, and drafts of Resolutions proposed for adoption to implement the recommendations of the Commission.
- Include a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures, including moneys received from any source whatsoever, and if it recommends that it be continued, the estimated requirements for the ensuing interval until the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

Every Commission, as a condition precedent to the presentation and reception of any report to General Convention in which such Commission proposes the adoption of any Resolution, shall, by vote, authorize a member or members of General Convention, who, if possible, shall be a member of the Commission, with such limitations as the Commission may impose, to accept or reject, on behalf of the Commission, any amendments proposed by General Convention to any such Resolution; provided, however, that no such amendment may change the substance of the proposal, but shall be primarily for the purpose of correcting errors. The name of the member or members of General Convention upon whom such authority has been conferred, and the limitations of authority, shall be communicated in writing to the Presiding Officers of General Convention not later than the presentation of such report to the General Convention.

Every Commission whose Report requests expenditure out of the funds of the General Convention (except for the printing of the Report) shall present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance its written request, on or before the first business day of the session. Resolutions requiring additional expenditures shall be immediately referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance. No resolution involving such expenditures shall be considered unless so presented and until after report of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance.

There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

1. A Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

   - Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form, including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the General Convention, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

   - Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons with respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and on the basis of such a review, propose to the General Convention such technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such consistency and clarity without altering the substance of any Constitutional and Canonical provisions; provided, however, that the Commission shall propose, for the consideration of the appropriate Legislative Committees of the General Convention, such amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are technically desirable but involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision.
On the basis of such review, suggest to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society such amendments to its By-laws as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to conform the same to the Constitution and Canons.

Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the authorized “Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as The Episcopal Church” to reflect actions of General Convention which amend the Constitution and Canons and, in the discretion of the Commission, develop other materials which are appropriate to the purpose of the “Annotated Constitution and Canons,” and facilitate the publication of this document and related materials. The Commission may provide or support forums to promote commentary, discussion, and understanding of the Constitution and Canons.

Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions, and Boards to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee, Commission, Board or Agency, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

(2) A Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

- Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.
- Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.
- Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or Convocation of Bishops.
- Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.
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- Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.
- At the direction of the General Convention, to serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and strategies concerning Church music.

(o) At the first meeting of the Executive Council following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, having reviewed the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, shall thereupon recommend to Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body’s report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and the
composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church’s orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the beginning of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies and reauthorized by the Executive Council.

Deputy Todman of the Virgin Islands moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Structure.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the motion. An electronic vote was taken on the motion to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to refer.

Motion defeated

Deputy Lawton of California moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To add a Section 2(n)(3):

(3) A Standing Commission on Mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission to Identify, study and consider strategies of The Episcopal Church for mission, including patterns and directions for evangelism, Church planting, leadership development, and ministries that engage the diversity of the Church’s membership and the communities it serves. Evaluate policies, priorities, and strategies for The Episcopal Church to support global mission partnerships. Identify, study and theologically interpret contemporary issues of social justice, peace, and care of creation in the countries of The Episcopal Church and across the world, and to develop and recommend policies and strategies for justice and peacemaking to the General Convention. Make recommendations regarding mission to General Convention.

The President announced the time for debate had ended.

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #183)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.
Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to order at 2:15 p.m.

Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

Joint Session for the Presentation by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance
The Presiding Bishop called on the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, Deputy Lloyd of Massachusetts; and its Vice-Chair, the Bishop of Maine, who presented their report. As part of their report, Deputy Lloyd acknowledged the new practice of distributing the proposed budget prior to the Joint Session.

Following the time set aside for questions, the Presiding Bishop asked the Joint Session to acknowledge the work of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance with applause.

Recess
The Presiding Bishop announced that the Joint Session was in recess.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 3:32 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #11 for the afternoon session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 47 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Communications from the President
The President read a humorous poem about the queue system written by Deputy Whistler of Missouri.

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #163**: D025 (Abolish Death Penalty) Concurred - Replaces HB Messages 114 and 152
- **HB Message #164**: D050 ("An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist") Adopted with Substitute
- **HB Message #165**: D014 (Question Ordinands About Addiction) Concurred
- **HB Message #166**: A158 (Task Force on Policy on Substance Abuse, Addiction and Recovery) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #167**: A159 (The Church in the Culture of Alcohol and Drug Abuse) Concurred

Episcopal Church Women
The House welcomed Mrs. Lisa Towle, President-elect of the Episcopal Church Women. Mrs. Towle addressed the House.

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #15 on Resolution D013 (Budget Process for The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D013)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention amend the Canons in order to conform the canonical budget process to the current practice of the Church, and be it further,
Resolved, That full payment of the assessments asked of dioceses be made mandatory of each diocese, with an appeal process that allows Executive Council to grant waivers; and be it further
Resolved, That the Canon 1.1.8, Canon I.1.11, Canon I.1.13(b), Canon I.2.6, Canon I.4.6, and Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies 10(c) be amended as follows:

Canon I.1.8
Sec. 8. The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget to provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses stipend of the President of the House of Deputies together with the necessary expenses of that office, including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the Convention shall adopt as part of this Expense Budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention annually, on the first Monday of January, the amount of the assessment levied upon that Diocese.

Canon I.1.11
Sec. 11. The Treasurer Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance shall submit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof a detailed budget in which the Treasurer proposes to request appropriations for the ensuing budgetary period and. The Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, under the direction of the Treasurer and Executive Council, shall have power to expend all sums of money covered by this budget, subject to such provisions of the Canons as shall be applicable.

Canon I.1.13(b)
(b) The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by the General Convention Expense Budget.

Canon I.2.6
Sec. 6. The stipends of the Presiding Bishop and such personal assistants as may be necessary during the Presiding Bishop's term of office for the effective performance of the duties, and the necessary expenses of that office, shall be fixed by the General Convention and shall be provided for in the budget to be submitted by the Treasurer Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, as provided in the Canon entitled, "Of the General Convention."

Canon I.4.6
Sec. 6 (a) The Executive Council shall submit to the General Convention at each regular session thereof the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance the proposed Budget for the Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The proposed budget shall be submitted not less than four months before the ensuing General Convention is convened.

(b) The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a Canonical and corporate portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of
the President of the House of Deputies, including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices.

(c) The budget proposed for adoption by the General Convention shall include provision for support for the Program all expenditures of the Episcopal Church. The program so submitted shall include a detailed budget of that part of the program for which it proposes to make appropriations for the ensuing year, and estimated budgets for the succeeding portion of the budgetary period.

(d) Revenue to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single asking assessment of the Dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget, and Finance process. If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget.

(e) Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be expected of all dioceses. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a Waiver of the required assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with Executive Council. Failure to make full payment or to receive a Waiver shall render bishops, clergy, and lay persons from the diocese ineligible for appointment or election to an office in the church-wide structure, and shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. This provision shall take effect with the 79th General Convention.

(f) After the preparation of the budget the Executive Council Chief Financial Officer shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed asking assessment necessary to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church. The Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance shall also submit to the General Convention, with the budget, a plan for the asking assessments of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the budget.

(g) There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the Budget for the Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention. The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the budget and estimated budgets approved by the Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6(e) (c) of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

(h) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a Budget for the Episcopal Church and the planned asking assessments for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total asking assessments to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church.

(i) Each Diocese shall thereupon notify each Parish and Mission of the amount of the asking assessments of such Diocese. Each Diocese shall present to each Parish and Mission a total objective which shall include both its share of the proposed Diocesan Budget and its share of the asking assessments of the Diocese by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance in accordance with the plan adopted by the General Convention.

(j) In respect of the Budget for the Episcopal Church, the Executive Council shall have the power to consider and vote to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant;
and it shall likewise have the power to grant waivers from the full required annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention.

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10. (c) During the interim between regular Meetings of the General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the officers of the General Convention and to the Executive Council, holding such meetings as may be deemed necessary for the purpose.

Meetings of the Joint Standing Committee shall be called by the Chair, or upon the request of any five members thereof.

In respect of the Budget for the Episcopal Church, the Joint Standing Committee shall have the power to consider, and either by vote by mail, or in meeting assembled, to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant; and it shall likewise have the power to adjust the annual askings of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention.

With regard to the General Church Program, the Joint Standing Committee shall:

(i) Meet and consult with the Executive Council, or its Administration and Finance Committee, on adjustments to the program priorities, and on alternate income generating resources;
(ii) Receive from the Executive Council, not less than four months prior to the meeting of General Convention, the proposed General Church Program budget for the upcoming triennium, including a proposed detailed Budget for the year next following that of such Convention;
(iii) Meet in such places as it shall determine, sufficiently in advance of the next General Convention to expedite its work;
(iv) Conduct hearings upon such proposed Program and Budget; and
(v) Consider such proposed Program and Budget and report thereon to the next succeeding General Convention.

[Ed. Note: Section (b) was incorrectly presented as an amendment to Canon I.4.6(b). It is a proposed amendment to Canon I.1.8. See the House of Bishops' minutes for clarification.]

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title I, Canon 4, Sections 6-8, be stricken in their entirety and replaced to read as follows:

Sec. 6. (a) The Executive Council shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance the proposed Budget for The Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The proposed Budget shall be submitted not less than four months before the ensuing General Convention is convened.

(b) The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a canonical portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the stipend of the President of the House of Deputies together with the necessary expenses of that office, the staff and Advisory Councils required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the Presiding Bishop’s office and the President of the House of Deputies office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices.

(c) Revenue to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single assessment of the Dioceses of the Church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Budget process. If in any year the total anticipated income for Budget support is less than the amount required to support the Budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion
of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced Budget.

(d) After the preparation of the Budget, the Treasurer shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed assessment necessary to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church. The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance shall also submit to the General Convention, with the Budget, a plan for the assessments of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the Budget.

(e) There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the Budget for The Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention.

(f) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a Budget for The Episcopal Church and the planned assessments for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total assessments to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church.

(g) Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be required of all Dioceses.

(h) Council shall have the power to grant waivers from the full required annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a waiver of the required assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with the Executive Council. Failure to make full payment or to receive a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council. This provision shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

(i) The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the Budget and estimated Budgets approved by the General Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6(c) of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the Budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

(j) In respect of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, the Executive Council shall have the power to consider and vote to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention. It shall also have power to approve other initiatives proposed by the Chair or otherwise considered by Council, in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, between meetings of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council are prudent and which the Church revenues will be adequate to support.

(k) Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council.

(l) Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following: dissolution of the congregation;

1. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or VI.2 of the Constitution;

2. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
3. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case, the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

Sec. 7 (a) Every Missionary Bishop or, in case of a vacancy, the Bishop in charge of the jurisdiction, receiving aid from the General Convention Budget, shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of work performed, of money received from all sources and disbursed for all purposes, and of the state of the Church in the jurisdiction at the date of such report, all in such form as the Council may prescribe.

(b) Every Bishop of a Diocese receiving aid from the General Convention Budget shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of the work in the diocese supported in whole or in part by that aid.

Sec. 8. The Council, as soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, shall cause to be prepared and publish a full report of the work of the Executive Council, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the General Convention Office to the Church. Such report shall contain an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements and a statement of all trust funds and other property of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and of all other trust funds and property in its possession or under its oversight responsibility. The report shall include a detailed schedule of the salaries paid to all officers and principal employees of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Executive Council.

Deputy Salter of Florida moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
To amend section 6(h) to read:

(h) Council shall have the power to grant waivers from the full required annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a waiver of the required assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with the Executive Council. **Effective January 1, 2019,** failure to make full payment or to receive a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council. **This provision shall take effect on January 1, 2019.**

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
To add the following sentence to the end of section 6(b):

The budget shall also include an undesignated amount to be allocated to expenses as to be determined by the General Convention.

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

Deputy Bartle of Central Florida, on behalf of the deputations of Central Florida, Springfield, Albany, and Dallas, called for a Vote by Orders.
**Point of Order**
Deputy Michie of Dallas stated that the deputation of Dallas did not ask for a Vote by Orders. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Springfield to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Babb of Springfield verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Central Florida to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Bartle of Central Florida verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Albany to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Collum of Albany verified that that was so.

**Ballot #1 - Vote by Orders**
A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution D013.

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution D013**
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #1.

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**Motion carried**
**Substitute resolution adopted with amendment**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #184)

**Continuation of Debate on A133**
A vote was taken on the resolution.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with amendment**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #185)

**Special Order for Debate on Marriage**
The Secretary announced that the time certain had arrived for the Special Order for Debate on Marriage. The Parliamentarian reminded the House of the guidelines of the Special Order.

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Marriage made its initial report on Resolutions A054 (Adopt Resources and Rites from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015) and A036 (Amend Canon I.18 Marriage). The time for clarifying questions directed to the House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Marriage followed.

**Special Legislative Committee on Marriage**
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #3 on HB Message #104 on Resolution A054 (Adopt Resources and Rites from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015) and moved concurrence.

**Point of Order**
Deputy Garno of Albany, on behalf of the deputations of Albany, Central Florida, Springfield, Dallas, and the Dominican Republic, called for a Vote by Orders. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Springfield to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Babb of Springfield verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation
of Central Florida to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Bartle of Central Florida verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Albany to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Collum of Albany verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Dallas to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Michie of Dallas verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of the Dominican Republic to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Márquez of the Dominican Republic verified that that was so.

**Point of Order**
Deputy Parker of Oregon requested the Chaplain be called on for prayers. The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
To strike from the third Resolve:

*Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority or, where appropriate, ecclesiastical supervision will make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to these liturgies.*

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The President announced that the time for debate had expired.

**Ballot #1 - Vote by Orders**
A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A054.

Ballot #1 taken by orders

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A054**
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #1.

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Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #186)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A054)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” as found in the Blue Book, Liturgy Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (BBLSM), pp. 2-151 with the following revisions:
BBLSM p. 84: In The Commitment, change the rubric to read “Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the right hand of the other and says”
BBLSM p.84: After “I N., give myself to you, N.” add “, and take you to myself.”

BBLSM p. 85: At the Pronouncement, change the rubric to read “The Presider joins the right hands and says”

BBLSM p. 87: In Concerning the Service, change the second paragraph to read “At least one of the couple must be a baptized Christian, and the marriage shall conform to the laws of the state and canons of this church.”

BBLSM p. 88: Under Gathering, change the rubric to read “The couple joins the assembly.”

BBLSM p. 89: Change “In marriage according to the laws of the state [or civil jurisdiction] of X” to “In marriage [according to the laws of the state or civil jurisdiction of X]”

BBLSM p. 89: Change “Solemnize their marriage according to the laws of the state [or civil jurisdiction] of X” to “are married [according to the laws of the state or civil jurisdiction of X]”

BBLSM p.94: After “I N., give myself to you, N.” add “, and take you to myself.”

BBLSM p. 95: At the Pronouncement, change the rubric to read “The Presider joins the right hands of the couple and says”

BBLSM p. 95: Replace “I pronounce that they are married according to the laws of the state [or civil jurisdiction] of X” to “I pronounce that they are married [according to the laws of the state or civil jurisdiction of X]”

BBLSM p. 100: At The Marriage, change the rubric to read “Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the right hand of the other and says” for study and use in congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for use “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” (as found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 77-86, (as amended)),” beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015; under the direction and with the permission of the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize for trial use in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6 “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage,” and “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2,” from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” (as found in Supplemental Materials: Appendices of the Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, pp. 87-105) beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2015. Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority or, where appropriate, ecclesiastical supervision, will make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to these liturgies. Trial use is only to be available under the direction and with the permission of the Diocesan Bishop; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops may continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the provision of Canon I.18.4 applies by extension to “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to” preside at any rite contained herein; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to all the rites of “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015,” in accordance with guidelines established by each diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality; and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities, as a result of his or her theological objection to or support for the 78th General Convention’s action contained in this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music continue to monitor the use of this material and report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention, and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange for the publication with Church Publishing of the material (in English and Spanish) contained in “Liturgical Resources 1: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015” as approved by the 78th General Convention, no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2015, these materials to be available electronically at no cost.

The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Marriage presented its Report #2 on HB Message #105 on Resolution A036 (Amend Canon I.18 Marriage) and moved concurrence.

Point of Order
Deputy Garno of Albany, on behalf of the deputations of Albany, Central Florida, Springfield, Dallas, and the Dominican Republic, called for a Vote by Orders. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Springfield to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Babb of Springfield verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Central Florida to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Bartle of Central Florida verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Albany to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Collum of Albany verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of Dallas to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Michie of Dallas verified that that was so. The President asked the chair of the deputation of the Dominican Republic to verify that the lay and clerical orders had called for a Vote by Orders. Deputy Márquez of the Dominican Republic verified that that was so.

Deputy Milligan of Iowa moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Amend Section 4 to read:
Sec. 4. Prior to the solemnization, the parties shall sign the following Declaration of Intention:
< We understand the teaching of the church that God's purpose for our marriage is for our mutual joy, for the help and comfort we will give to each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God's will, for the gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God. We also understand that our marriage is to be unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and lifelong; and we engage to make the utmost effort to accept these gifts and fulfill these duties, with the help of God and the support of our community. >
< We (names) desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a life-long union between two people; a union of heart, body and mind, intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort given to one another in prosperity and adversity and when it is God's will, for the Gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. And we engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto. >

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the amendment. An electronic vote was taken on the motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.  

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The President declared that the time for debate had ended. The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

Ballot #1 - Vote by Orders
A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A036.

Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A036
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #1.

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Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #189)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A036)
Resolved, That Canon I.18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Canon 18: Of the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony**

Sec. 1. Every Member of the Clergy of this Church shall conform to the laws of the State governing the creation of the civil status of marriage, and also to the laws of this Church governing these canons concerning the solemnization of marriage. Members of the Clergy may solemnize a marriage using any of the liturgical forms authorized by this Church.

Sec. 2. Before solemnizing a marriage the Member of the Clergy shall have ascertained:

(a) That both parties have the right to contract a marriage according to the laws of the State.
(b) That both parties understand that Holy Matrimony is a physical and spiritual union of a man and a woman, entered into within the community of faith, by mutual consent of heart, mind, and will, and with intent that it be lifelong.
(c) That both parties freely and knowingly consent to such marriage, without fraud, coercion, mistake as to identity of a partner, or mental reservation.
(d) That at least one of the parties has received Holy Baptism.
(e) That both parties have been instructed as to the nature, meaning, and purpose of Holy Matrimony by the Member of the Clergy, or that they have both received such instruction from persons known by the Member of the Clergy to be competent and responsible.

Sec. 2. The couple shall notify the Member of the Clergy of their intent to marry at least thirty days prior to the solemnization; Provided, that if one of the parties is a member of the Congregation of the Member of the Clergy, or both parties can furnish satisfactory evidence of the need for shortening the time, this requirement can be waived for weighty cause; in which case the Member of the Clergy shall immediately report this action in writing to the Bishop.

Sec. 3. No Member of the Clergy of this Church shall solemnize any marriage unless the following procedures are complied with:
(a) The intention of the parties to contract marriage shall have been signified to the Member of the Clergy at least thirty days before the service of solemnization; Provided, that for weighty cause, this requirement may be dispensed with if one of the parties is a member of the Congregation of the Member of the Clergy, or can furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility. In case the thirty days' notice is waived, the Member of the Clergy shall report such action in writing to the Bishop immediately.

(b) There shall be present at least two witnesses to the solemnization of marriage.

(c) The Member of the Clergy shall record in the proper register the date and place of the marriage, the names of the parties and their parents, the age of the parties, their residences, and their Church status; the witnesses and the Member of the Clergy shall sign the record.

(d) The Member of the Clergy shall have required that the parties sign the following declaration:

(e) "We, A.B. and C.D., desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

(f) "We believe that the union of husband and wife, in heart, body, and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

(g) "And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

Sec. 3. Prior to the solemnization, the Member of the Clergy shall determine:

(a) that both parties have the right to marry according to the laws of the State and consent to do so freely, without fraud, coercion, mistake as to the identity of either, or mental reservation; and

(b) that at least one of the parties is baptized; and

(c) that both parties have been instructed by the Member of the Clergy, or a person known by the Member of the Clergy to be competent and responsible, in the nature, purpose, and meaning, as well as the rights, duties and responsibilities of marriage.

Sec. 4. Prior to the solemnization, the parties shall sign the following Declaration of Intention:

We understand the teaching of the church that God's purpose for our marriage is for our mutual joy, for the help and comfort we will give to each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God's will, for the gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God. We also understand that our marriage is to be unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and lifelong; and we engage to make the utmost effort to accept these gifts and fulfill these duties, with the help of God and the support of our community.

Sec. 5. At least two witnesses shall be present at the solemnization, and together with the Member of the Clergy and the parties, sign the record of the solemnization in the proper register; which record shall include the date and place of the solemnization, the names of the witnesses, the parties and their parents, the age of the parties, Church status, and residence(s).

Sec. 6. A bishop or priest may pronounce a blessing upon a civil marriage using any of the liturgical forms authorized by this Church.

Sec. 7. It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage; and be it further

Resolved, That this canon shall become effective on the First Sunday of Advent, 2015.

Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that Resolutions D054 (Countering Violence against Women), D017 (Change the Resolution Filing Deadline), A124 (Amend Title IV), A005 (Amend I.2 Of the Presiding Bishop in a Unicameral General Convention), and A007 (Amend I.1.1 Canonical Implementation of a Unicameral General Convention) have been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.
**Congregational Vitality**
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #1 on Resolution A038 (Develop an Index of Vitality) and moved to take no further action.

*Motion carried*

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #221)

**Governance and Structure**
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #18 on Resolution A110 (Amend Canons I.1.8, I.1.11, I.2.6, and I.4.6) and moved to take no further action.

*Motion carried*

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #223)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #19 on Resolution A097 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(10)) and moved to take no further action.

*Motion carried*

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #224)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #20 on Resolution D010 (Clarify Officers of The Episcopal Church) and moved to take no further action.

*Motion carried*

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #225)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #21 on Resolution D006 (Amend Canons I.3 and I.4.3) and moved to take no further action.

*Motion carried*

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #226)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #22 on Resolution D020 (Amend Canons I.4.3(a), I.4.3(d), and I.4.3(e) Regarding a Chief Executive Officer of Executive Council) and moved to take no further action.

*Motion carried*

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #227)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #24 on Resolution C021 (Amend Canon I.9) and moved to take no further action.

*Motion carried*

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #228)
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #25 on Resolution A101 (Amend Article V.1 of the Constitution) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #229)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #26 on Resolution C029 (Amend Canon I.9) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #230)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #27 on Resolution C043 (Amend Canon I.9) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #231)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #28 on Resolution C034 (Amend Canon I.9) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #232)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #29 on Resolution C051 (Purposes of the Provincial System) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #233)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #30 on Resolution C052 (Defining the Role of Provinces of The Episcopal Church) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #234)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #31 on Resolution C056 (Amend Canon 1.9) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #235)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #35 on Resolution A008 (Amend I.1.8 Provide Stipend for the President of the House of Deputies/Presiding Deputy) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #236)
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #36 on Resolution A111 (Amend Joint Rule of Order II.10) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**Committee discharged**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #237)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #37 on Resolution C032 (Amend Canon I.4.1(c)) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**Committee discharged**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #238)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #38 on Resolution A106 (Fund Initial Joint Meeting of Newly Constituted CCABs Following the 78th General Convention) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A106)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider funding in the budget for 2015 for a joint meeting of the newly constituted CCABs following the 78th General Convention late in 2015 or early in 2016.

**Committee Substitute:**

Resolved, That the Executive Officer of the General Convention consider calling an initial joint meeting of the newly constituted Standing Commissions, Executive Council Committees, study groups and task forces following the 78th General Convention, for joint orientation and consultation, subject to available funds in the 2015 budget.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #239)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #39 on Resolution A108 (Budget for Mid-Triennial Web Conference of Interim Bodies) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A108)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider including $5,000.00 in the 2016-2018 budget of the General Convention Office for a general mid-triennium, web-based meeting of no more than two representatives of each CCAB, or for one or more such meetings of appropriate representatives of CCABs whose work implicates a common topic, for the purpose of sharing the work each has undertaken and its progress on that work and for further coordination and cooperation where appropriate, with the meeting to be scheduled by the Executive Officer of General Convention in consultation with the two presiding officers.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance Executive Council consider including allocating $5,000.00 in the 2016-2018 budget of the General Convention Office for a general mid-triennium, web-based meeting of no more than two representatives of each CCAB, or for one or more such meetings of appropriate representatives of CCABs whose work implicates a common topic, for the purpose of sharing the work each has undertaken and its progress on that work and for further coordination and cooperation where appropriate, with the meeting to be scheduled by the Executive Officer of General Convention in consultation with the two presiding officers.
representatives of each CCAB, or for one or more such meetings of appropriate representatives of CCABs whose work implicates a common topic, for the purpose of sharing the work each has undertaken and its progress on that work and for further coordination and cooperation where appropriate, with the meeting to be scheduled by the Executive Officer of General Convention in consultation with the two presiding officers.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #187)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #40 on Resolution A107 (Fund CCAB Meetings During the 2016-2018 Triennium) and moved adoption with amendment.

ORIGINAL TEXT OF RESOLUTION:

(A107)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider including adequate funding in the 2016-2018 budget of the General Convention Office for at least two in-person meetings of each CCAB during the 2016-2018 triennium.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance Executive Council consider including adequate funding in the 2016-2018 budget of the General Convention Office for at least two in-person meetings of each CCAB during the 2016-2018 triennium in the 2016-2018 budget and in future triennial budgets.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #188)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #45 on Resolution A109 (Amend Canon V.3) and moved adoption of a substitute.

ORIGINAL TEXT OF RESOLUTION:

(A109)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon V.3 is amended by adding a new Section 1 and renumbering the existing Section 1 as Section 2:

Canon V.3: Of a Quorum Bodies of General Convention
Sec. 1. The General Convention Office shall publish the membership of all committees, subcommittees, task forces, panels, or other bodies elected or appointed by any body or leader throughout The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, the House of Deputies; the House of Bishops; the Executive Council; and Standing Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards of The Episcopal Church and their respective Presiding Officers and Chairs within 30 days after election or appointment.
Sec. 2. Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, a quorum of any body of the General Convention consisting of several members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a majority of said members; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act.
Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon V.3 is amended by adding a new Section 1 and renumbering the existing Section 1 as Section 2:
Canon V.3: Of a Bodies of General Convention; Quorum
Sec. 1. The membership of all committees, subcommittees, task forces, panels, or other bodies elected or appointed by any church-wide body or leader throughout The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, the House of Deputies; the House of Bishops; the Executive Council; and Standing Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards of The Episcopal Church; and their respective Presiding Officers and Chairs shall report their membership to the Office of General Convention, which shall publish the information within 30 days after election or appointment.
Sec. 2. Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, a quorum of any body of the General Convention consisting of several members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a majority of said members; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #191)

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #1 on HB Message #85 on Resolution B018 (Support for Sudan and South Sudan) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #249)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B018)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC), mindful of resolutions D-007 from 2009 and A-019 from 2012; Joyfully celebrate the vitality and growth of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan and Sudan and give thanks for the Church's efforts to bring about justice and peace in South Sudan and Sudan; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention heartily commend the Episcopal Church of Sudan and South Sudan (ECSSS) for its steadfast efforts to end the civil war which broke out in South Sudan in December 2013, and to help resolve older and continuing conflicts in the border areas of Abyei, and in Darfur, Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains in Sudan; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge TEC dioceses and parishes to consider prayer partnerships and joint work with bishops, dioceses, and church organizations in ECSSS to support them to reduce and resolve the current conflicts, help refugees, hold war criminals accountable, and improve people's living conditions; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Presiding Bishop, in cooperation with other denominations and other provinces of the Anglican Communion to set aside several weeks in 2016 for prayer for peace in South Sudan and Sudan; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the offices and agencies of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to utilize all measures at their disposal to advocate for the protection of refugees, conflict resolution and sustainable development in South Sudan and Sudan with appropriate governmental and international agencies and offices.
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on HB Message #68 on Resolution D035 (Support Christians in Pakistan) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #240)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D035)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express continued solidarity with the Church of Pakistan (United) in this time of oppression of religious minorities in their country; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to learn about the realities of the Church in Pakistan and the oppression of religious minorities in that country, and to pray purposely and specifically for the Church of Pakistan (United); and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to enter into direct partnerships with the Church of Pakistan (United) including visits to provide active engagement and support for the persecuted Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Government of Pakistan to ensure adequate protections for all religious minorities in Pakistan; that it take immediate action to discharge its international human rights obligations, specifically with respect to the prevention of the abduction, forced conversion to Islam, and forced marriage of young women from minority religious communities; and that it bring to justice those responsible for human rights violations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Global Relations Office of the Episcopal Church, including the United Nations special consultative status granted to it in 2014, and other offices and agencies of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to utilize all measures at their disposal to advocate for the protection of religious, gender, and other minorities with the Government of Pakistan and international agencies; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns (or other commission, committee or task-group as assigned by Executive Council) to report to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, no later than December 31, 2016, on the work of the Episcopal Church in these undertakings with respect to the Church of Pakistan, including the status of the actions contemplated by this and previous resolutions of General Convention pertaining to the plight of the Church of Pakistan, with such report being shared with the Church of Pakistan.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #3 on HB Message #66 on Resolution B003 (Support for the Episcopal Church in Cuba) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #241)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B003)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge and affirm The Episcopal Church of Cuba’s recent synodical decision to request membership as a Diocese of the Episcopal Church; and
identify and address the canonical issues (including those around pension) involved in pursuing such an intention; and be it further

Resolved, That the office of the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Global Partnerships take action to continue to strengthen the relationship between the Episcopal Church and La Iglesia Episcopal De Cuba, with the goal of promoting both greater understanding and fellowship between the Anglican Diocese of Cuba and particularly the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church located in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That such efforts seek to promote mutual ministry and understanding through cultural exchange, prayer, worship, fellowship, education, and humanitarian work- identifying and facilitating specific opportunities for exchange, including but not limited to, travel, so that an exchange may occur between Cuban and North American Episcopalians; that such efforts seek to strengthen and support the Diocesan Center in Havana and The Episcopal Church, through the Executive Council, seek to collaboratively enhance and bolster theological education, discernment, and preparation of lay and ordained leaders for ministry within the Diocese of Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, As the United States and Cuba move cautiously toward a time of more open relationship, reconciliation and peace after long years of political conflict, That we encourage and support our nations leaders in moving to lift the embargo as we recognize the realities of the embargo and our hope for its end; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm resolution GC2009-BO24 which called for the establishment of a benevolent fund that provides the clergy of The Episcopal Church in Cuba with an annuity upon retirement and requested the Presiding Bishop to take all actions as the Presiding Bishop deems necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church establish a team representative of a wide cross-section of the church including, but not limited to, Episcopal Relief & Development, Church Pension Fund and those experienced in foreign missions to work alongside the staff officer assigned in order to facilitate our collaboration around these endeavors with a budget of $30,000.00 for the triennium.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on HB Message #76 on Resolution A114 (Honor Covenant and Bilateral Agreements) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #242)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A114)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in continuing to honor its financial and other commitments undertaken as part of its covenant and bilateral agreements with other provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Communion, will not reduce those financial commitments in any general, percentage-based reduction of the budget of the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That if these covenant and bilateral agreements permit, and if financial exigencies require a reduction in funding by the General Convention or Executive Council, consultation and notice of any reductions will be made immediately to our covenant or bilateral partners as well as to the members of the covenant or bilateral committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the policy of The Episcopal Church is to honor fully our financial commitments under our covenant or bilateral agreements.
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #5 on HB Message #67 on Resolution A112 (Encourage Support for YASC and EVIM) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #243)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A112)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, seminaries, and parishes to recruit and support both Young Adult Service Corps members (YASCers) and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission members (EVIMs); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention continue its commitment to increasing numbers of YASCers by 10 per year for the triennium 2016-2018, (30 in 2016, 40 in 2017, and 50 in 2018, for a total of 120 for the triennium); and increasing the number of EVIMs by 10 percent each year, for the triennium 2016-2018; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance increase the budget for the Young Adult Service Corps from $1,100,000 to $1,800,000, and a 10% increase for the Episcopal Volunteers in Mission, for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #6 on HB Message #74 on Resolution A016 (Provide Structural Support for Covenant Committees) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #244)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A016)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm and celebrate our Covenant Committee and Bilateral Committee relationships with our global partners (the Episcopal Church of Brazil [IEAB], the Episcopal Church of the Philippines, the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America [IARCA], the Episcopal Church of Mexico, and the Dioceses of Liberia) and direct the Standing Committee on World Mission of the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on World Mission to:
endeavor to develop these relationships of mutual interdependence and responsibility through our sharing of vision, ministries, resources and challenges that support these global covenants;
explore new initiatives that will sustain and increase our capacity to honor these covenants; and
be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Covenant Committees and Bilateral Committees of our global partners and the Standing Committee on World Mission of the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on World Mission to strengthen the communication of the status of these covenantal relationships on an annual basis to each other.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #7 on HB Message #56 on Resolution A013 (Continue Financial Support for Global Missions, Young Adult Service Corps, and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #245)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A013)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the growing success of the work of Global Missions, especially the global networks, relationships, and spiritual developments seen in programs like the Young Adult Service Corps and the Episcopal Volunteers in Mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention, in showing our continued support to be a mission-based church firmly grounded in the work of global mission, call upon Executive Council to work to increase the opportunities for global mission through such programs as Young Adult Service Corps and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission, through budgetary means as available so that opportunities for global mission are increased, diversified, and prioritized by the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call upon every diocese to explore the opportunities for global mission work and encourage as many people as possible to apply for, attend, and complete a mission assignment as made available by these programs.

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #10 on Resolution D027 (Remove Juanita Neal from OFAC Designation List) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D027)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention requests that The Episcopal Church make a formal request of Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury, and other U.S. Government officials as identified by her counsel, to remove Mrs. Juanita Neal from the U.S. Dept. of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) (aka no-fly) list with immediate effect.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention request that the Office of Government Relations, in consultation with appropriate pro bono counsel, make written request that Mrs. Juanita Neal, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia, be relieved from any no-fly list restrictions so that she may travel outside Liberia for medical treatment; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, in consultation with appropriate pro bono counsel and chancellors, is requested to develop a proposed procedure to present to Executive Council, by its November 2015 meeting, for the careful factual and legal review of any future requests that The Episcopal Church either intervene or express support in connection with any named individual in civil, criminal, or administrative litigation or who is suffering from other adverse government action.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #192)
Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #24 on Resolution D034 (Affirmation and Support of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D034)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention in accordance reaffirm and renew the Church’s longtime commitment to the principles of inclusion and the protection of the civil rights of all People with Disabilities on this, the 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Act, (July 26, 1990) in the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare their continuing unwavering support and advocate for the total compliance with the Spirit and Intent of this Act by all cities, towns and municipalities large and small within the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention upon passage of this Resolution send a copy of said Resolution to the U.S. Attorney General, the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States and members of the United States Supreme Court and all current members of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, the Governors of each State and all U.S. Territories and Possessions within the United States signed by the Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention in accordance reaffirm and renew the Church’s longtime commitment expressed in the 70th General Convention to the principles of inclusion and the protection of the civil rights of all People persons with Disabilities on this, the 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, (July 26th, 1990), in the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare their continuing unwavering support, and advocate for the total compliance with the Spirit and Intent of this the Americans with Disabilities Act by all cities, towns and municipalities large and small within covered entities, including public and government entities and places of public accommodation in the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention upon passage of this Resolution send a copy of said Resolution to the U.S. Attorney General, the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States and members of the United States Supreme Court and all current members of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, the Governors of each State and all U.S. Territories and Possessions within the United States issue a press release announcing said Resolution to the national media signed by the Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations be urged to seek education from available community deaf/hard of hearing and disability organizations on supporting full inclusion of disabled persons in all aspects of public life.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #193)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #25 on Resolution D074 (Temporary Protective Status for Immigrants at Risk) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D074)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church welcome and affirm the bipartisan initiative of Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Albio Sires (D-NJ), Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Tony Cardenas (D-CA), Robert Dold (R-IL), Juan Vargas (D-CA), David Valadao (R-CA), and Joaquin Castro (D-TX), urging President Obama to immediately extend Temporary Protective Status (TPS) to Guatemalans living in the United States with the hope of creating a path to citizenship for this group; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate through education, communication, and representation before legislative authorities for TPS for all immigrants fleeing for refuge from violence, environmental disaster, economic devastation, or cultural abuse or other forms of abuse; and be it further
Resolved, That this Resolution be communicated to the President of the United States and to the members of Congress of the United States.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #194)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #26 on Resolution C053 (Protecting Indigenous Subsistence Rights and Native Food Sources) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C053)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Social Justice and Public Policy to study and theologically interpret the social justice issues facing Alaska Native and Native American Subsistence Hunters and Gatherers, and to recommend policies and strategies to support Subsistence rights and access to traditional native food sources to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this work give attention to the consequences for Subsistence Cultures of climate change, and policy decisions or proposals that have effected, or may effect the future, migration patterns, population, and health of wild fish and game-the native and traditional food source of Subsistence Cultures; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Social Justice and Public Policy engage this work in direct consultation with Elders, Indigenous Subsistence Hunters and the Bishops of the native and indigenous communities they represent; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations engage the ministry of the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for public policies that address the sustainable subsistence rights of indigenous cultures.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Social Justice and Public Policy urge the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to study and theologically interpret the social justice issues facing Alaska Native and Native American Subsistence Hunters and Gatherers, and to recommend policies and strategies to support Subsistence rights and access to traditional native food sources to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this work give attention to the consequences for Subsistence Cultures of climate change, and policy decisions or proposals that have affected, or may affect the future, migration patterns, population, and health of wild fish and game—the native and traditional food source of Subsistence Cultures; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Social Justice and Public Policy Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society engage this work in direct consultation with Elders, Indigenous Subsistence Hunters and the Bishops of the native and indigenous communities they represent; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society engage the ministry of the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for public policies that address the sustainable subsistence rights of indigenous cultures.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #195)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #27 on Resolution D057 (Recommitment to the Spirit of Sanctuary) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D057)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recommit to the spirit of the New Sanctuary Movement by supporting congregations so they can assist immigrant families and communities by being centers of information, services and accompaniment, and by supporting families facing separation in the absence of comprehensive, humane immigration reform.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recommit to the spirit of the New Sanctuary Movement by supporting congregations so they can assist immigrant individuals, unaccompanied minors, families, and communities by being centers of information, services and accompaniment, and by supporting families facing separation in the absence of comprehensive, humane immigration reform.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #196)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #28 on Resolution D048 (Support for Certain Immigration Relief) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D048)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention urge The Episcopal Church to support the goals outlined in the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) executive actions; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church re-affirm 2009-B006 which advocates for immigration reform.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention urge The Episcopal Church to support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth and parents designed to keep
families together, as outlined in the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) executive actions; and be it further Resolved, That The Episcopal Church re-affirm 2009-B006 which advocates for immigration reform.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #197)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #29 on Resolution D079 (Education for Undocumented Families) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D079)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge dioceses, particularly those in border states, to provide workshops and other educational opportunities for undocumented persons and families to learn about their rights in the United States, such as the right to remain silent or the right to request asylum from the federal government if they are from parts of Mexico, Central or South America that are considered dangerous, among others; and be it further Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge dioceses, particularly those in border states, and congregations to provide workshops and other educational opportunities for undocumented persons and families to learn about their rights in the United States, such as the right to remain silent or the right to request asylum from the federal government if they are from parts of Mexico, Central or South America that are considered dangerous, among others resources and education for undocumented persons and their families to learn about their legal rights, including their rights regarding certain immigration relief such as asylum; and be it further Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #198)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #30 on Resolution D073 (Supporting Home- and Community-Based Services) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D073)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention call on states to fully fund all Medicaid and state general revenue-funded home and community-based services and supports programs for persons with disabilities of all ages, and to end all waiting lists for such services; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on states to end the segregation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in large congregate institutions and other facilities, both publicly and privately operated, and commit to serving all persons in the community; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and local congregations to discern ways in which they can provide practical support to individuals and families affected by a lack of adequate home and community-based services and supports.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention call on states to fully fund all Medicaid and state general revenue-funded home and community-based services and to supports programs for persons with disabilities of all ages, to provide individualized services, and to end reduce all waiting lists and end unnecessary delays for such services; and be it furtherResolved, That the 78th General Convention call on states to end the segregation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in large congregate institutions and other facilities, both publicly and privately operated, and commit to serving all persons in the community; and be it furtherResolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and local congregations to discern ways in which they can provide practical support to individuals and families affected by a lack of adequate home and community-based services and supports.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #199)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #31 on Resolution D077 (Uniting Families) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D077)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge dioceses to develop programs or partner with local agencies to provide workshops that teach the importance and value of being an immigrant family in the United States and how they can develop a stronger family bond within their new culture. This includes the ability to provide psychological, therapeutic, financial and spiritual help to those individuals and families struggling to adapt to their new home country; and be it furtherResolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge dioceses and congregations to develop programs or partner with local agencies to provide workshops that teach the importance and value of being an immigrant family in the United States and how they can develop a stronger family bond within their new culture. This includes the ability to provide psychological, therapeutic, financial and spiritual help to those individuals and families struggling to adapt to their new home country and partnerships with local agencies that emphasize the value of strong immigrant families and provide assistance with psychological, financial, and spiritual needs so as to assist immigrant families with their needs as they struggle to adapt to their new home country; and be it furtherResolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #200)
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #32 on Resolution D032 (Disability Advocacy in Criminal Justice Work of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D032)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the Church’s commitment to people with disabilities in society, and recognize mission and leadership of the Episcopal Disability Network in helping to challenge and guide our Church’s work in this area; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm our Church’s many ministries with those who are suspects, defendants, incarcerated, or otherwise involved with the criminal justice system, following the call of Jesus to attend to those who are in prison as if they are Christ himself; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize and acknowledge that roughly half of adult criminal defendants in the United States have a physical, mental, learning, or other disability and two-thirds of juvenile defendants have a disability qualifying them for special education services and instruction; and that we further acknowledge persistent race-based disparities in the treatment of people with mental health conditions in our criminal justice system, and that in particular Black people with mental health conditions are more likely to be incarcerated than people of other races with similar conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that people with disabilities are often denied significant civil rights and even the liberty of life through encounters with law enforcement officials and throughout the criminal justice system, and that many are denied proper treatment and accommodations while in the system; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church condemn unreasonable use of force by law enforcement against people with disabilities and urge law enforcement officials to consider the possibility of disability when engaging with criminal suspects, and urge law enforcement leaders to provide extensive training to frontline officers on how to identify and engage effectively with people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for the civil rights and proper treatment of and accommodations for people with disabilities throughout the criminal justice system and ask the Episcopal Public Policy Network to help the Church advocate on this issue; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that all who minister in the criminal justice system, whether with law enforcement officials, defendants, or prisoners, need to understand disability issues in order to do their work effectively; and therefore urge all in the Church who are involved with these ministries to seek training and education on mental and physical disabilities and the legal rights of people with disabilities, by partnering with disability organizations and networks in our communities that provide this training; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget of $25,000 to support the work of an ad-hoc triennial committee consisting of leaders active in disability rights, racial justice, prison ministries, and criminal justice advocacy from around the Church to discuss these disparities in the criminal justice system and to develop a blueprint for best practices, resources for training, advocacy, and future networking to provide support our Church’s work in the area of criminal justice, and to report to the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church on its work and with recommendations for future steps.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #201)
**Congregational Vitality**
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #15 on Resolution D072 (New Visions) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D072)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention approves funding for continuing the New Visions initiative for Congregational Renewal and Vitality; and be it further
Resolved, That the Program, Budget and Finance Committee designate $300,000 for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention approves funding for continuing the New Visions initiative for Congregational Renewal and Vitality; and be it further
Resolved, That the mission imperative of the Episcopal Church demands that the experimental funding for the New Visions Initiative by the Constable Fund during the 2013-2015 triennium, which reached 75 congregations, be continued through funding from the church budget to double the reach of the Initiative to 150 congregations during the 2016-2018 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Program, Budget and Finance Committee designate approve $300,000 for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

**Motion carried**
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #202)

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational Vitality presented its Report #16 on Resolution D045 (Support for Men's Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D045)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge with thanks to God for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and 132 years of ministry to men and boys; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage and support dioceses and congregations in their efforts to develop and expand Ministry to Men throughout the Episcopal Church.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge with thanks to God for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and 132 years of ministry to men and boys; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage and support dioceses and congregations in their efforts to develop and expand Ministry to Men and to mentor and raise up the next generation of young men throughout the Episcopal Church.

**Motion carried**
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #203)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #17 on HB Message #99 on Resolution A064 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(6)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #246)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A064)
Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n)(6) is hereby amended to read as follows [with the addition of paragraph (ix) – Ed.]:
(6) A Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:
(i) Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.
(ii) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.
(iii) Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General Convention or House of Bishops.
(iv) Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.
(v) Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.
(vi) Collect, collate, and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982 and other musical publications regularly in use in this Church and encourage the composition of new musical materials.
(vii) Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its rendition.
(viii) At the direction of the General Convention, to serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and strategies concerning Church music.
(ix) Collaborate with the Secretary of General Convention to make final edits to the text of resolutions adopted by General Convention that establish new or revised liturgical materials, and to arrange for their publication. For the sole purpose of this collaboration, members of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music are exempt from the terms of office set forth in I.1.2(b) and shall remain in office until their successors are appointed and take office.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #25 on Resolution A071 (Allow Transfer of Clergy between Anglican Provinces) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #247)
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #26 on Resolution D002 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a), 2(a) and (b)) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D002)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.4.1(a), 2(a) and (b) be amended as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Evangelist, or Catechist. The Ecclesiastical Authority may, at its discretion, delegate the authority to issue and renew a license to serve in any of these capacities (and may withhold delegation respecting a license for any designated capacity) to the member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation in which the licensed person is to serve. In such an event, the Ecclesiastical Authority will provide forms or Certificates to be used, and may, at its discretion, require that copies of such licenses be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.

(b) The Presiding Bishop or the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces may authorize a member of the Armed Forces to exercise one or more of these ministries in the Armed Forces in accordance with the provisions of this Canon. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons shall be established by the Bishop granting the license.

Sec. 2 (a) If the Ecclesiastical Authority has not delegated authority to issue such licenses as set forth in Section 1(a) above, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith may request the Ecclesiastical Authority with jurisdiction to license persons within that congregation or other community of faith to exercise such ministries. Regardless of who issues the license, it shall be issued for a period of time to be determined under Canon III.4.1(a) and may be renewed. The license may be revoked by the Ecclesiastical Authority upon request of or upon notice to the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

(b) In renewing the license, the Ecclesiastical Authority issuing authority shall consider the performance of the ministry by the person licensed, continuing education in the licensed area, and the endorsement of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith in which the person is serving.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #204)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #27 on Resolution A045 (Appoint Task Force for Clergy Leadership Formation in Small Churches) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A045)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention appoint a task force consisting of no fewer than 10 nor more than 20 representatives including, but not limited to, representatives from local diocesan programs, representatives from seminaries, ecumenical representation, or representatives who are engaged in advanced theological education; and that the task force be made up of bishops, priests, deacons, and laity to explore quality programs for formation, for expanding education opportunities for clergy and laity, for collaboration between
local diocesan school programs and seminaries, for ecumenical collaboration, and to explore a wide range of delivery methods. The task force shall report back to the 79th General Convention with a plan to provide quality formation for clergy in small congregations that is affordable, theologically reflective, and innovative; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention appoint authorize a task force with membership appointed by the Presiding Officers consisting of no fewer than 10 nor more than 20 representatives including, but not limited to, representatives from local diocesan programs, representatives from seminaries, ecumenical representation, or representatives who are engaged in advanced theological education; and that the task force be made up of bishops, priests, deacons, and laity to explore quality programs for formation, for expanding education opportunities for clergy and laity, for collaboration between local diocesan school programs and seminaries, for ecumenical collaboration, and to explore a wide range of delivery methods. The task force shall report back to the 79th General Convention with a plan to provide quality formation for clergy in small congregations that is affordable, theologically reflective, and innovative; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #205)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #28 on Resolution D001 (Amend Canon III.9.7) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention amend Section 7 of Canon III.9 to read as follows:

Sec. 7. Resignation

On reaching the age of seventy-two years, a Priest shall resign from all positions in this Church, and the resignation shall be accepted. Thereafter, the Priest may supply occasional services or may accept any position in this Church, including, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, the position or positions from which resignation pursuant to this Section has occurred; Provided, without licensure unless required pursuant to Section 6 of this Canon provided, that

(a) tenure in the position shall be for a term of not more than twelve months, which term may be renewed from time to time, and
(b) service in the position shall have the express approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the service is to be performed, acting in consultation with the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.
(c) Anything in this Canon to the contrary notwithstanding, a Priest who has served in a non-stipendiary capacity in a position before resignation may, at the Bishop's request, serve in the same position for a term not to exceed twelve months thereafter, and this term may be renewed.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #206)
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #29 on Resolution C014 (Commend Charter for Compassion) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C014)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirms the Charter for Compassion and its encouragement of respectful and compassionate conversation while honoring full expression of differences, and encourages its study and a prayerful response; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention asserts the importance of joining with other partners to further the understanding of the principles of compassion and how we might live more intentionally, putting compassion at the center of our daily lives and relationships within the Episcopal Church and beyond, in ecumenical and interreligious contexts, within our cities and towns, and in the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages all dioceses to study the Charter for Compassion and to participate in its call to action.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #207)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #30 on Resolution C004 (Voice and Vote for Non-Canonical Resident Clergy) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C004)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention request a study of the issue of clergy both Episcopal and Lutheran serving congregations in a Diocese where they are not canonically resident; and be it further
Resolved, That the study results in canonical direction to the Church in the matter of vote in Dioceses where such clergy are living and serving congregations but do not hold canonical residence.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #208)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #31 on Resolution A078 (Reaffirm The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A078)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend the ministry of Christian Formation and education leaders in The Episcopal Church for continuing to lift up The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation adopted as Resolution A082 at the 76th General Convention; and the importance of inviting, inspiring, and transforming all people, lay and ordained, in the Christian Faith as well as the continued development of training for leaders of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations adopt The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation and annually review the ways in which their Christian Formation ministries reflect and embody The Charter.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #209)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #32 on Resolution A081 (Commend Use of the TEAC Ministry Grids) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A081)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Theological Education for the Anglican Communion (TEAC) Ministry Grids, modified as needed for the Episcopal Church, provide an excellent framework for outlining ministry competencies for all four orders. Given the rapidly changing cultural landscape and contexts for ministry, these grids are commended to all dioceses as instruments for guiding the ongoing formation of leaders in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That given the variety of models of formation being developed across The Episcopal Church, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development also commends these grids as a framework for effective assessment of those preparing for ordination.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #210)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #33 on Resolution B007 (Participation in the Bible in the Life of the Church Project of the Anglican Communion) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B007)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its appreciation to the Anglican Consultative Council and the staff of the Anglican Communion Office for the Anglican Communion's "Bible in the Life of the Church" project in its efforts to deepen engagement with Scripture across the Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the dioceses of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to make their parishes, clergy and lay leaders aware of the resources and findings of the "Bible in the Life of the Church" project; and be it further
Resolved, That the dioceses and seminaries of The Episcopal Church be invited to engage with Scripture together with Episcopalians/Anglicans from other parts of the Communion using the methods and resources of the "Bible in the Life of the Church"; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and seminaries of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to contribute educational resources from their own contexts to the "Bible in the Life of the Church" project in order to share lessons from their contexts with the wider Anglican Communion.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #211)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #34 on Resolution A076 (Commend Use of Christian Formation Certifications) and moved adoption.
**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A076)  
**Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend to all dioceses and congregations the use of Christian Formation Certifications as a way to encourage professional development for both paid and unpaid Christian Formation leaders and to deepen the Church’s commitment to the value and status of lay Christian Formation leaders; and be it further**  
**Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend the work of Forma in having developed through Faith Formation Academy the Certificate in Leadership for Lifelong Christian Formation and the Certificate for Youth and Family Ministry; the programs at Virginia Theological Seminary; the Seminary of the Southwest’s Certificate Program in Christian Formation; General Theological Seminary’s Certificate in the Spiritual Guidance of Children; and the programs of other recognized entities offering continuing education opportunities and certification for those called to the ministry of Christian Formation; and be it further**  
**Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center promote awareness of these certification programs.**

*Motion carried  
Resolution adopted*  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #212)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #35 on Resolution A077 (Publicize Resources for People with Special Needs) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A077)  
**Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That The Episcopal Church recognize that all people are children of God and that those with developmental disabilities may require different approaches to education and pastoral care; and be it further**  
**Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Episcopal Church Center to publicize, through the Episcopal Church website and by other appropriate means, to dioceses, congregations, and Christian Formation leaders, compilations of resources that will help educators and clergy in the formation of persons with developmental disabilities.**

*Motion carried  
Resolution adopted*  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #213)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #37 on Resolution A031 (Continue to Develop the Search Toolkit) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A031)  
**Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Transition Ministries, the Office of Pastoral Development, and the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women to continue development of search toolkit resources for female clergy and Church leadership discernment committees through the 2016-18 triennium; and be it further**  
**Resolved, That the 78th General Convention extend appreciation for support of the search toolkit at the 77th General Convention, and call on bishops and other diocesan leaders to urge the search toolkit’s use by search committees and transition ministries and to promote its availability for use among female clergy; and be it further**
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to restore the funding passed by the 77th General Convention and to grant additional funding for the expanded development of online and other necessary resources.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Transition Ministries, the Office of Pastoral Development, and the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women to continue development of search toolkit resources for female clergy and Church leadership discernment committees through the 2016-18 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention extend appreciation for support of the search toolkit at the 77th General Convention, and call on bishops and other diocesan leaders to urge the search toolkit's use by search committees and transition ministries and to promote its availability for use among female clergy; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $20,000 to continue to develop the search toolkit and for resources such as expanded development of online materials, Spanish translation and videography.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #214)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #38 on Resolution A079 (Recommend Membership in Forma) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A079)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend Forma for its leadership in building a network of lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education, assisting in the exchange of information among Christian Formation leaders, and providing resources and certification programs for lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations encourage lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education to become members of Forma and, where possible, to pay their dues.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention commend Forma for its leadership in building a network of lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education, assisting in the exchange of information among Christian Formation leaders, and providing resources and certification programs for lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations encourage lay and ordained persons engaged in Christian Formation and Education to become members of Forma and, where possible, to pay their dues.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #215)
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #39 on Resolution A115 (Amend Title III.12.9: Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A115)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.12.9 be amended as follows:
Sec. 9. When the pastoral relationship between a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan and the Diocese is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by the Bishop of that Diocese or a two-thirds majority vote of all of the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of the Diocesan Convention, any party may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement or dissension. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to reconcile the parties, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed mediator. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Presiding Bishop, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Bishop and the Diocese.

Sec. 10. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Collegial Relation between Bishops in the Same Diocese
When the collegial relationship between a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a Bishop of that Diocese or a two-thirds majority vote of all of the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of the Diocesan Convention, any party may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement or dissension. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the collegial relationship. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to reconcile the parties, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed mediator. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Presiding Bishop, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Bishops and the Diocese.

Sec. 11. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #216)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #40 on Resolution A024 (Direct Dioceses to Examine the Impact of the Doctrine of Discovery) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A024)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant and in the spirit of being inclusive, reaffirm and renew the directive to all dioceses, made by the 76th and 77th General Conventions, to examine the
impact, including acts of racial discrimination, racial profiling, and other race-based acts of oppression, that the Doctrine of Discovery, as repudiated at the 76th General Convention, has had on all people, especially on people of color.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant and in the spirit of being inclusive, reaffirm and renew the directive to all dioceses, made by the 76th and 77th General Conventions, to examine the impact, including acts of racial discrimination, racial profiling, and other race-based acts of oppression, that the repudiated Doctrine of Discovery, as well as the related Doctrine of Manifest Destiny, as repudiated at the 76th General Convention, has had on all people, especially on people of color and indigenous peoples.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #217)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #41 on Resolution A032 (Establish Coordinator Position for Women’s Ministries Networks) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A032)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to establish a staff position of Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks; and be it further
Resolved, That this staff person be empowered to engage existing networks across the Church and establish new networks to train and mobilize women leaders, both lay and ordained; and to release women’s leadership skills for the sake of the whole Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on each Province to appoint a representative to work with the Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available sufficient budgetary monies to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to fund a Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks, as well as additional seed money for the development and implementation of a self-sustainable model of women’s ministries networks that will connect women across dioceses and provinces of the Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to establish an independent contract employee or staff position of Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks for women’s ministries and networks in the amount of $150,000 for the triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this staff person be empowered to engage serve as a network catalyst to existing networks movements and programs across the Church and establish new networks to train and mobilize women leaders, both lay and ordained; and to release women’s leadership skills for the sake of the whole Church, mobilizing women leaders, both lay and ordained; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on each Province to appoint a representative to work with the Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available sufficient budgetary monies to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to fund a Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks for women’s ministries and networks in the amount of $150,000 for the triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this staff person be empowered to engage serve as a network catalyst to existing networks movements and programs across the Church and establish new networks to train and mobilize women leaders, both lay and ordained; and to release women’s leadership skills for the sake of the whole Church, mobilizing women leaders, both lay and ordained; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on each Province to appoint a representative to work with the Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available sufficient budgetary monies to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to fund a Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks for women’s ministries and networks in the amount of $150,000 for the triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this staff person be empowered to engage serve as a network catalyst to existing networks movements and programs across the Church and establish new networks to train and mobilize women leaders, both lay and ordained; and to release women’s leadership skills for the sake of the whole Church, mobilizing women leaders, both lay and ordained; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on each Province to appoint a representative to work with the Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available sufficient budgetary monies to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to fund a Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks for women’s ministries and networks in the amount of $150,000 for the triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this staff person be empowered to engage serve as a network catalyst to existing networks movements and programs across the Church and establish new networks to train and mobilize women leaders, both lay and ordained; and to release women’s leadership skills for the sake of the whole Church, mobilizing women leaders, both lay and ordained; and be it further
Missionary Society Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women to fund a Coordinator for Women’s Ministries Networks, as well as additional seed money for the development and implementation of a self-sustainable model of women’s ministries networks that will connect women across dioceses and provinces of the Church. Provide additional seed money to be used to create a self-sustaining model for a vibrant network of women’s ministries across the Church.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #218)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #42 on Resolution A022 (Amend Mandate and Membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A022)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the mandate and membership for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism is hereby amended to read as follows:

This Committee is charged with guiding and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:

Recognizing and developing its anti-racism work as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation;

Overseeing and coordinating the efforts and activities for racial justice of monitoring and evaluating anti-racism and anti-racism related ministries and programming of The Episcopal Church and, when feasible, contributing to the oversight and coordination of said ministries and programming;

Monitoring and evaluating anti-racism programming; recommending best practices for combating eliminating racism; collecting data on provincial anti-racism activities to be submitted to Executive Council on an annual basis; developing criteria for the credentialing of certified anti-racism trainers; and monitoring compliance of anti-racism legislation passed by General Convention.

Membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism shall be composed of one person trained in anti-racism, named by the governing body of each province of this Church, plus one member of the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking for Mission and one Bishop.

(a) Each Committee member shall serve one triennium beginning January 1 in the year following each General Convention until the December 31 following the next General Convention. Members may be named to serve consecutive terms by their provinces.

(b) In the event that a province fails to name a person to serve on the Committee by the January 1, when each term begins, the Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council shall appoint a qualified person from that province to serve on the Committee.

(c) The Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council shall appoint the member from the Joint Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking, and the Chair shall appoint the Bishop member.

(d) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original members were named. Vacancies in excess of 30 days shall be filled by the Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council, and in the case of a Bishop vacancy, by the Chair of Executive Council.

(e) To ensure representation of diverse racial and ethnic voices on this Committee, if there are no members named who are from the racial or ethnic groups of black, Latino/a, Asian, Native American/
Indigenous, and non-Hispanic white, then the Chair and Vice Chair of Executive Council shall appoint a member at large from each unrepresented racial or ethnic group.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #219)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #11 on Resolution B017 (Consider Changes to Funds Administered by Economic Justice Loan Committee) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried  
Committee discharged  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #248)

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #12 on Resolution D067 (Non-Participation in For-Profit Prisons) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(D067)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention directs the immediate implementation of a no-buy policy with respect to corporations which own or operate for-profit prisons and hereby encourages the Church Pension Fund to institute a similar no-buy policy.

Committee Amendment:  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention directs the immediate implementation of The Episcopal Church to continue a no-buy policy with respect to corporations which own or operate for-profit prisons and hereby encourages the Church Pension Fund to institute a similar no-buy policy.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #220)

End of Consent Calendar

Personal Privilege
Deputy Hinton of Delaware wanted to give thanks to his partner, who flew to Salt Lake City to marry Deputy Hinton on Saturday.

Point of Order
Deputy Pollard of New York stated that Resolution B014 had been removed from the Consent Calendar by the Committee. The President ruled that the resolution would be taken off of the Consent Calendar as requested.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 6:19 p.m. to reconvene on July 2 at 11:15 a.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 11:15 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #7 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Seventh Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #12 for the morning session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 75 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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Communications from the President
The President began her communications by quoting the Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Bethlehem and declaring that it was a great day in the Kingdom. The President then made various announcements.

The President declared the House at ease.

The President called the House back to order at 11:26 a.m.

World Mission
The President called on Deputy Alexander of North Carolina to address the House. Deputy Alexander reported on the House of Deputies Committee on World Mission's work during this General Convention. She invited the House to engage in work throughout the world to bring peace and reconciliation and to build relationships. The President explained that she had allowed Deputy Alexander to make this report as the House of Deputies Committee on World Mission submitted all of their reports as a part of the Consent Calendar.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Tinsman of Iowa, founder of Breaking Traffic, announced to the House that Visa and MasterCard had cut ties with Backpage.com, a classified advertising website accused of involvement in human trafficking and child prostitution, thanks to the work of Sheriff Tom Dart of Cook County, Illinois. Deputy Tinsman wished to acknowledge the work of Sheriff Dart.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Johengen of Rochester explained that in the worship bulletins, some of the music citations had been cut off and asked that, at future General Conventions, the citations be complete to show respect to the composers. Deputy Johengen also wished to thank those who are behind the scenes for all of their hard work on the virtual binders and electronic voting systems.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Merchant of South Carolina, president of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, on behalf of the deputation of South Carolina, rose to express thanks and appreciation to The Episcopal Church, the Presiding Bishop, and the President for their continued emotional and financial support during the reorganization of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #168: X001 (Secretary of General Convention) Concurred
HB Message #169: X003 (Appointments on the Board of Archives) Concurred
HB Message #170: X004 (Appointments for the Board of Transition Ministry) Concurred
**Consent Calendar**

**Election of Executive Council**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #13 (X019) on the Election of Bishop Members of Executive Council and moved confirmation.

*Motion carried*

**Election confirmed**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #309)
Elected as Members of the Executive Council:
The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith
The Rt. Rev. Edward J. Konieczny

Election of General Board of Examining Chaplains
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #14 (X020) on the Election of the General Board of Examining Chaplains and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #310)

Elected to the General Board of Examining Chaplains:

Bishops:
The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield
The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens

Lay Persons:
Ms. Liza Anderson
Ms. Norma N. Givens
Ms. Anne LeVeque

Clergy:
The Very Rev. Canon Michael A. Bamberger
The Rev. Canon Dr. Katharine C. Black
The Rev. Adam Paul Kradel

Seminary Faculty/Educational:
The Rev. Dr. Hugh R. Page, Jr.
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ferguson
The Rev. Dr. Duane Andre Smith

Election of General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #15 (X021) on the Election of Bishops for Trustees of General Theological Seminary and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #322)

Elected as Trustees of General Theological Seminary:
The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin

Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #18 on HB Message #122 on Resolution A125 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(g) Qualification of Clerk) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #253)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A125)
Resolved, That Canon IV.5.3(g) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(g) The Disciplinary Board shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Board, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Disciplinary Board and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Board. The clerk, or an assistant clerk who may be appointed at the discretion of the Board, may be any person otherwise qualified who has no conflict of interest in the matter before the Board and who is not barred from serving on the Disciplinary Board under the provisions of IV.5.3(c) or serving on the staff of persons so barred.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #19 on Resolution A126 (Amend Canon IV.5.3(j) Residence of Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, Conciliators) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #254)

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #20 on HB Message #127 on Resolution A143 (Amend Canon IV.16 Clarification of Matters Concerning Abandonment) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #255)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A143)
Resolved, That Canon IV.16 be amended as follows:
A. By a Bishop

Sec. 1. If the Disciplinary Board for Bishops receives information suggesting that a Bishop abandons may have abandoned The Episcopal Church (i) by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church; or (ii) by formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the same this Church; or (iii) by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in communion with the Church, so as to extend to such body Holy Orders as the Church holds them, or to administer on behalf of such religious body Confirmation without the express consent and commission of the proper authority in the Church, the Board shall promptly notify the Presiding Bishop and the Bishop in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Presiding Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, place restrictions on the ministry of the Bishop in question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Board. If, after consideration of the matter, the Board concludes, by a majority vote of all of its members, that the Bishop in question has abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Board it shall be the duty of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, by a majority vote of all of its members, to certify the fact to the Presiding Bishop and with the certificate to send a statement of the acts or declarations which show such abandonment, which certificate and statement shall be recorded by the Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop shall then place a restriction on the exercise of ministry of said Bishop until such time as the House of Bishops shall investigate the matter and act thereon. During the period of such restriction, the Bishop shall not perform any Episcopal, ministerial or canonical acts.
Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop, or the presiding officer Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, shall forthwith give notice to the Bishop of the certification and restriction on ministry. Unless the restricted Bishop, within sixty days, makes declaration by a verified written statement to the Presiding Bishop, that the facts alleged in the certificate are false or utilizes the provisions of Canon III.12.7, the Bishop will be liable to Deposition or Release and Removal. If the Presiding Bishop is reasonably satisfied that the statement constitutes (i) a good faith retraction of the declarations or acts relied upon in the certification to the Presiding Bishop or (ii) a good faith denial that the Bishop made the declarations or committed the acts relied upon in the certificate, the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, shall terminate the restriction. Otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to present the matter to the House of Bishops at the next regular or special meeting of the House. The House may, by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote, (1) consent to the deposition of the subject Bishop, in which case the Presiding Bishop shall depose the Bishop from the ordained ministry of The Episcopal Church, and pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Bishops that the Bishop has been so deposed, or (2) consent to the release and removal of the subject Bishop from the ordained ministry of The Episcopal Church, in which case the Presiding Bishop shall declare such release and removal in the presence of two or more Bishops.

(B) By a Priest or Deacon

Sec. 3. If it is reported to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which a Priest or Deacon is canonically resident that the Priest or Deacon, without using the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, has may have abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Standing Committee shall promptly notify the Bishop Diocesan and the Priest or Deacon in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, place restrictions on the ministry of the Priest or Deacon in question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Standing Committee. Then the Standing Committee shall ascertain and consider the facts, and if it shall determine by a vote of three-fourths of all the members that the Priest or Deacon has abandoned The Episcopal Church by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or worship of the Church, or by the formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the Church, or in any other way, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese to transmit in writing to the Bishop Diocesan, or if there be no such Bishop, to the Bishop Diocesan of an adjacent Diocese, its determination, together with a statement setting out in a reasonable detail the acts or declarations relied upon in making its determination. If the Bishop Diocesan affirms the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall place a restriction on the exercise of ministry by that Priest or Deacon for sixty days and shall send to the Priest or Deacon a copy of the determination and statement, together with a notice that the Priest or Deacon has the rights specified in Section 2 of this Canon and at the end of the sixty day period the Bishop Diocesan will consider deposing the Priest or Deacon in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.

Sec. 4. Prior to the expiration of the sixty-day period of restriction, the Priest or Deacon may utilize the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable. If within such sixty day period the Priest or Deacon shall transmit to the Bishop Diocesan a statement in writing signed by the Priest or Deacon, which the Bishop Diocesan is reasonably satisfied constitutes a good faith retraction of such declarations or acts relied upon in the determination or good faith denial that the Priest or Deacon committed the acts or made the declarations relied upon in the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall withdraw the notice and the restriction on ministry shall expire. If, however, within the sixty day period, the Bishop Diocesan does not declare the release and removal of the Priest or Deacon in accordance with Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable, or the Priest or Deacon does not make retraction or denial as provided above, then it shall be the duty of the Bishop Diocesan either (i) to deposite of the Priest or Deacon or (ii) if the Bishop Diocesan is satisfied that no previous
irregularity or misconduct is involved, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Priests that the Priest or Deacon is released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the obligations attendant thereto, and (for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character) is deprived of the right to exercise in The Episcopal Church the gifts and spiritual authority conferred in Ordination.

Sec. 5. For the purposes of Section 3 and 4 of this Canon, if there is no Bishop Diocesan, the Standing Committee shall submit the matter to the Bishop Diocesan of an adjacent Diocese, who shall have the authority of a Bishop Diocesan in the matter.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #21 on HB Message #124 on Resolution A129 (Amend Canons IV.6.5, IV.6.6 and IV.19.10(b) Notice of Dismissal and Appeal Matters) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #256)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A129)
Resolved, That Canons IV.6.5 and IV.6.6 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would not constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall inform the Bishop Diocesan of an intention to dismiss the matter. If the Bishop Diocesan does not object, the Intake Officer shall dismiss the matter. The Intake Officer shall provide written notice to the Complainant, the subject Member of the Clergy, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision of dismissal, the reasons therefor, and the Complainant’s right to appeal the decision within thirty days of the date of the notice and shall send a copy of that notice and the written intake report to the president of the Disciplinary Board. If the Complainant wishes to appeal the dismissal, the Intake Officer shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent by the Intake Officer to the president of the Disciplinary Board, along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant within 15 days of the date of the notice of dismissal. The Advisor shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent by the Advisor to the president of the Disciplinary Board, along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The intake report and any related information, in the case of a dismissal, shall be retained by the Intake Officer and may be considered in connection with any additional information that may come to the Intake Officer thereafter concerning the subject Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 6. In the event of an appeal of a dismissal, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall, within thirty days of the receipt of the appeal, review the intake report and either affirm or overrule the dismissal. The president shall promptly notify the Complainant and the Complainant’s Advisor, the subject Member of the Clergy and the subject Member’s Advisor, if any, the Intake Officer, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision. If the decision is to overrule the dismissal, the president shall refer the intake report to the Reference Panel within 15 days.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.10(b) be amended to read as follows:

(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall make an Advisor available to the Complainant not later than the earliest of (1) the forwarding of the intake report to the Reference Panel, (2) the Complainant's appeal of 15 days after the Complainant receiving word of a dismissal under Canon IV.6.5, (3) the Respondent or Bishop Diocesan proposing terms of discipline to the other under Canon IV.9, or (4) the Bishop's designation of an Injured Person as a Complainant.
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #22 on HB Message #126 on Resolution A138 (Amend Canon IV.14.8 Shorten Times) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #257)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A138)  
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.8 be amended to read as follows:  
Sec. 8 (a) Except for an Order from a Conference Panel to which the Respondent or Church Attorney has timely filed a notice of objection, the Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty twenty days from the date of the issuance of the Order in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney, and the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever Panel issued the Order) whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Order as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Order.  

(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty twenty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty forty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the Bishop Diocesan may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Order.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #23 on HB Message #125 on Resolution A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.12 Move to 14.8) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #258)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A134)  
Resolved, That Canon IV.12.12 be amended to read as follows:  
Sec. 12. The Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the objection to the president of the Conference Panel within fifteen days following the effective date on which of the Order as defined in Canon IV.14.10. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the objection and the matter will proceed as provided in Canon IV.14.11. is issued. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify and provide copies of the notice of objection to the Bishop, President of the Disciplinary Board and the non-objecting party. The President of the Disciplinary Board shall promptly notify members of the Hearing Panel and refer the matter to the Hearing Panel.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #24 on Resolution A127 (Amend Canon IV.5 Add Canon IV.5.4) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A127)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.5 is hereby amended by adding Canon IV. 5.4 to read as follows:
Sec. 4(a). The President of the Hearing Panel shall have the authority, upon reasonable notice, to impose sanctions on the Respondent, the Respondent’s counsel, or the Church Attorney, for conduct that the President deems to be disruptive, dilatory, or otherwise contrary to the integrity of the proceedings. If the conduct in question is that of the Respondent’s counsel, notice shall be given to the following: the Respondent, Respondent’s counsel, and Respondent’s Advisor. If the conduct in question is that of the Church Attorney, notice shall be given to each of the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan, and the person or Diocesan body with authority to remove or replace the Church Attorney.
Sec. 4(b). Sanctions which may be imposed pursuant to Section 5(a) above include but may not be limited to
(i) refusing to allow the disobedient party to support or oppose claims or defenses;
(ii) refusing to allow the disobedient party from introducing certain matters into evidence;
(iii) striking claims or defenses or responses; or
(iv) disqualification of counsel.
Sec. 4(c). Within 10 days of the imposition of sanctions under this section, the sanctioned party may appeal the sanction to the Disciplinary Board (excluding the members of the Hearing Panel). The President of the Disciplinary Board shall establish a hearing date and convene the Disciplinary Board members, within 20 days, either personally or telephonically, to consider the appeal. The Disciplinary Board shall issue its ruling within three days of conclusion of the hearing. The ruling of the Disciplinary Board cannot be the subject of an interlocutory appeal.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.5 is hereby amended by adding Canon IV. 5.4. IV.13 is hereby amended by adding a new section 7, to read as follows:
Sec. 4-7(a). The President of the Hearing Panel shall have the authority, upon reasonable notice, to impose sanctions on the Respondent, the Respondent’s counsel, or the Church Attorney, for conduct that the President deems to be disruptive, dilatory, or otherwise contrary to the integrity of the proceedings. If the conduct in question is that of the Respondent’s counsel, notice shall be given to the following: the Respondent, Respondent’s counsel, and Respondent’s Advisor. If the conduct in question is that of the Church Attorney, notice shall be given to each of the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan, and the person or Diocesan body with authority to remove or replace the Church Attorney. If the conduct is that of the Respondent, notice shall be given to each of the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan, Respondent’s counsel, Respondent’s Advisor, and Respondent.
Sec. 4-7(b). Any sanctions must be proportionate to the underlying misconduct. Sanctions that which may be imposed pursuant to Section 5-Canon IV.13.7 (a) above include, but may not be limited to
(i) amending a scheduling order;
(ii) limiting discovery;
(iii) refusing to allow the disobedient party to support or oppose claims or defenses;
(iv) refusing to allow the disobedient party from introducing certain matters into evidence;
(v) striking claims or defenses or responses; or
(vi) disqualification of counsel.
Sec. 4-7(c) Within 10 days of the imposition of sanctions under this section, the sanctioned party may appeal the sanction to the Disciplinary Board (excluding the members of the Hearing Panel). The standard of review for such appeal shall be de novo. The President of the Disciplinary Board shall
establish a hearing date and convene the Disciplinary Board members, within 20 days, either personally or telephonically, to consider the appeal. The Disciplinary Board shall issue its ruling within three days of conclusion of the hearing. The ruling of the Disciplinary Board cannot be the subject of an interlocutory appeal.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #259)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #46 on Resolution A009 (Amend Canon I.3 Of Changes to the Officers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A009)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 1.3 be amended to read as follows:
The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, as and from time to time amended, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows: Constitution of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America as established in 1821, and since amended at various times.

ARTICLE I This organization shall be called The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of the Church (DFMS).

ARTICLE II The Executive Council, as constituted by Canon, shall be its Board of Directors, and shall adopt By-laws for its government not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons.

ARTICLE III The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be appointed in accordance with the Canons or By-laws. The Presiding Bishop of the Church shall be the President of the Society DFMS; one Vice President shall be the person who is the President of the House of Deputies Presiding Deputy; and one Vice President shall be the person who is the Chief Operating Officer Church General Manager; the Treasurer shall be the person who is also serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council; and the Secretary shall be the person who is the Secretary of the Executive Council, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by the By-laws. The other officers of the Society shall be such as are provided for by the By-laws of the Society DFMS. The tenure of office, compensation, powers, and duties of the officers of the Society DFMS shall be such as are prescribed by the Canons and by the By-laws of the Society DFMS not inconsistent with the Canons.

ARTICLE IV This Constitution of the Society maybe altered or amended at any time by the General Convention of the Church.

Motion defeated

Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #260)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #47 on Resolution B021 (External Funding for CCABs) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That no Commission, Committee, Agency or Board of General Convention shall raise or receive funding other than that explicitly provided in the Triennial Budget, without prior authorization by General Convention or the Executive Council.

Motion carried  
Resolution referred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #261)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #48 on Resolution D038 (Full Deputation from Every Diocese for General Convention) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried  
Committee discharged  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #262)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #49 on Resolution D011 (Eliminate Provinces) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(D011)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention eliminate provincial structures in the Episcopal Church; and be it further,  
Resolved, That the good work of the Province IX Sustainability Project be continued; and be it further  
Resolved, That all dioceses outside the United States continue to receive churchwide budgetary resources and staff support as needed; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Canon I.1.14(c), Canon 1.2.1(a), Canon 1.2.1(b), Canon 1.2.1(c), Canon 1.4.1(c), Canon 1.4.2(a), Canon 1.4.3(c), Canon 1.4.3(d), Canon 1.4.6(e), Canon 1.7.1, Canon 1.9, Canon 1.11.2(f), Canon 1.11.3(c), Canon 1.15.10(a), Canon III.5.1(c), Canon III.11.1(b), Canon III.11.5, Canon III.11.8(a), Canon III.11.9(c)(2), Canon IV.5.4, Canon IV.15.1(d), Canon IV.15.2, Canon IV.15.3, Canon IV.15.4, Canon IV.19.5(c)(1), Canon IV.19.19, Canon IV.19.23(b), Canon V.4.1(c), Canon V.4.1(d), House of Bishops Rule of Order XXVII, House of Deputies Rule of Order 9, House of Deputies Rule of Order 22(b), House of Deputies Rule of Order 62 b(ii), and Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies II be amended as follows:  
Canon I.1.14(c)  
(c) From the sites approved by the General Convention, the Joint Committee, with the advice and consent of a majority vote of the following: The Presidents and the Vice-Presidents of both Houses of Convention, the Presidents of the Provinces and the Executive Council, shall determine the site for such General Convention and proceed to make all reasonable and necessary arrangements and commitments for that meeting of the General Convention. The site and date thus selected shall be deemed to have been appointed by the General Convention, as provided in the Constitution.  
Canon 1.2.1(a)  
At each General Convention the House of Deputies shall elect one Clerical and one Lay Deputy from each Province as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Deputy from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Deputy from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Deputies, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two
Clerical Deputies and two Lay Deputies as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Deputies shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee. At each General Convention the House of Deputies shall elect six Clerical and six Lay Deputies as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. The President of the House of Deputies, after consultation with representatives of youth, shall appoint two persons, age 16-21, as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Canon 1.2.1(b)

At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect one Bishop from each Province as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Bishop from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Bishop from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Bishops, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Bishops from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Bishops as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Bishops shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee. At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect six Bishops as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Canon 1.2.1(c)

In the event vacancies shall occur in the Joint Nominating Committee after the election of its members due to death, disability, resignation, or other cause within one year of the next General Convention, the vacancies shall not be filled and the remaining members shall constitute the Joint Nominating Committee. In the event such vacancies shall occur more than one year prior to the next General Convention, the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops shall appoint Bishops and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint Clerical and Lay Deputies, in all cases from the same Provinces as those Bishops or Deputies whose positions are being filled. An elected or appointed member who shall not be a Deputy to the next General Convention shall continue as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee until the adjournment of such next General Convention.

Canon 1.4.1(c)

(c) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty thirty members elected by the General Convention, of whom four six shall be Bishops, four six shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and twelve eighteen shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two three Bishops, two three Presbyters or Deacons, and six nine Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of eighteen members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following ex officis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer, who shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and by one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

Canon 1.4.2(a)

Sec. 2 (a) Of the members to be elected by the General Convention, the Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies, and the Presbyters or
Deacons and Lay Persons shall be elected by the House of Deputies subject to confirmation by the House of Bishops.

Canon 1.4.2(c)
(c) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the death or resignation of a member elected by the General Convention or through the change in status of any such member by consecration or ordination, the Council shall fill such vacancy by the election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the General Convention. The General Convention shall elect a suitable person to serve the portion of any term which will remain unexpired.

Canon 1.4.2(d)
(d) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the failure of any Provincial Synod to elect a member, or through the death, resignation, or removal from the Province of any such member, the President and Provincial Council of the Province shall appoint a suitable person, canonically resident in such Province, to serve until the Provincial Synod shall by election fill the vacancy.

Canon 1.4.6(e)
(e) After the preparation of the budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed askings necessary to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church. The Executive Council shall also submit to the General Convention, with the budget, a plan for the askings of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the budget.

Canon 1.7.1(a)
Sec. 1. In every Province, Diocese, Parish, Mission and Institution connected with this Church, the following standard business methods shall be observed:
(a) All accounts of Provinces shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant, or independent licensed accountant, or such audit committee as shall be authorized by the Provincial Council. The Audit Report shall be filed with the Provincial Council not later than September 1 of each year, covering the preceding calendar year.

Canon 1.9

Canon 1.11.2(f)
(f) An Area Mission which shall have been undertaken under the sole auspices of this Church, with a Bishop of this Church assigned to give episcopal oversight, shall be entitled to representation in the Provincial House of Bishops and the Provincial House of Deputies in the Province of which it is a part.

Canon 1.11.3(c)
(c) In every Missionary Diocese there shall be an annual Convention, composed of the Bishop or Bishops, the other Clergy of the Diocese, and Lay Delegates from the organized Congregations. Such Convention shall elect a Standing Committee, in accordance with the diocesan Canons, which shall have the powers and duties set forth for Standing Committees in Canon 1.12 and in other Canons of the General Convention. It shall also elect Clerical and Lay Deputies and alternate Deputies to the General Convention, in accordance with its diocesan Canons, and the provisions of Article I.4 of the Constitution. If the Missionary Diocese is a member of a Province of this Church, it shall also provide for Clerical and Lay Deputies and alternate Deputies to the Synod, in accordance with the diocesan Canons and the provisions of the Ordinances of the Province.

Canon 1.15.10(a)
(a) With the permission of the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop in Charge and the Council of Advice may (i) engage a Diocese of this Church to provide the needed Disciplinary Structures to fulfill the requirements of the Canons of this Church, or (ii) establish among the Congregations of the Convocation the needed Disciplinary Structures to fulfill the requirements of the Canons of this Church. In either case, the Provincial Court of Review shall either be that of the Diocese providing the needed Disciplinary Structures or that of the Province of the Convocation, and, for the purposes of
implementing the provisions for Ecclesiastical Discipline (Title IV) of a member of the Clergy, the Bishop in Charge shall serve the function reserved for the Bishop Diocesan, except that the Presiding Bishop must approve any Accord, any Agreement for Discipline and the terms of any Order, and pronounce the Sentence.
Canon III.5.1(c)
(c) In case of a vacancy in the episcopate in a Diocese, the Ecclesiastical Authority may authorize and request the President of the House of Bishops of the Province Bishop of another diocese to take order for an ordination.
Canon III.11.1(b)
(b) In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.
Sec. 5. Upon receipt of the consents and assurance of the acceptance of the election by the Bishop-elect, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the ordination of the Bishop-elect either by the Presiding Bishop or the President of the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected is part, and two other Bishops of this Church, or by any three Bishops to whom the Presiding Bishop may communicate the testimonials.
Canon III.11.8(a)
(a) Within ten days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan by a Diocesan Convention, delegates constituting no less than ten percent of the number of delegates casting votes on the final ballot may file with the Secretary of the Convention written objections to the election process, setting forth in detail all alleged irregularities. Within ten days after receipt thereof, the Secretary of the Convention shall forward copies of the same to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor and Standing Committee of the Diocese, and to the Presiding Bishop, who shall request the Court of Review of the Province in which the Diocese is located to investigate the complaint. The Court of Review may invite response by the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and any other persons within the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected. Within thirty days after receipt of the request, the Court of Review shall send a written report of its findings to the Presiding Bishop, a copy of which report the Presiding Bishop, within fifteen days, shall cause to be sent to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Convention of the electing Diocese. The Secretary shall send a copy of the report to each of the delegates who filed objection to the election process.
Canon III.11.9(c)
Missionary Bishops
(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church.
(2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election be made on its behalf by the Synod of the Province, or the House of Bishops of the Province subject to confirmation of the Provincial Council, or the Regional Council of Churches in communion with this Church of which the Diocese is a member. A Certificate of the Election, signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Synod or Provincial House of Bishops, or Regional Council, and a testimonial in the form required in Canon III.11, signed by a constitutional majority of the Synod, Provincial House of Bishops or Regional Council, shall be transmitted by its presiding officer to the Standing Committee of the Missionary Diocese on whose behalf such election was made. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11, the above Certification of Election and Testimonial serving in lieu of evidence of election and testimonial therein required.
The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election may be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops. Such choice shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses. The medical certificate as required in Canon III.11 shall also be required of Missionary Bishops-elect.

(i) When the House of Bishops is to elect a Bishop for a Missionary Diocese within a given Province, the President of the Province may convene the Synod of the Province prior to the meeting of the House of Bishops at which a Bishop for such Missionary Diocese is to be elected. The Synod of the Province may thereupon nominate not exceeding three persons to the House of Bishops for that office. It shall be the duty of the President of the Province to transmit such nominations, if any be made, to the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, communicate the same to the Bishops, along with other nominations that have been made, in accordance with the Rules of Order of the House. Each Province containing a Missionary Diocese shall, by Ordinance, provide the manner of convening the Synod and making such nomination.

Canon IV
All references in Title IV to "Provincial Court of Review" shall be amended to read "Court of Review".

Canon IV.5.4 [Ed Note: Delete existing Section 4 and replace it with new text in italics.]
Sec. 4. There shall be a Court of Review for the church with jurisdiction to receive and determine appeals from Hearing Panels of Dioceses as provided in Canon IV.15 and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.

(a) The Court of Review shall consist of: (i) one Bishop; two Priests or one Priest and one Deacon; and two lay persons; and (ii) two Bishops, four Priests or Deacons of whom at least three shall be priests, and four lay persons to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided. Each Priest or Deacon, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in a Diocese different from any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or alternate, shall reside in a Diocese different from any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.

(b) The members and alternates of the Court of Review shall be appointed annually by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. The Court of Review shall select a president from among its members.

(c) The persons appointed to the Court of Review shall continue to serve until their respective successors have been appointed, except in case of death, resignation or declination to serve.

(d) No member of the Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such member serves on the Disciplinary Board. In such event, the alternate shall serve.

(e) In the event that any member of the Court of Review is excused pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.5.3(c), or, upon objection made by either party to the appeal is deemed by the other members of the Court of Review to be disqualified, such member's alternate shall serve.

(f) In the event of any Court of Review member's death, resignation or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act or is ineligible to serve under Canons IV.5.4(d) or (e), and in the further event that there is no alternate available to serve, the president of the Court of Review shall declare a vacancy on the Court of Review. Notices of resignation or declination to serve shall be communicated in writing to the president of the Court of Review.

(g) Vacancies on the Court of Review shall be filled by appointment by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies from persons qualified as provided in Canon IV.5.4(a).

(h) The Court of Review shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Court, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Court of Review and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Court.

(i) The rules of procedure for appeals to the Court of Review are as provided in Canon IV.15, but the Court of Review may adopt, alter or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.
Canon IV.15.1
Sec. 1. In the event that proceedings before the Hearing Panel are unreasonably delayed or suspended, and are not resumed within sixty days following a written request for resumption of proceedings from the Church Attorney or the Respondent, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may file a written request with the Provincial Court of Review for an order directing the Hearing Panel to resume the proceedings. The Court of Review shall consider the request as follows:
(a) The person filing the request shall provide copies of the request to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and of the Disciplinary Board. The request shall include a statement of the status of the proceedings and the reason, if known, for the delay or suspension of proceedings, and a description of all actions taken by the person filing the request or by any other person to resolve any impediment to the proceedings or other cause for the delay.
(b) Within fifteen days of receipt of the copy of the request, the president of the Hearing Panel shall file a response to the request with the Provincial Court of Review, with a copy to the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Board.
(c) The Provincial Court of Review shall convene, either personally or telephonically, to consider the request and the response, if any, from the Hearing Panel. The Court shall then either issue an order directing resumption of the proceedings or an order declining to direct resumption with an explanation of the reasons therefor. The order issued by the Provincial Court of Review shall be binding upon the Hearing Panel.
(d) In the event a Hearing Panel, having been ordered to resume proceedings, either refuses to do so or is unable to do so, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may request that the Provincial Court of Review order the transfer of the proceedings to a Hearing Panel of another Diocese within the same Province, including an order to the Board of the originating Diocese to transmit the complete record of the proceedings to the successor Hearing Panel.
Canon IV.15.2
Sec. 2. Within forty days after issuance of an Order by a Hearing Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the Provincial Court of Review, by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan, with copies of the notice to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province. The notice of appeal shall be signed by the Respondent's counsel or the Church Attorney and shall include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken and shall state the grounds of the appeal.
Canon IV.15.3
Sec. 3. Any Order from a Hearing Panel finding that a Respondent did not commit an Offense involving a question of the Doctrine, Faith or Worship of the Church may be appealed by the Bishop Diocesan upon the written request of at least two Bishops Diocesan of other Dioceses within the Province who are not members of the Provincial Court of Review. Such an appeal shall be taken on the question of the Church's Doctrine, Faith and Worship only, and may not seek to reverse the finding of the Hearing Panel of noncommission of other Offenses. An appeal under this section may be taken by service of a notice of appeal by the Bishop Diocesan upon the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province within forty days after the Order of the Hearing Panel is received by the Bishop Diocesan.
Canon IV.15.4
Sec. 4. If an appeal is taken from a Hearing Panel of a Diocese which is non-provincial, the appeal shall be taken before the Provincial Court of Review geographically closest to that Diocese.
Canon IV.19.5(c)
If objection is made by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence as provided in Canon IV.19.5(b), the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence and the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake Officer's Diocese shall promptly agree as to which Diocese will assume jurisdiction over
the matter and conduct proceedings. If the two Bishops cannot promptly agree, the disagreement will be Resolved as follows:

(1) If they are in the same Province, either may promptly request the president of the Provincial Court of Review to decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings. If they are in different Provinces, either may promptly request the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops to decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings.

(2) The requesting Bishop shall provide a copy of the request to the other Bishop. A reply to the request may be made by the non-requesting Bishop within fifteen days of service of the request.

(3) The president shall have the discretion to hear from the Bishops Diocesan or the Church Attorneys for the respective Dioceses, either personally or telephonically by online or telephone conference, concerning the request and any reply. The president shall have the discretion to request additional submissions from the Bishops Diocesan or the Church Attorneys.

(4) The president shall decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings within thirty days of service of the request.

Canon IV.19.19
Sec. 19. No Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Church Attorney in that Diocese. No Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of any Province shall serve as Church Attorney in any Diocese of that Province or any provincial proceeding. Neither the Presiding Bishop’s Chancellor nor the Chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies shall serve as Church Attorney in any proceeding. The Church Attorney in any proceeding shall not be from the same law firm as any Chancellor or Vice Chancellor otherwise disqualified under this section.

Canon IV.19.23(b)
(b) The necessary costs and expenses of the Provincial Court of Review shall be the expense of the Province General Convention.

Canon V.4.1(c-d)
(c) The term of any Member of the Clergy specified to be filled by virtue of a provincial or diocesan canonical residence shall become vacant upon the change of canonical residence to another diocese or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.
(d) The term of any Lay Person specified to be filled by virtue of a provincial or diocesan residence shall become vacant upon the change of residence to another diocese or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.

House of Bishops Rule of Order XXVII
There shall be an Advisory Committee, composed of Bishops who are the Presidents or Vice-Presidents of each Province, which will act as advisory council to the Presiding Bishop between meetings of the House of Bishops. The Committee shall elect its own officers. The Presiding Bishop shall be authorized to appoint an Advisory Council for consultation and advice in the performance of the duties of the office. The Committee shall elect its own officers.

House of Deputies Rule of Order IV 9
The size of all Committees, unless otherwise noted, shall be at the discretion of the President; Provided, that, when the number of members equals or exceeds the number of Provinces, there shall normally be at least one member from each Province. The President shall be a member, ex officio, of all Committees. The Presiding Officers are encouraged to continue to appoint persons from International Dioceses to the committees and commissions of this church.

House of Deputies Rule of Order 22(b) [Ed Note: Delete paragraph 22(b)(3) and renumber.]
House of Deputies Rule of Order 62 b(ii)
(ii) up to 8—24 (not more than two youth from each Province) who are duly authorized representatives known as The Official Youth Presence shall have seat and voice in a designated section on the floor of the House.
Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies

10. (a) There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of 27 persons being members of the General Convention (one nine Bishops, and two eighteen members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Task Force consisting of three bishops, three clergy persons, and six lay persons representing the geographic diversity of the Church, including persons who have been involved in the creation of churchwide networks through social media and other electronic communications, be appointed by the presiding officers to study the potential effects of eliminating provincial structures in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force study issues and potential effects of eliminating Provinces, including consideration of what structures might replace Provinces to facilitate or create networks to support mission and ministry; how such networks might be formed, function, funded, connected to other networks, and be constituted; how geographic diversity in elections, appointments, and other churchwide roles might be accomplished; and what effect the elimination of Provinces would have on overall costs; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force shall collaborate with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons in order to create recommendations to the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #263)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #50 on Resolution A118 (Amend Canons I.1, I.6.5, I.9.11, and V.1; and Joint Rule of Order V.15) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A118)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1 be amended to read as follows:
(a) At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, the Vice-President of the House, or, if there be neither, a presiding officer pro tempore appointed by the members of the House of Deputies on the Joint Committee of Arrangements for the General Convention, shall call to order the members present. The Secretary of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, a Secretary pro tempore appointed by the presiding officer, shall record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented, which record shall be prima facie evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. In the event that testimonials are presented by or on behalf of persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in a General Convention, then the Secretary, or one appointed instead as provided herein, shall proceed as provided in Clause (c). If there be a quorum present, the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall so certify, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election, by ballot, of a Secretary of the House of Deputies, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to such election. Nominees for Secretary of the House of Deputies must be confirmed communicants in good standing or clergy of The Episcopal Church.Upon such election, the presiding officer shall declare the House organized. If there be a vacancy in the office of President or Vice-President, the vacancy or vacancies shall then be filled by election, by ballot, the term of any
officer so elected to continue until the adjournment of the General Convention. As soon as such vacancies are filled, the President shall appoint a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform it of the organization of the House of Deputies, and of its readiness to proceed to business. 

(b) There shall be a President and a Vice-President of the House of Deputies, who shall perform the duties normally appropriate to their respective offices or specified in these Canons. They shall be elected not later than the seventh day of each regular meeting of the General Convention in the manner herein set forth. The House of Deputies shall elect from its membership, by a majority of separate ballots, a President and a Vice-President, who shall be of different orders. Such officers shall take office at the adjournment of the regular meeting at which they are elected, and shall continue in office until the adjournment of the following regular meeting of the General Convention. They shall be and remain ex officio members of the House during their term of office. No person elected President or Vice-President shall be eligible for more than three consecutive full terms in each respective office. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability, of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability of the Vice-President, the President shall appoint a Deputy of the opposite order, upon the advice and consent of the lay persons, presbyters and deacons of the Executive Council, who shall serve until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. The President shall be authorized to appoint an Advisory Council for consultation and advice in the performance of the duties of the office. The President may also appoint a Chancellor to the President, a confirmed adult communicant of the Church in good standing who is learned in both ecclesiastical and secular law, to serve so long as the President may desire, as counsel in matters relating to the discharge of the responsibilities of that office.

(c) In order to aid the Secretary of the House of Deputies in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the Secretary shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

(d) The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall keep full minutes of the proceedings of the House; record them, with all reports, in a book provided for that purpose; preserve the Journals and Records of the House; deliver them to the Registrar, as hereinafter provided; and perform such other duties as may be directed by the House. The Secretary shall appoint a First Assistant Secretary of the House of Deputies and may, with the approval of the House, appoint other Assistant Secretaries, and the Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries of the House of Deputies and the First Assistant Secretary shall continue in office until the organization of the next General Convention, and until their successors be chosen.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the House of Deputies General Convention, whenever any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer or of the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church in every Diocese, as well as to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, and written evidence that the foregoing requirement has been complied with shall be presented by the Secretary of the General Convention to the General Convention at its next session. All such notices shall be sent by certified or registered mail, with the local Secretary's certificates to be returned. The Secretary of the General Convention shall notify all diocesan Secretaries that it is their duty to make known such proposed alterations of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Constitution, and such other subjects, to the Conventions of their respective
Dioceses at their next meeting, and to certify to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention that such action has been taken.

(f) The Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Treasurer of the General Convention shall be entitled to seats upon the floor of the House of Deputies, and, with the consent of the President, they may speak on the subjects of their respective offices.

(g) At the meetings of the House of Deputies the Rules of Order for the previous meeting shall be in force until they are amended or repealed by the House.

(h) In case of the resignation, death or total disability of the President and Vice-President during the recess of the General Convention, the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall perform such ad interim duties as may appertain to the office of President until the next meeting of the General Convention or until such disability is removed.

(i) If, during recess, a vacancy shall occur in the office of Secretary of the House of Deputies, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the First Assistant Secretary, or, if there be none such, upon a Secretary pro tempore appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, or if the office of President be also vacant, then by the Vice-President, and if both offices be vacant, then by the members from the House of Deputies of the Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements for the next General Convention, appointed by the preceding General Convention.

(j) At every regular meeting of the General Convention, the Secretary of the House of Deputies elected by the House of Deputies shall, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the General Convention, also be made the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall have responsibility for assembling and printing of the Journal of the General Convention, and for other matters specifically referred to the Secretary by General Convention or its officers to the Secretary of the General Convention. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of Secretary of the General Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon a Secretary pro tempore jointly appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, or if the office of President be vacant, then by the Vice President, and the Presiding Bishop. The term of the Secretary pro tempore shall extend until the election of a Secretary of the General Convention at the next regular General Convention.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.6.5 be amended as follows:

(a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies General Convention, immediately upon publication, two copies of the Journals of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with Episcopal charges, statements, and such other records in paper or electronic format as may show the state of the Church in that jurisdiction, and two copies to the Archives of the Church in a common format as prescribed by the Archivist of the Church.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.11 be amended as follows:

Sec. 11. Each Provincial Synod shall keep minutes, journals or other records of its meetings, and shall transmit one copy of the records to the Secretary of the House of Deputies General Convention, and one copy to the Archives of The Episcopal Church. The Synod shall also transmit copies of any unpublished inactive records to the Archives.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canons V.1.2 and V.1.5 be amended as follows:

Sec. 2. Whenever a Canon is amended, enacted, or repealed in different respects by two or more independent enactments at the same General Convention, including the enactment of an entire Title, the separate enactments shall be considered as one enactment containing all of the amendments or enactments, whether or not repealed, to the extent that the change made in separate amendments or enactments, are not in conflict with each other. The two members of the Committee on Canons from each House of General Convention appointed pursuant to Canon V.1.5(a) shall make the determination whether or not there is a conflict and certify the text of the single enactment to the Secretary of the General Convention.
Sec. 5 (a) The Committee on Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint two of its members to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal.

(b) The Committee on Constitution of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint a similar committee of two of its members to certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution, and to report the same to the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal. The committee shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the General Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons in the foregoing Sections 4 and 5(a) of this Canon.; and be it further

Resolved, That Joint Rule of Order V.15, be amended to read as follows:

15. The Secretary of the House of Deputies General Convention, being the Secretary of the General Convention, shall, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and of such Bishops as may be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, prepare a summary of the actions of the General Convention of particular interest to the Congregations of the Church, and make the same available to the Congregations, through the Ministers-in-charge thereof, and to the Lay Deputies; such summary to be sent to the Clergy along with the Pastoral Letter put forth by the House of Bishops, and to be made available to all Deputies on the last day of the Convention, along with such Pastoral Letter, if feasible to do so, or within thirty days thereafter.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.1 be amended to read as follows:

(a) At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, the Vice-President of the House, or, if there be neither, a presiding officer pro tempore appointed by the members of the House of Deputies on the Joint Committee of Arrangements for the General Convention, shall call to order the members present. The Secretary of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, a Secretary pro tempore appointed by the presiding officer, shall record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented, which record shall be prima facie evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. In the event that testimonials are presented by or on behalf of persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in a General Convention, then the Secretary, or one appointed instead as provided herein, shall proceed as provided in Clause (c). If there be a quorum present, the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall so certify, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election, by ballot, of a Secretary of the House of Deputies, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to such election. Nominees for Secretary of the House of Deputies must be confirmed communicants in good standing or clergy of The Episcopal Church. Upon such election, the presiding officer shall declare the House organized. If there be a vacancy in the office of President or Vice-President, the vacancy or vacancies shall then be filled by election, by ballot, the term of any officer so elected to continue until the adjournment of the General Convention. As soon as such vacancies are filled, the President shall appoint a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform it of the organization of the House of Deputies, and of its readiness to proceed to business.

(b) There shall be a President and a Vice-President of the House of Deputies, who shall perform the duties normally appropriate to their respective offices or specified in these Canons. They shall be elected not later than the seventh day of each regular meeting of the General Convention in the
manner herein set forth. The House of Deputies shall elect from its membership, by a majority of separate ballots, a President and a Vice-President, who shall be of different orders. Such officers shall take office at the adjournment of the regular meeting at which they are elected, and shall continue in office until the adjournment of the following regular meeting of the General Convention. They shall be and remain ex officio members of the House during their term of office. No person elected President or Vice-President shall be eligible for more than three consecutive full terms in each respective office. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability, of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability of the Vice-President, the President shall appoint a Deputy of the opposite order, upon the advice and consent of the lay persons, presbyters and deacons of the Executive Council, who shall serve until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. The President shall be authorized to appoint an Advisory Council for consultation and advice in the performance of the duties of the office. The President may also appoint a Chancellor to the President, a confirmed adult communicant of the Church in good standing who is learned in both ecclesiastical and secular law, to serve so long as the President may desire, as counselor in matters relating to the discharge of the responsibilities of that office.

(c) In order to aid the Secretary of the House of Deputies in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the Secretary shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

(d) The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall keep full minutes of the proceedings of the House; record them, with all reports, in a book provided for that purpose; preserve the Journals and Records of the House; deliver them to the Registrar, as hereinafter provided; and perform such other duties as may be directed by the House. **With the approval of the House, the Secretary shall appoint a First Assistant Secretary of the House of Deputies and may, with the approval of the House, appoint other Assistant Secretaries. The Secretary and Assistant Secretaries shall continue in office until the organization of the next General Convention, and until their successors be chosen. The other Assistant Secretaries shall continue in office until the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were appointed.**

(e) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the House of Deputies, General Convention, whenever any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer or of the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church in every Diocese, as well as to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, and written evidence that the foregoing requirement has been complied with shall be presented by the Secretary of the General Convention to the General Convention at its next session. All such notices shall be sent by certified or registered mail, with the local Secretary's certificates to be returned. The Secretary of the General Convention shall notify all diocesan Secretaries that it is their duty to make known such proposed alterations of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Constitution, and such other subjects, to the Conventions of their respective Dioceses at their next meeting, and to certify to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention that such action has been taken.

(f) The Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Treasurer of the General Convention shall be entitled to seats upon the floor of the House of Deputies, and, with the consent of the President, they may speak on the subjects of their respective offices.
(g) At the meetings of the House of Deputies the Rules of [sic] Orders fo [sic] the previous meeting shall be in force until they are amended or repealed by the House.

(h) In case of the resignation, death or total disability of the President and Vice-President during the recess of the General Convention, the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall perform such ad interim duties as may appertain to the office of President until the next meeting of the General Convention or until such disability is removed.

(i) If, during recess, a vacancy shall occur in the office of Secretary of the House of Deputies, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the First Assistant Secretary, or, if there be none such, upon a Secretary pro tempore appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, or if the office of President be also vacant, then by the Vice-President, and if both offices be vacant, then by the members from the House of Deputies of the Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements for the next General Convention, appointed by the preceding General Convention.

(j) At every regular meeting of the General Convention, the Secretary of the House of Deputies elected by the House of Deputies shall, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the General Convention, also be made the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall have responsibility for assembling and printing of the Journal of the General Convention, and for other matters specifically referred to the Secretary by General Convention or its officers to the Secretary of the General Convention. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of Secretary of the General Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon a Secretary pro tempore jointly appointed by the President of the House Deputies, or if the office of President be vacant, then by the Vice President, and the Presiding Bishop. The term of the secretary pro tempore shall extend until the election of a Secretary of the General Convention at the next regular General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.6.5 be amended as follows:

(a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, General Convention, immediately upon publication, two copies of the Journals of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with episcopal charges, statements, and such other records in paper or electronic format as may show the state of the Church in that jurisdiction, and two copies to the Archives of the Church in a common format as prescribed by the Archivist of the Church.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.11 be amended as follows:

Sec. 11. Each Provincial Synod shall keep minutes, journals or other records of its meetings, and shall transmit one copy of the records to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, General Convention, and one copy to the Archives of The Episcopal Church. The Synod shall also transmit copies of any unpublished inactive records to the Archives.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canons V.1.2 and V.1.5 be amended as follows:

Sec. 2. Whenever a Canon is amended, enacted, or repealed in different respects by two or more independent enactments at the same General Convention, including the enactment of an entire Title, the separate enactments shall be considered as one enactment containing all of the amendments or enactments, whether or not repealed, to the extent that the change made in separate amendments or enactments, are not in conflict with each other. The two members of the Committee on Canons from each House of General Convention appointed pursuant to Canon V.1.5(a) shall make the determination whether or not there is a conflict and certify the text of the single enactment to the Secretary of the General Convention.

Sec. 5 (a) The Committee on Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint two of its members to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal.
(b) The Committee on Constitution of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint a similar committee of two of its members to certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution, and to report the same to the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal. The committee shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the General Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons in the foregoing Sections 4 and 5(a) of this Canon.; and be it further

Resolved, That Joint Rule of Order V.15, be amended to read as follows:

15. The Secretary of the House of Deputies General Convention, being the Secretary of the General Convention, shall, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and of such Bishops as may be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, prepare a summary of the actions of the General Convention of particular interest to the Congregations of the Church, and make the same available to the Congregations, through the Ministers-in-charge thereof, and to the Lay Deputies; such summary to be sent to the Clergy along with the Pastoral Letter put forth by the House of Bishops, and to be made available to all Deputies on the last day of the Convention, along with such Pastoral Letter, if feasible to do so, or within thirty days thereafter.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #264)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #11 on HB Message #131 on Resolution D071 (Call for Ratification of the UN CRPD) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #265)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D071)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention in accordance reaffirm and renew the Church’s longtime commitment to the principles of inclusion and the advancement of the human rights of all people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize and acknowledge that the United States of America is the last developed nation member of the United Nations that has yet to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and recognize that other countries in which The Episcopal Church exists have ratified the treaty; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during the 114th Congress of the United States, and direct the Office of Government Relations to lobby the Senate for the ratification of this treaty and direct the Episcopal Public Policy Network to urge all members of the Church in the United States to contact their Senators and advocate for ratification of the treaty.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #12 on HB Message #109 on Resolution A047 (Address Moral and Spiritual Injury in the Context of Trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #266)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A047)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call the Church to a triennium of pastoral care and Christian formation that is focused upon those whose lives have been directly and indirectly impacted by exposure to traumatic events related to global and domestic terrorism, the violence of warfare, and displacement through natural and man-made disasters, to address the effects of massive and chronic exposure to these particular expressions of violence and global chaos; and be it further
Resolved, That a consortium be formed among the of the Office of Global Partnerships; the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries; the Office of Diversity, Social, and Environmental Ministries; and Episcopal Migration Ministries, along with representatives of the Church appointed by the Executive Council, to consult with relevant experts in the field, to collect and make available relevant resources, and to coordinate communication among a wide network of ministries focused upon healing from traumatic stress injuries related to warfare, terrorism, and population displacement; and be it further
Resolved, That the same consortium make available to military chaplains, parish clergy, and lay ministers resources and training specific to helping them address the needs of uniformed men and women of the armed forces and of veterans who either continue to be directly or virtually involved in global combat engagements or who are returning from service with “spiritual and moral injuries;” and be it further
Resolved, That the same consortium work with Anglican Communion partners and with migration and refugee organizations to develop or disseminate resources for the relief of traumatic stress and to promote spiritual healing for women, men, and children who are affected by terrorist organizations that continue to be intent on harming innocent, non-combatant populations through intimidation, recruitment, physical violence, and geographic displacement; who are the non-combatant victims of military engagements; or who are the subjects of population displacements due to terrorism, military combat, or large scale environmental disasters.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #13 on HB Message #130 on Resolution C018 (Pursue Justice, Peace and Security in the Holy Land) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #267)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C018)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its solidarity with and support for Christians in Israel and the Occupied Territories; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in healing, education, and pastoral care; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm the work of Christians engaged in relationship building, interfaith dialogue, non-violence training, and advocacy for the rights of Palestinians; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge Episcopalians to demonstrate our solidarity by making pilgrimage to Israel and the Occupied Territories and learning from our fellow Christians in the region; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention request the Program, Budget and Finance Committee consider allocating $15,000 during the next triennium for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to produce a video and study guide based on the experiences and learnings of pilgrims to the region and Christians living in the region, to be distributed to the Episcopal Church.

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #33 on Resolution C054 (Supporting the Release of Puerto Rican Political Prisoner Oscar Lopez Rivera) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C054)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm their commitment to defend human and civil rights of political prisoners; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declares that the sentence of Oscar Lopez Rivera is unfair and disproportionate. This situation has converted him to the senior political prisoner in the United States that has been imprisoned for a long period of time; and it be further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the President of the United States to release the Puerto Rican political prisoner Oscar Lopez Rivera; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention adopt a resolution that supports the efforts of the Annual Assembly of the Diocese of Puerto Rico.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #268)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #34 on Resolution D068 (Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D068)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention renews its commitment to offer relevant and transformative ministry in a society where "a pipeline from school to prison," exists as a systematically racist and devastating process undermining the hope of children and young people in challenged communities, replacing hope with a belief that incarceration is not only inevitable, but a laudable Rite of Passage; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church is called to promote an alternative vision necessary to transform these unjust structures of society; and be it further
Resolved, That the offices of Black Ministries and Social and Economic Justice work collaboratively promoting and supporting existing programs (RISE); to identify, create, and support additional programs serving as a blueprint for local leaders empowering challenged communities to engage in grass roots organizing and faith-based education, turning the "Pipeline to Prison" into a Pipeline to
the Kingdom; while inviting children and young people to see themselves as valued members of the Kingdom of God; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $200,000 for the implementation of this resolution with $90,000 earmarked for 12 individual start-up RISE or Christian Rites of Passage ministries.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention renew its The Episcopal Church’s commitment to offer relevant and transformative ministry in a society where “a pipeline from school to prison,” the school-to-prison pipeline exists as a systematically racist and devastating process undermining the hopes of children and young people in challenged communities, replacing that hope with a belief that incarceration is not only inevitable, but a laudable Rite of passage; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church is called to promote an alternative vision necessary to transform these unjust structures of society; and be it further

Resolved, That the offices of Black Ministries and Social and Economic Justice work collaboratively promoting and supporting existing programs (RISE), to identify, create, and support additional programs serving which can serve as a blueprint for local leaders empowering, and empower challenged communities to engage in grass roots organizing and faith-based education, . The goal is to turn turning the "Pipeline to Prison" pipeline to prison into a pipeline to the Kingdom, while inviting children and young people to see themselves as valued members of the Kingdom of God; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $200,000 for the implementation of this resolution with $90,000 earmarked for 12 individual start-up RISE or Christian Rites of Passage ministries.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #269)


Original Text of Resolution:

(A183)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage all parishes, missions, and Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to commit to studying “mass incarceration” as one of the most pressing social justice issues of our time and in particular consider using the New York Times bestseller, “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness” by Michelle Alexander as a common text; and be it further

Resolved, That The Church identify staff who make available on The Episcopal website book study and discussion guides, print and video resource materials, and links to relevant websites.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage all parishes, missions, and Dioceses dioceses, congregations, schools, and other faith communities of The Episcopal Church over the next triennium to commit to studying “mass
incarceration” as one of the most pressing social justice issues of our time, “mass incarceration,” and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, congregations, schools, and other faith communities and in particular consider using the New York Times bestseller, “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness” by Michelle Alexander as a common text that invites the people of The Episcopal Church into engagement; and be it further

Resolved, That Convention acknowledge that each Diocese in the U.S. and in the other 16 countries of The Episcopal Church may have different circumstances and disparities in the imprisonment of its racial and ethnic minorities when compared to its dominant population and therefore should adapt this triennial study to its unique circumstances by identifying and developing additional resources to address same, be it further

Resolved, That the Church identify staff who make available instruct the DFMS Justice and Advocacy Ministry Team and the DFMS Diversity Ministry Team to work together to compile and distribute to Dioceses and make easily accessible on The Episcopal Church website a tool kit of relevant study and discussion guides; print, and video, and Internet resource materials, and links to relevant websites; and other information.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #270)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #36 on Resolution A182 (Using Education, Community Dialogue and Internal Audit to Respond to All Forms of Racial Injustice) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A182)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that many Episcopalians find it challenging to understand or know how to respond to 21st century racial injustice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm that the Gospel, our Baptismal Covenant, and our Marks of Mission that call individuals, churches, dioceses, provinces, and the wider Church to find more effective and productive ways to respond to racial injustice as we love our neighbors as ourselves, respect the dignity of every human being; and transform unjust structures of society; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention declare that “not knowing” and “not having the eyes to see” are serious obstacles to transforming unjust structures and therefore direct the Church at every level for this triennium to commit to increase the use of study, education, research, anti-racism training, liturgies, and Christian formation instruction that specifically address systemic racial injustice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Church at every level to increase the number of dialogues about systemic racial injustice it has with local, state and national bodies within the public and private spheres and that these dialogues be used to identify, examine, and offer correctives to policies and practices within and among these bodies that result in systemic racial disparities and injustices; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council to conduct its own internal audit to assess to what extent, if at all, racial disparities and systemic racial injustices exist within the Church (including but not limited to clergy salaries and deployment); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council to report back to the 79th General Convention on the results of the internal audit; what concrete steps it and the wider Church took to address systemic racial injustice in the wider culture; and how effective those steps were.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize that many Episcopalians find it challenging to understand or know how to respond to 21st century systemic racial injustices that still occur in multiple contexts including but not limited to education; employment; housing; health care; banking; voting rights; immigration; policing, courts, and prisons, etc.; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirms that the Gospel, our Baptismal Covenant, and our Marks of Mission that call individuals, churches, dioceses, provinces, and the wider Church to find more effective and productive ways to respond to racial injustice as we love our neighbors as ourselves, respect the dignity of every human being, and transform unjust structures of society; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare that “not knowing” and “not having the eyes to see and ears to hear” are serious obstacles to transforming unjust structures and therefore direct the Church at every level for this triennium to commit to increase the use of study, education, research, anti-racism training, liturgies, and Christian formation instruction that specifically address systemic racial injustice; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct urge the Church at every level to increase the number of dialogues about systemic racial injustice it has with local, state and national bodies within the public and private spheres and that these dialogues be used to identify, examine, and offer correctives to policies and practices within and among these bodies that result in systemic racial disparities and injustices; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and congregations to create vehicles for listening to diverse neighbors and developing reconciling relationships; such options might include (a) listening campaigns in local communities, (b) partnerships with churches and organizations comprised predominately of a different race or culture (especially those targeted by oppression), (c) neighborhood prayer walks, (d) storytelling and speak-out events designed to facilitate truth-telling, healing and action, (e) and others with which leaders throughout the Church are familiar; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage Justice and Advocacy Ministries to partner with other church offices and organizations as appropriate to host, resource, and moderate an ongoing online forum for Episcopalians dedicated to the ministry of racial justice and reconciliation, with spaces dedicated to sharing about local and diocesan efforts and resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage Justice and Advocacy Ministries to partner with Youth Ministries to commission a gospel-centered, Internet-integrated, action-oriented, anti-racism youth ministry curriculum for congregations throughout The Episcopal Church, including those not in the United States, to be provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music produce and post online a set of prayers for racial reconciliation and justice, suitable for inclusion in the Prayers of the People; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct urge the Executive Council to conduct its own internal audit to assess to what extent, if at all, racial disparities and systemic racial injustices exist within the Church (including but not limited to clergy salaries and deployment); and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs request that the Executive Council to report back to the 79th General Convention on the results of the internal audit; what concrete steps it and the
wider Church took to address systemic racial injustice in the wider culture; and how effective those steps were.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #271)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #18 on HB Message #129 on Resolution C015 (Addition to Baptismal Covenant Language) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #272)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C015)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the trial addition to the Baptismal Covenant of a sixth question concerning our responsibility as baptized Christians to care for God's creation; and be it further
Resolved, That the additional question and response be worded as follows:
"Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
I will, with God's help."; and be it further
Resolved, That use of this additional question and response be authorized for trial use as part of the Baptismal Covenant for the triennium 2016-2018.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #43 on Resolution A041 (Amend Canon III.15.1-5 Of the General Board of Examining Chaplains) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A041)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon III.15.1-3 and delete Canons III.15.4-5 as follows:
Sec. 1. There shall be a General Board of Examining Chaplains, consisting of four Bishops, six Priests with pastoral cures or in specialized ministries, six members of accredited Seminary faculties or of other educational institutions, and six Lay Persons, and eight other members. The members of the Board shall be elected to six-year terms by the House of Bishops and confirmed by the House of Deputies from nominees presented by the existing Board and the Presiding Bishop, one-half of the members in each of the foregoing categories being elected and confirmed at each regular meeting of the General Convention for a term of two Convention periods not to exceed two General Conventions, except that for the first election following the approval of this canon, one half of the members shall be elected for a three-year term and one half for a six-year term. They shall take office at the adjournment of the meeting of the General Convention at which their elections are confirmed, and shall serve until the earlier of the end of their term or the adjournment of the second regular meeting of General Convention thereafter. No member shall serve more than 12 years consecutively. Additionally, the Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, may
appoint up to four other members for a term. The House of Bishops, at any special meeting that may be held prior to the next meeting of the General Convention, shall fill for the unexpired portion of the term any vacancy that may have arisen in the interim. The Board shall elect its own Chair and Secretary, and shall have the power to constitute committees necessary for the carrying on of its work.

Sec. 2. (a) The General Board of Examining Chaplains, with professional assistance, shall prepare at least annually a General Ordination Examination covering the subject matter set forth in Canon III.8.5 (g); and shall conduct, administer, and evaluate it in respect to those Candidates for Holy Orders who have been identified to the Board by their several Bishops.

(b) Whenever a Candidate has not demonstrated proficiency in any one or more of the canonical areas covered by the General Ordination Examination, The General Board of Examining Chaplains shall recommend to the Commission on Ministry, and through the Commission to the Board of Examining Chaplains, if one exists, of the Diocese to which the Candidate belongs, how the proficiencies might be attained. promptly report to each Candidate, to the Candidate’s Bishop, and to the dean or other official of the educational program at which the Candidate is studying, the results of the General Ordination Examination, the examinations themselves, and the proficiency or lack of proficiency noted, along with the reasons for any lack of proficiency. The Bishop shall transmit these reports to the Standing Committee and to the Commission on Ministry.

Sec. 3. The General Board of Examining Chaplains may prepare, in each Convention period, guidelines based upon the subjects contained in Canon III.8.4(e), which guidelines shall be available to all persons concerned shall make a report concerning its work to each regular meeting of the General Convention.

Sec. 4. The General Board of Examining Chaplains shall promptly report, in writing, to the Candidate, to the Candidate’s Bishop and to the Dean of the Seminary the Candidate is attending, the results of all examinations held by them, together with the examinations themselves, whether satisfactory or unsatisfactory, making separate reports upon each person examined. The Bishop shall transmit these reports to the Standing Committee and to the Commission. Notwithstanding the results of the examinations, in no case shall the Standing Committee recommend a Candidate for Ordination under Canon III.8 until the Standing Committee has received from the Commission on Ministry a certificate to the effect that the Candidate has demonstrated a proficiency in all subjects required by Canon III.8.5(g) and (h).

The report of the Board shall be made in the following form:

To _________ (Candidate), the Right Reverend _________, Bishop of _________ (or in the absence of the Bishop the Standing Committee of) _________: (Place) _________ (Date) ______ To the Dean of (Place) _________ (Date) ______

We, having been assigned as examiners of A.B., hereby testify that we have examined A.B. upon the subject matter prescribed in Canon III.7. Sensible of our responsibility, we give our judgment as follows: (Here specify the proficiency of A.B. in the subject matter appointed, or any deficiency therein, as made apparent by the examination. (Signed) _______________

Sec. 5. The General Board of Examining Chaplains shall make a report concerning its work to each regular meeting of the General Convention, and in years between meetings of the General Convention shall make a report to the House of Bishops.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #273)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #44 on Resolution D030 (Establish Parental Leave Policy) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D030)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention strongly urges all dioceses, congregations, and other church-related offices and agencies/contexts to establish and make available parental leave policies for birth and adoptive parents in their employ; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention extend the provisions stated in resolution 2000-C042, to include mention that clergy who give birth have a 12 week benefit that is available through the short term disability coverage provided by the Church Pension Fund; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Church Pension Group to increase publicity and knowledge about the provisions provided through the short term disability.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention strongly urges all dioceses, congregations, and other church-related offices and agencies/contexts to establish and make available parental leave policies for birth and adoptive parents, both clergy and lay, in their employ; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention extend the provisions stated in resolution 2000-C042, to include mention that clergy who give birth have a 12 week benefit that is available through the short term disability coverage provided by the Church Pension Fund; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Church Pension Group to increase publicity and knowledge about the provisions provided through the short term disability; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Executive Council in consultation with the Church Pension Group to prepare a church wide model policy on parental leave for both birth and adoptive parents for consideration by the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #274)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #45 on Resolution B023 (Review of Presiding Bishop Election Process) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention calls for a complete review of the recent work of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop including all aspects of the process including the work of the Transition Committee; and be it further
Resolved, That the committee to review the process be appointed by the Presiding Officers jointly, and such committee include representatives of all aspects of the process; and be it further
Resolved, That a report be given to the 79th General Convention of the committee’s findings and recommendations for future elections; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development provide support for this work; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention calls for a complete post-election review of the recent work of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop including all aspects of the process including the work of the Transition Committee; and be it further
Resolved, That the committee to review the process be appointed by the Presiding Officers jointly, and such committee include representatives of all aspects of the process as well as some who have critical distance; and be it further
Resolved, That a report be given to the 79th General Convention of the committee’s findings and recommendations for future elections; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development provide support for this work; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution for the review of the 2015 election.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #275)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #46 on Resolution A120 (Amend Canon III.7 to add 7.11; amend Canon III.9, to add 9.12, and renumber 9.12 and 9.13; and Amend Canon III.12, to add 12.8 and Renumbe 12.8, 12.9, and 12.10) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A120)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.7 be amended to add a new Canon III.7.11 to read as follows:
Sec. 11. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal.
(a) When a Deacon who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.7.8 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Deacon was last canonically resident, attaching the following:
(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;
(2) Evidence of previous ordained Ministry in this Church, and other Churches as applicable.
(3) Evidence of moral and godly character;
(4) Evidence that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of ordained Ministry in this Church;
(5) A certificate from at least two Clergy in this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the ordained Ministry of any other Church to which the person has belonged since his or her departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church has not arisen from any circumstance reflecting unfavorably on his or her moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to permit the person to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church;
(6) A letter of support in the form provided in Canon III.6.6(b)(2) from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church; and
(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.
(b) The provisions of Canon III.6.5(a) shall be applicable.
(c) The Commission on Ministry may, with the consent of the Bishop, and with notice to the applicant, examine the applicant in any subject described in Canons III.6.5(f) and (g).

(d) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the presence of the Bishop and two or more members of the Clergy of this Church the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(e) Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications and soundness in the faith, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the person’s removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the return of the person into the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(f) No one shall be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church under this Canon less than twelve months from the date of having most recently become a communicant of this Church unless the Bishop Diocesan and a majority of the members of the Standing Committee conclude that special circumstances exist to merit such return which will benefit the needs of this Church.

(g) Notice of the person’s return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.7.10.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9 be amended to add a new Canon III.9.12 to read as follows, and renumbering the two subsequent sections to be Canon III.9.13 and III.9.14.

Sec. 12. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal.

(a) When a Priest who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.9.8 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest was last canonically resident, attaching the following:

(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;

(2) Evidence of previous ordained Ministry in this Church and other Churches as applicable;

(3) Evidence of moral and godly character;

(4) Evidence that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of ordained Ministry in this Church;

(5) A certificate from at least two Priests in this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the ordained Ministry of any other Church to which the person has belonged since his or her departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church has not arisen from any circumstance reflecting unfavorably on his or her moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to permit the person to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church;

(6) A letter of support in the form provided in Canon III.8.7(b)(2) from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church; and

(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(b) The provisions of Canon III.8.5(a) shall be applicable.

(c) The Commission on Ministry may, with the consent of the Bishop, and with notice to the applicant, examine the applicant in any other subject required described in by Canons III.8.5(g) and (h).

(d) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction or foreign civil jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the presence of the Bishop and two or more Presbyters the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(e) Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications and soundness in the faith, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the person’s removal and release,
may permit, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the return of the person into the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(f) No one shall be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church under this Canon less than 12 months from the date of having most recently become a communicant of this Church unless the Bishop Diocesan and a majority of the members of the Standing Committee conclude that special circumstances exist to merit such return which will benefit the needs of this Church.

(g) Notice of the person’s return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.9.11.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12 be amended to add a new Canon III.12.8, to read as follows, and renumbering the three subsequent sections to be Canon III.12.9, III.12.10, and III.12.11.

Sec. 8. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal

(a) When a Bishop who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.12.7 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Presiding Bishop, attaching the following:

(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;

(2) Evidence of previous ordained Ministry in this Church, and other Churches as applicable;

(3) Evidence of a moral and godly character;

(4) Evidence that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of ordained Ministry in this Church;

(5) A certificate from at least two Bishops in this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from ordained Ministry of any other Church to which the person has belonged since his or her departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church has not arisen from any circumstance reflecting unfavorably on his or her moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to permit the person to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church;

(6) A letter of support from the Bishop of the Diocese in which the person was last canonically resident; and

(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(b) The Presiding Bishop shall examine the person regarding his or her reasons for departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church, reasons for seeking to return to that Ministry, and any other subject reflecting on that person’s fitness to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church. The Presiding Bishop may, at his or her discretion, invite others to participate in the examination.

(c) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to all things to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction or foreign civil jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the present of the Presiding Bishop and two or more Bishops the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(d) Thereafter the Presiding Bishop, being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications and soundness in the faith, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the person’s removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, the return of the person into the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(e) No one shall be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church under this Canon less than 12 months from the date of having most recently become a communicant of this Church unless the Presiding Bishop and a majority of the members of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop conclude that special circumstances exist to merit such return which will benefit the needs of this Church.

(f) Notice of the person’s return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.12.7(c).
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.7 be amended to add a new Canon III.7.11 to read as follows:

Sec. 11. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal.
(a) When a Deacon who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.7.8 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Deacon was last canonically resident, attaching the following:

(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;
(2) Evidence of previous ordained Ministry in this Church, and other Churches as applicable;
(3) Evidence of moral and godly character;
(4) Evidence that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of ordained Ministry in this Church;
(5) A certificate from at least two Clergy in this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the ordained Ministry of any other Church to which the person has belonged since his or her departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church has not arisen from any circumstance reflecting unfavorably on his or her moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to permit the person to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church;
(6) A letter of support in the form provided in Canon III.6.6(b)(2) from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church; and
(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(b) The provisions of Canon III.6.5(a) shall be applicable.
(b) If the Bishop so chooses, the Bishop may give permission for the Deacon to continue the process toward reinstatement, which may include the following:

(1) Active participation in a congregation for a period of time at the Bishop’s discretion;
(2) Regular contact with the Bishop or the Bishop’s designee during the course of the process;
(3) Evaluation by a licensed mental health professional of the Bishop’s choosing for the purposes of evaluation and of determining fitness for resumption of ordained ministry in this church;
(4) Two references from those who are able to discuss the Deacon’s former ministry;
(5) Meeting with the Standing Committee, who shall have the benefit of the materials above and who shall provide to the Bishop its recommendation regarding reinstatement;
(c) The Commission on Ministry may, with the consent of the Bishop, and with notice to the applicant, examine the applicant in any subject described in Canons III.6.5(f) and (g).
(d) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the presence of the Bishop and two or more members of the Clergy of this Church the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.
(c) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require the Deacon seeking to return to the ministry to sign a written declaration as required in
Article VIII of the Constitution, without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction and execute such declaration in the presence of the Bishop and two or more members of the clergy of this Church.

d) Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of the person's theological qualifications and soundness in the faith, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the person's Deacon's removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the return of the person Deacon into the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(f) No one shall be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church under this Canon less than twelve months from the date of having most recently become a communicant of this Church unless the Bishop Diocesan and a majority of the members of the Standing Committee conclude that special circumstances exist to merit such return which will benefit the needs of this Church.

(e) The provisions of this Canon III.7.11 shall not be applicable to any Deacon who has been removed, released, or deposed from their ministry as the result of any proceeding of Title IV of these Canons.

(f) Notice of the person’s Deacon's return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.7.10.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9 be amended to add a new Canon III.9.12 to read as follows, and renumbering the two subsequent sections to be Canon III.9.13 and III.9.14.

Sec. 12. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal.

(a) When a Priest who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.9.8 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest was last canonically resident, attaching the following:

1. Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;
2. Evidence of previous ordained Ministry in this Church and other Churches as applicable;
3. Evidence of moral and godly character;
4. Evidence that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of ordained Ministry in this Church;
5. A certificate from at least two Priests in this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the ordained Ministry of any other Church to which the person has belonged since his or her departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church has not arisen from any circumstance reflecting unfavorably on his or her moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to permit the person to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church;
6. A letter of support in the form provided in Canon III.8.7(b)(2) from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church; and
7. A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(b) The provisions of Canon III.8.5(a) shall be applicable.

(b) If the Bishop so chooses, Bishop may give permission for the Priest to continue the process toward reinstatement, which may include the following:

1. Active participation in a congregation for a period of time at the Bishop's discretion;
2. Regular contact with the Bishop or the Bishop's designee during the course of the process;
3. Evaluation by a licensed mental health professional of the Bishop's choosing for the purposes of evaluation and of determining fitness for resumption of ordained ministry in this church;
(4) Two references from those who are able to discuss the Priest's former ministry;
(5) Meeting with the Standing Committee, who shall have the benefit of the materials above and who shall provide to the Bishop its recommendation regarding reinstatement;
(c) The Commission on Ministry may, with the consent of the Bishop, and with notice to the applicant, examine the applicant in any other subject required described in by Canons III.8.5(c) and (h);
(d) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction or foreign civil jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the presence of the Bishop and two or more Presbyters the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.
(c) Before the Priest may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require the Priest seeking to return to the ministry to sign a written declaration as required in Article VIII of the Constitution, without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction and execute such declaration in the presence of the Bishop and two or more members of the clergy of this Church.
(e) Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of the person's theological qualifications and soundness in the faith, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the person's Priest's removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, the return of the person into the ordained Ministry of this Church.
(f) No one shall be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church less than 12 months from the date of having most recently become a communicant of this Church unless the Bishop Diocesan and a majority of the members of the Standing Committee conclude that special circumstances exist to merit such return which will benefit the needs of this Church.
(e) The provisions of this Canon III.9.11 shall not be applicable to any Priest who has been removed, released, or deposed from their ministry as the result of any proceeding of Title IV of these Canons.
(f) Notice of the person's Priest's return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.9.11.
Sec. 8. Return to the Ordained Ministry of this Church after Release and Removal
(a) When a Bishop who has been released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church under Canon III.12 desires to return to that Ministry, the person shall apply in writing to the Presiding Bishop, attaching the following:
(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;
(2) Evidence of previous ordained Ministry in this Church, and other Churches as applicable;
(3) Evidence of a moral and godly character;
(4) Evidence that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of ordained Ministry in this Church;
(5) A certificate from at least two Bishops in this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from ordained Ministry of any other Church to which the person has belonged since his or her departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church has not arisen from any circumstance reflecting unfavorably on his or her moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to permit the person to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church;
(6) A letter of support from the Bishop of the Diocese in which the person was last canonically resident; and
(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.
(1) Evidence of previous ordination in The Episcopal Church;
Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and anti-racism trainings;

A statement from no less than two Bishops known to the applicant in support of the application;

A statement of the reasons for seeking to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(b) The Presiding Bishop shall examine the person regarding his or her reasons for departure from the ordained Ministry of this Church, reasons for seeking to return to that Ministry, and any other subject reflecting on that person's fitness to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church. The Presiding Bishop may, at his or her discretion, invite others to participate in the examination.

(b) If the Presiding Bishop so chooses, the Presiding Bishop may give permission for the Bishop to continue the process toward reinstatement, which may include the following:

1. Active participation in a congregation for a period of time at the Presiding Bishop's discretion;
2. Regular contact with the Presiding Bishop or the Presiding Bishop's designee during the course of the process;
3. Evaluation by a licensed mental health professional of the Presiding Bishop's choosing for the purposes of evaluation and of determining fitness for resumption of ordained ministry in this church;
4. Two references from those who are able to discuss the Bishop's former ministry;
5. Approval of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice

(c) Before the person may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to all things to the Discipline of this Church without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction or foreign civil jurisdiction, and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the present of the Presiding Bishop and two or more Bishops the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

(c) Before the Bishop may be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church, the Presiding Bishop shall require the Bishop seeking to return to the ministry to sign a written declaration as required in Article VIII of the Constitution, without recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction and execute such declaration in the presence of the Presiding Bishop and two or more Bishops of this Church.

(d) Thereafter the Presiding Bishop, being satisfied of the person's theological qualifications and soundness in the faith, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the person's Bishop's removal and release, may permit, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council of Advice to the Presiding Bishop, the return of the person Bishop into the ordained Ministry of this Church.

(e) No one shall be permitted to return to the ordained Ministry of this Church under this Canon less than 12 months from the date of having most recently become a communicant of this Church unless the Presiding Bishop and a majority of the members of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop conclude that special circumstances exist to merit such return which will benefit the needs of this Church.

(f) Notice of the person's Bishop's return to the ordained Ministry of this Church shall be provided in writing to the same persons and entities receiving notice under Canon III.12.7(c).

(f) The provisions of this Canon III.12.8 shall not be applicable to any Bishop who has been removed, released, or deposed from their ministry as the result of any proceeding of Title IV of these Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #276)
Original Text of Resolution:

(A135)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.13 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. If the Conference Panel decides to refer a matter is referred to the Hearing Panel, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney of the referral. Upon receipt of the notice, the president of the Conference Panel shall within three days of that decision promptly notify the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney of the referral.

Sec. 2. Within 10 days of receipt of a referral for Hearing Panel proceedings, the Church Attorney shall review all information acquired as of the time of such referral and, if necessary, shall revise or update the statement of the alleged Offense and shall provide the same to the Hearing Panel. Upon receipt of the Church Attorney's communication, the Hearing Panel shall within seven days issue a notice to the Respondent, to the Respondent's Advisor, to Respondent's counsel, if any, and to the Church Attorney.

(a) The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, advise the Respondent that a written response to the notice must be filed by the Respondent with the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice and advise the Respondent that failure to attend or participate in a scheduled or noticed hearing may result in a finding of default of the provisions of Canon IV.19.6.

(b) A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant's Advisor.

(c) Unless additional time is approved for good cause by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall within 30 days of the mailing date of the notice file with the Hearing Panel and deliver to the Church Attorney a written response signed by the Respondent within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice. The president of the Hearing Panel shall forward a copy of the response to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 3. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor.

Sec. 4. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be public, provided, however, that the Hearing Panel may close any part of the proceedings at its discretion to protect the privacy of any person. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

Sec. 5. The Church Attorney and the Respondent shall each be afforded reasonable time and opportunity to prepare evidence in preparation for the hearing as follows:

(a) Within thirty days after the filing and delivery of the response by the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the Respondent's counsel shall meet and confer regarding the nature and basis of the allegations against the Respondent and the defenses thereto and to make or arrange for initial disclosures as described in Canon IV.13.5(b), and to develop a proposed plan of discovery forms and schedule for approval by the Hearing Panel. A report of the proposed plan shall be filed with the president of the Hearing Panel within fifteen days after the conference.

(b) Within fifteen days after the conference described in Canon IV.13.5(a), the Church Attorney and the Respondent's counsel shall each provide to the other initial a mandatory disclosure of all evidence known to them that would tend to prove or disprove the allegations against the Respondent, including but not limited to (1) the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have direct knowledge of information which may be used to...
support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, together with a detailed summary of the expected testimony of the person, if called to testify; and (2) a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents and tangible things that may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, except as such disclosure would involve Privileged Communications. The parties must supplement mandatory disclosures made under this section as additional information becomes known. Documents and tangible items identified in the mandatory disclosures that are in the possession of a party shall be produced upon request. The Hearing Panel may, upon request of a party or Injured Person, enter an order limiting production of documents or tangible items of a sensitive nature.

(b) A party claiming that any communication is privileged must provide a log containing the date of the communication, a list of all persons party to the communication, and a short description of the communication. Disputes over the scope of the privilege may be raised with the Hearing Panel.

(c) If the discovery plan has been mutually agreed upon by the Church Attorney and counsel for the Respondent, the president of the Hearing Panel may approve the plan and incorporate it in a discovery order and scheduling order governing all discovery procedures and establishing a date for hearing of the matter. If the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel do not agree on all elements of the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall allow each to be heard with respect to the elements in dispute, make a determination of appropriate discovery procedures and issue a discovery order and scheduling order within thirty days of the receipt of the discovery planning report.

(c) The Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel may each also serve on the other up to 20 Requests for Admission at any time within the 60-day period for mandatory disclosures or within 15 days after that 60-day period. A party upon whom a Request for Admission is served must respond by admitting or denying the Request within 30 days of service, and failure to so respond shall be deemed an admission. Where extraordinary circumstances prevent a party from providing a timely response to a Request for Admission, the party may seek relief from the Hearing Panel, which, at its discretion, may grant such relief.

(d) Discovery procedures as approved in the discovery plan filed pursuant to Canon IV.13.5(a) may include written interrogatories, oral or written deposition testimony of any person having knowledge pertaining to the alleged Offense or any defenses, requests for production of documents or tangible objections, and requests for admissions of fact.

(e) In addition to the disclosures required by this section and the discovery obtained pursuant to the discovery plan, the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other and to the Hearing Panel at least thirty days before the hearing final pre-hearing disclosures including (1) the name, address and telephone number of each witness expected to be called to testify at the hearing; (2) identification of each document or other tangible object expected to be used as an exhibit in the hearing; and (3) requests, if any, to have all or portions of the hearing closed to the public.

(d) The Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel may each take two depositions without prior permission of the Hearing Panel.

(e) No other discovery shall be allowed at any point during the pendency of a matter under this Title except with permission of the Hearing Panel upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, in approving or determining the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall take reasonable steps to assure that the discovery process will not unduly burden any person from whom information is sought or unduly adversely affect any pastoral response being offered to any such person. The Hearing Panel may impose, after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard, reasonable sanctions on any party for failure to comply with any discovery or scheduling order pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.5.5.
Sec. 4. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other.

Sec. 5. All pre-hearing motions and challenges shall be timely filed with the Hearing Panel. All responses shall be filed by the non-moving party within 15 days of receipt of the motion or challenge. Upon receipt of a motion or challenge, the Hearing Panel may consult with the Procedural Officer or refer the motion or challenge to the Procedural Officer for determination. Upon receipt of a motion or challenge, the Hearing Panel will promptly set the matter for hearing. The hearing may be conducted by conference call. After consideration of the argument of the parties, the Hearing Panel or the Procedural Officer, whoever conducted the hearing, shall render a decision within three days of the hearing. The decision shall be final as to all procedural matters. Decisions on evidentiary matters are preliminary and may be reconsidered by the Hearing Panel during the course of the hearing if warranted by the evidence. A decision by the Procedural Officer shall be provided to the parties and the President of the Hearing Panel.

Sec. 6. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel except its private deliberations shall be open to the Respondent and to each Complainant, to any Injured Person, and to persons from the public. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied at the proceedings by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor. Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause, including to protect the privacy of any person, may close any part of the proceedings to any person or group of persons, after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

Sec. 7. At least 15 days before the hearing, the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other and to the Hearing Panel final pre-hearing disclosures including (1) the name, address, and telephone number of each witness expected to be called to testify at the hearing; (2) identification of each document or other tangible object expected to be used as an exhibit in the hearing; and (3) requests, if any, to have all or portions of the hearing closed to the public.

Sec. 6.8. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel, the testimony of witnesses shall be taken orally and personally or by such other means as provided by order of the Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be given under oath or solemn affirmation and be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. The proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of relevant facts.

(b) The president:

(1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;
(2) shall exclude privileged evidence;
(3) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt contains all pertinent portions of the original document;
(4) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including records of other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the Hearing Panel’s specialized knowledge;
(5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay;
(6) shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable opportunity to present evidence, argue and respond to argument, conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence; and
(7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other than the Church Attorney and the Respondent opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.
Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by the president in taking measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

Sec. 7. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Panel shall confer privately to reach a determination of the matter by (a) dismissal of the matter or (b) issuance of an Order.

Sec. 8. If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Hearing Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, and the Church Attorney.

Sec. 9. If the resolution is the issuance of an Order other than an Order of dismissal, the provisions of Canon IV.14 shall apply.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.13 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. If When the Conference Panel decides to refer a matter is referred to the Hearing Panel, the president of the Conference Panel shall within three days of that decision promptly notify the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney of the referral.

Sec. 2. Upon Within 10 days of receipt of a referral for Hearing Panel proceedings, the Church Attorney shall review all information acquired as of the time of such referral and, if necessary, shall revise or update the statement of the alleged Offense and shall provide the same to the Hearing Panel— provide to the Hearing Panel the statement of the alleged Offense(s), updated as needed. No other material from any prior proceedings under Title IV shall be provided to the Hearing Panel. Upon receipt of the Church Attorney’s communication, the Hearing Panel shall within seven days issue a notice to the Respondent, to the Respondent’s Advisor, to Respondent’s counsel, if any, and to the Church Attorney.

(a) The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, advise the Respondent that a written response to the notice must be filed by the Respondent with the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice and advise the Respondent that failure to attend or participate in a scheduled or noticed hearing may result in a finding of default of the provisions of Canon IV.19.6.

(b) A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant’s Advisor.

(c) Unless additional time is approved for good cause by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall within 30 days of the mailing date of the notice file with the Hearing Panel a written response signed by the Respondent within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice. The president of the Hearing Panel shall forward a copy of the response to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 3. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor.

Sec. 4. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be public, provided, however, that the Hearing Panel may close any part of the proceedings at its discretion to protect the privacy of any person. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

Sec. 5. The Church Attorney and the Respondent shall each be afforded reasonable time and opportunity to prepare evidence discover evidence in preparation for the hearing as follows:

(a) Within thirty sixty days after the filing and delivery of the response by the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall meet and confer regarding the nature and
basis of the allegations against the Respondent and the defenses thereto and to make or arrange for initial disclosures as described in Canon IV.13.5(b) and to develop a proposed plan of discovery forms and schedule for approval by the Hearing Panel. A report of the proposed plan shall be filed with the president of the Hearing Panel within fifteen days after the conference.

(b) Within fifteen days after the conference described in Canon IV.13.5(a), the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other initial mandatory disclosure of all evidence known to them that would tend to prove or disprove the allegations against the Respondent, including but not limited to (1) the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have direct knowledge of information which may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, together with a detailed summary of the expected testimony of the person, if called to testify; and (2) a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents and tangible things that may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, except as such disclosure would involve Privileged Communications. The parties must supplement mandatory disclosures made under this section as additional information becomes known. Documents and tangible items identified in the mandatory disclosures that are in the possession of a party shall be produced upon request, and copies of all documents provided to the requesting party. The Hearing Panel may, upon request of a party or Injured Person, enter an order limiting production of documents or tangible items of a sensitive nature.

(b) A party claiming that any communication is privileged if any party withholds from disclosure any relevant document on the ground of privilege, the party must provide a log containing the date of the communication, a list of all persons party to the communication, and a short description of the nature of the communication. Disputes over the scope of the privilege may be raised with determination by the Hearing Panel, pursuant to Canon IV.19.27.

(c) If the discovery plan has been mutually agreed upon by the Church Attorney and counsel for the Respondent, the president of the Hearing Panel may approve the plan and incorporate it in a discovery order and scheduling order governing all discovery procedures and establishing a date for hearing of the matter. If the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel do not agree on all elements of the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall allow each to be heard with respect to the elements in dispute, make a determination of appropriate discovery procedures and issue a discovery order and scheduling order within thirty days of the receipt of the discovery planning report. The Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel may each also serve on the other up to 20 Requests for Admission at any time within the 60-day period for mandatory disclosures or within 15 days after that 60-day period. A party upon whom a Request for Admission is served must respond by admitting or denying the Request within 30 days of service, and failure to so respond shall be deemed an admission. Where extraordinary circumstances prevent a party from providing a timely response to a Request for Admission, the party may seek relief from the Hearing Panel, which, at its discretion, may grant such relief.

Within fifteen days after the delivery of the mandatory disclosures, the President of the Hearing Panel shall convene a scheduling conference with the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel. During the scheduling conference, after the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel have been heard, the President of the Hearing Panel shall issue a scheduling order to provide for (1) a calendar for discovery, including depositions and written interrogatories, as provided in this section; (2) filing deadlines and hearing dates for preliminary motions and for dispositive motions; and (3) the date of hearing before the Hearing Panel.

(d) Discovery procedures as approved in the discovery plan filed pursuant to Canon IV.13.5(a) may include written interrogatories, oral or written deposition testimony of any person having knowledge pertaining to the alleged Offense or any defenses, requests for production of documents or tangible objections, and requests for admissions of fact.
(e) In addition to the disclosures required by this section and the discovery obtained pursuant to the discovery plan, the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other and to the Hearing Panel at least thirty days before the hearing final pre-hearing disclosures including (1) the name, address and telephone number of each witness expected to be called to testify at the hearing; (2) identification of each document or other tangible object expected to be used as an exhibit in the hearing; and (3) requests, if any, to have all or portions of the hearing closed to the public.

(d) The Scheduling Order shall provide the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel authorization to may each take up to two depositions and propound up to twenty written interrogatories regarding each Complainant without prior permission of the Hearing Panel.

(e) No other discovery shall be allowed at any point during the pendency of a matter under this Title except with permission of the Hearing Panel upon a showing of good cause extraordinary circumstances.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, in approving or determining the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall take reasonable steps to assure that the discovery process will not unduly burden any person from whom information is sought or unduly adversely affect any pastoral response being offered to any such person. The Hearing Panel may impose, after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard, reasonable sanctions on any party for failure to comply with any discovery or scheduling order pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.5.5 IV.13.7.

Sec. 4. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other.

Sec. 5. All pre-hearing motions and challenges shall be timely filed with the Hearing Panel within the time limits prescribed in the scheduling order. All responses shall be filed by the non-moving party within 15 days of receipt of the motion or challenge. Upon receipt of a motion or challenge, the Hearing Panel may consult with the Procedural Officer or refer the motion or challenge to the Procedural Officer for determination. Upon receipt of a motion or challenge, the Hearing Panel will promptly set the matter for hearing. The hearing may be conducted by conference call. After consideration of the argument of the parties, the Hearing Panel or the Procedural Officer, whoever conducted the hearing, shall render a decision within three days of the hearing. The decision shall be final as to all procedural matters. Decisions on evidentiary matters are preliminary and may be reconsidered by the Hearing Panel during the course of the hearing if warranted by the evidence. The decision by the Procedural Officer shall be provided to the parties and the President of the Hearing Panel and placed on the record of proceedings.

Sec. 6. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel except its private deliberations shall be open to the Respondent and to each Complainant, to any Injured Person, and to persons from the public. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied at the proceedings by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor. Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause, including to protect the privacy of any person, may close any part of the proceedings to any person or group of persons, after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

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Sec. 8. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel, the testimony of witnesses shall be taken orally and personally or by such other means as provided by order of the Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be
given under oath or solemn affirmation and be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. The proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of relevant facts.
(b) The president:
   (1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;
   (2) shall exclude privileged evidence;
   (3) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt contains all pertinent portions of the original document;
   (4) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including records of other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the Hearing Panel's specialized knowledge;
   (5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay;
   (6) shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable opportunity to present evidence, argue and respond to argument, conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence; and
   (7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other than the Church Attorney and the Respondent opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by the president in taking measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

Sec. 7 9. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Panel shall confer privately to reach a determination of the matter by (a) dismissal of the matter or (b) issuance of an Order.

Sec. 8 10. If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Hearing Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor, and the Church Attorney.

Sec. 9 11. If the resolution is the issuance of an Order other than an Order of dismissal, the provisions of Canon IV.14 shall apply.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #277)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #2 on HB Message #119 on Resolution A181 (Study of Costs of Employee Benefits for Clergy and Lay Employees in Province IX) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #278)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A181)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention instruct the Church Pension Group to conduct a study of compensation and costs and fees for all employee benefits, e.g., retirement, health care, short-term and long-term disability, etc. for clergy and lay employees in the dioceses of Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti, The Episcopal Church in Cuba, and Covenant Partners, to provide to the CPF Trustees information and guidance on alternative programs and strategies, such as employee contribution plans, that will improve clergy and lay pension plans in these areas, to discuss their
findings with diocesan leaders, and to report their findings back to the 79th General Convention. The purpose of this study would be to provide appropriate information and costs about employee benefit coverages to diocesan leaders, and to provide the Church information on the current state of employee benefits in those areas.

End of Consent Calendar

Program, Budget and Finance
The House of Deputies Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance presented its Report #1 on Resolution A197 (Adopt the Budget of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A197)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention adopt the 2016-2018 Budget for the Episcopal Church as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.
1.0 The Budget for the Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate, and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $122,189,125.
   1.1 The Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $22,584,693.
   1.2 The Corporate portion, providing for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $35,236,451.
   1.3 The Program (mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $64,367,981.
2.0 The funding policy for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 is adopted based on a single Asking of the dioceses. After a $150,000 exemption from total income, a single Asking shall be applied at flat rates of 18%, 16.5% and 15%, respectively in years 2016, 2017 and 2018 of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g., 2016 Askings are to be based on 2014 actual income figures]. “Income” includes (1) all congregational giving to the diocese, (2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, (3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and (4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.
   2.1 We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that have given at and above 19% during 2013-2015. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of the Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the Asking to the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 78th General Convention.
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2.6 General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2018 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1 Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the assured income of the Executive Council so as to carry out the Budget for the Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.

3.2 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.3 If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas.

3.4 Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.

3.5 Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.

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Deputy Logue of Georgia moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Amend the resolution to add to the budget lines 4c "Income from Unrestricted Reserves for Evangelism Initiatives" in the amount of $2,823,225.80 and line 28 "Evangelism Initiatives" in the amount of $2,823,225.80 as directed by Resolutions A086 and D005.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention adopt the 2016-2018 Budget for the Episcopal Church as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance with the following amendments.

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Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Cullinane of San Joaquin moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
To add section 1.4:

1.4  Resolved, That $150,000 be added to the Stewardship Development (TENS) line item (line item 138) of the 2016-2018 Triennium budget; and be it further

Resolved, That $150,000 be deducted from the Development Office line item (line item 186b) of the 2016-2018 budget.

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #294)

The President asked the House to express their gratitude to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance for its hard work.
**Dispatch of Business**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on HB Message #89 on Resolution X011 (Presiding Bishop's Nominations) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Brown of Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
To strike the word "Group" and replace it with "Fund."

**Motion carried**
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the resolution.

**Motion carried**
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #279)

**Social Justice and United States Policy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #23 on Resolution B005 (Quality Public Education for All) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(B005)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention endorse church-school partnerships as a path for following Jesus into the neighborhood, addressing educational inequity, and rejuvenating congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the 'All Our Children' National Network to collaboratively convene an intergenerational symposium on “Children, Poverty, and Public Education: The Role of the Church in Addressing Educational Inequity,” with a report thereon to be submitted to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge church-school partnerships to join the 'All Our Children' National Network, and their local public education support initiatives, to hasten the day when quality public education is available to all children.

**Committee Amendment:**
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Resolved, That the General Convention urge church-school partnerships to join the 'All Our Children' National Network, and their local public education support initiatives, to hasten the day when quality public education is available to all children.

**Motion carried**
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #281)
Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #11 on Resolution C027 (Amend Canon I.9) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C027)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.9 be amended to insert a new Section 2, to read as follows:
Sec 2. The primary purposes of the Provincial system are to provide a structure which facilitates inter-diocesan collaboration to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts.
Current Sections 2-12 should be renumbered 3-13.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.9 be amended to insert a new Section 2, to read as follows:
Sec 2. The primary purposes of the Provincial system Provinces are to provide a structure which facilitates facilitate inter-diocesan collaboration to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts. ; and be it further
Resolved, That the final sentence of Canon I.9.7 be amended as follows:
Each Diocese and Area Mission shall determine the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen elected ; and be it further
Resolved, That the Provincial Leadership Council, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons and any other person or group the Provincial Leadership Council deems [sic] appropriate, review the Provinces in order to develop best practices and other recommendations for Provinces, including (a) facilitating mission opportunities, communications, networking and collaboration and (b) reviewing potential geographic, affiliation and/or composition changes to Provinces; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons is directed to study whether there should be a revision to the Canons to provide for a single Court of Review for Priests and Deacons instead of Provincial Courts of Review (Canons IV.5.4 and IV.15),and report back to the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #282)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #8 on Resolution A104 (Consider Budget for the 79th General Convention) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A104)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider funding in the budget for 2016-2018 for the 79th General Convention to be at least 10 days.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #283)
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #10 on Resolution A103 (Schedule Length of the 79th General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A103)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements schedule the 79th General Convention (2018) for not fewer than 10 days, in accordance with existing guidelines.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements schedule the 79th General Convention (2018) for not fewer than 10 legislative days, in accordance with existing guidelines; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church study ways to reduce the length of future General Conventions and report back to the 79th General Convention.

Deputy Perry of Chicago moved to divide the question, separating the last Resolve from the first. The President ruled that the resolution was divisible.

Deputy Bradley of Kentucky moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To amend the first Resolve to read:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements schedule the 79th General Convention (2018) for not fewer more than 10 legislative days, in accordance with existing guidelines.

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the first Resolve.

Motion carried
First Resolve adopted with amendment
An electronic vote was taken on the second Resolve.

Motion carried
Second Resolve adopted

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #284)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:17 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #13 for the afternoon session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 58 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted. Motion carried Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #210**: B011 (Amend Article II.7) Adopted with Amendment - Replaces Message #171
- **HB Message #211**: A128 (Amend Canon IV.6.3) Concurred
- **HB Message #212**: A004 (Amend I.4.1-8) Concurred
- **HB Message #213**: D003 (Amend Article V) Concurred
- **HB Message #214**: D016 (Investing in Palestine and Israel) Rejected
- **HB Message #215**: B024 (Income Inequality) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #216**: A145 (Amend Canon IV.19.6) Adopted with Substitute

Communications from the President
The President announced that the decision on the optional evening session would be made at the break around 4:00 p.m.
**Point of Order**
Deputy Flounory of Michigan clarified that the number of changes in deputation should be 58 (originally reported as 75). The President directed that the record be changed.

**Privilege and Courtesy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #16 on Resolution A185 (Express Appreciation to the President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A185)
*Whereas*, The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings consistently demonstrates her wisdom, experience, wit, patience, creativity, and sense of humor when occupying the Chair and in all venues of Convention; and
*Whereas*, Her preparation of Deputies and the House leadership for their responsibilities, her commitment to regular communication, and her accessibility have smoothed the slopes and reduced hazards, enabling members of this House to safely ski towards the completion of Convention business; and
*Whereas*, She has manifested an abiding love of The Episcopal Church and its General Convention through her enthusiastic and energetic service over many years in a multitude of roles. So be it resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #402)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A185)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies.

Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the President with applause.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #17 on Resolution A186 (Give Thanks to the General Convention Staff, Leadership and Volunteers) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #397)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A186)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention give thanks to the General Convention staff, Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Aides, Liaisons, Technicians, Translators and ASL Interpreters; and be it further
Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the numerous volunteers from the Diocese of Utah and the entire Episcopal Church for their ministry of hospitality as they registered, assisted, and informed attendees, always with a friendly smile and cheerful greeting.
Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for those recognized in the resolution with applause.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #18 on Resolution A187 (Express Gratitude to Candidates in Presiding Bishop's Election) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #398)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A187)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its profound gratitude to Bishops Thomas E. Breidenthal, Ian T. Douglas and Dabney T. Smith for their integrity, courage, generous spirit and willingness to serve, modeling a high standard of leadership and a lively hope for the future of our Church; and be it further
Resolved, That their witness inspires us all.

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #42 on Resolution D008 (Amend Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D008)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit and deliberate separately, unless a Joint Session is provided for by the Canons or the Presiding Officers shall together call for a Joint Session which is approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies; and in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, Amend Article I Section 1 of the Constitution:
There shall be a General Convention of this Church consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses will sit, debate, and vote separately, unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. In all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

Point of Order
Deputy Ambos of New Jersey stated that the Rules call for amendments to the Constitution or Canons be marked with the appropriate strikethroughs for removals or italics for additions. The Committee Substitute did not have the changes marked appropriately, and Deputy Ambos stated that he had submitted an amendment with the appropriate markings. The President considered this a technical change, rather than an amendment, and asked if there was an objection from the House. There was an objection to the amendment being considered a technical change. Deputy Snow of Oregon stated that Deputy Ambos’ amendment did not have the correct wording.
The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure moved to remove Resolution D008 from consideration until such time as it could be put into the appropriate format.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution D008 later on the afternoon of the Eighth Legislative Day.]

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #43 on Resolution C031 (In Support of Diocesan Mergers) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C031)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention encourages Dioceses to explore the possibility of merging with a contiguous Diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That any such initiative be supported by a 50% reduction of the General Convention Assessment for one year for each Diocese which agrees to merge (or for the combined entity), said reduction to be implemented in the calendar year in which the merger is approved.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention ask that the bishops and dioceses of The Episcopal Church create, nurture, and develop a culture of collaboration that results in new structures, partnerships, and practices on the interpersonal, group, and organizational levels; measurable outcomes of performance; standards of accountability, reporting and mutual ministry reviews at all levels (bishops, clergy, diocesan bodies); and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourages Dioceses to explore opportunities for collaboration, and possibly merging, with contiguous Dioceses, to better carry out their common mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge the bishops and diocesan leadership of The Episcopal Church to engage in frank discussion about the number and size of our dioceses across the church, diocesan collaboration, vitality, and shared ministry, and what change is needed; and be it further
Resolved, That the Planning Committee of the House of Bishops is requested to set aside time this Triennium to discuss issues of diocesan vitality; and be it further
Resolved, That The Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church is directed to seek input from the above conversations and to study opportunities and challenges of diocesan collaboration, vitality, shared ministry, and the number and size of dioceses, and to report back to the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #288)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #44 on Resolution A002 (Amend Article I.1-6 Reimagine Dioceses, Bishops, and General Convention) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A002)

A. Reimagine Governance Structures

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention adopt a unicameral model of governance as outlined in amendments to Article I, Sections 1-6 of the Constitution as proposed in TREC’s final Report; and be it further

Resolved, That the bishops of The Episcopal Church create, nurture, and develop a culture of collaboration that results in: new structures, partnerships, and practices on the interpersonal, group, and organizational levels; measurable, tangible outcomes of performance; standards of accountability, reporting and mutual ministry reviews at all levels (bishops, clergy, diocesan bodies); frank discussion on the number and size of our dioceses and whether change is needed; and reportage on their progress to each succeeding General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That a task force on the episcopacy be appointed by the Presiding Officers composed of four bishops, four clergy, and four lay persons. The Task Force will explore the practice of and particular gifts, life experience, expertise, and social diversity required by the episcopacy, recommending to General Convention 2018 a new process for discernment, formation, search, and election of bishops in The Episcopal Church, and that $100,000 be appropriated in the next triennial budget for this purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That within each bishop-search process, a mandatory time of discernment with the Standing Committees of the diocese in transition occur with the Standing Committees and bishops of adjoining dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the diocesan assessment percentage be lowered while making it canonically mandatory (with means for pastoral exception) for each diocese to meet that assessment.

B. Make Constitutional Changes to Achieve a Unicameral Legislative Body

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Sections 1-6 of the Constitution be stricken in their entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit and deliberate separately; and in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Suffragan Bishop, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. At the General Convention next before the expiration of the term of office of the Presiding Bishop, it shall elect the Presiding Bishop of the Church. The House of Bishops shall choose one of the Bishops of this Church to be the Presiding Bishop of the Church by a vote of a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, except that whenever two-thirds of the House of Bishops are present a majority vote shall suffice, such choice to be subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies. The term and tenure of office and duties and particulars of the election not inconsistent with the preceding provisions shall be prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention.

Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained
persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen. To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, the Clerical order shall be represented by at least one Deputy in each of a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation, and the Lay order shall likewise be represented by at least one Deputy in each of a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation.

Sec. 5. The vote on all questions which come before the House of Deputies shall be governed by the following provisions, supplemented by such procedural provisions as the House of Deputies may adopt in its Rules of Order: Unless a greater vote on any question is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution or unless a vote by orders on a question is required, the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the Deputies present and voting shall suffice to carry any question. A vote by orders on any question shall be taken if required for that question by this Constitution or by the Canons or if the Clerical or Lay representation from three or more separate Dioceses shall so request at the time of the call for the vote on that question. In all cases of a vote by orders, the vote of each order, Clerical and Lay, shall be counted separately, each order in each Diocese shall have one vote, and a vote in the affirmative by an order in a Diocese shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Deputies present in that order in that Diocese. To carry in the affirmative any question being voted on by orders requires concurrence in the affirmative by both orders and, unless a greater vote is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution, concurrence in the affirmative by an order requires the affirmative vote in that order by a majority of the Dioceses present in that order.

Sec. 6. In either House any number less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day. Neither House, without the consent of the other, shall adjourn for more than three days, or to any place other than that in which the Convention shall be sitting.

The Episcopal Church Constitution, ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church in which all members shall meet together as one body. Each of the three orders—Bishop, Clerical, and Lay—may meet and deliberate separately except as the constitution, canon, or rule of order may otherwise provide. On any matter requiring a vote, any order may choose to deliberate and/or vote separately. In all deliberations, freedom of debate shall be allowed, subject to such rules of order as may be adopted to assure fairness.

Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, and every Suffragan Bishop shall have a seat and a vote in the General Convention and any matter acted upon separately by the Order of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops and Deputies entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of General Convention business.

Sec. 3. At the General Convention next before the expiration of the term of office of the Presiding Bishop, the General Convention shall elect one of the Bishops of this Church having jurisdiction as the Presiding Bishop of the Church. The Presiding Bishop of the Church shall serve as a co-chair of General Convention. Candidates for the Presiding Bishop shall be elected by the General Convention, by concurrent vote of each order. The affirmative vote of a majority of the deputies of each order shall be required for the election of a Presiding Bishop. The term and tenure of office and duties and particulars of the election not inconsistent with the preceding provisions shall be prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention. If the Presiding Bishop of the Church shall resign the office as such, or if by reason of infirmity shall become unable to serve, or in case of death, the Bishop who, according to the Rules of the Order of Bishops, becomes its Presiding Officer, shall (unless the date of the next General Convention is within three months) immediately call a special meeting of the Convocation of Bishops to elect a member thereof to be the Presiding Bishop. The certificate of election on the part of the Convocation of
Bishops shall be sent by the Presiding Officer to the Standing Committees of the several dioceses, and if a majority of the Standing Committees of the dioceses shall concur in the election, the Bishop elected shall become the Presiding Bishop of the Church.

Sec. 4. In addition, the Church in each diocese that has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the General Convention by three ordained persons, priests, or deacons (“Clergy”) canonically resident in the diocese, and not more than three lay persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two deputies in each order. Each diocese, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its deputies shall be chosen. To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, the Clerical order shall be represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of the dioceses entitled to representation, and the Lay order shall likewise be represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of the dioceses entitled to representation.

Sec. 5. The vote on all questions that come before the General Convention shall be governed by the following provisions, supplemented by such procedural provisions as the General Convention may adopt in its Rules of Order: Unless a greater vote on any question is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution, voting by orders shall not be required, and the affirmative vote of a majority of all Deputies present and voting shall suffice to carry any question.

When voting by orders is required, unless a greater vote on any question is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution, the affirmative vote of a majority of all Deputies of each order (clergy, lay, and Bishops) present and voting shall suffice to carry any question. A vote by orders on any question shall be taken if required for that question by this Constitution or by the Canons or if clerical, lay, or Bishop representation from three or more separate dioceses shall so request at the time of the call for the vote on that question. In voting by orders, the vote of each order shall be counted separately, each order in each diocese shall have one vote, and a vote in the affirmative by an order in a diocese shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Deputies present in that order in that diocese. To carry in the affirmative any question being voted on by orders requires concurrence in the affirmative by all orders and, unless a greater vote is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution, concurrence in the affirmative by an order requires the affirmative vote in that order by a majority of the dioceses present in that order.

Sec. 6. At the General Convention, a majority vote of those Deputies present, even though less than a quorum, may adjourn from day to day.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring the 78th General Convention charge the Standing Committee on the Structure of the Church to explore unicameral models of church governance including the polities and the legislative processes. The task force will seek input from bodies beyond The Episcopal Church including but not exclusive to the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The task force will make recommendations to the 79th General Convention.

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure explained that references to either "Standing Committee" or "task force" should be changed to "Standing Commissions."
**Point of Order**
Deputy Funston of Kansas inquired about the existence of the Standing Commission on Structure following the passing of Resolution A006. The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure explained that one of the remaining Standing Commissions was the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

An inquiry was made regarding whether the editorial changes made were actually approved by the House. The President called for objections from the House. None were made.  

*Motion carried*

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

*Motion carried*

Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

*Motion carried*

Substitute resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #292)

**Privilege and Courtesy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #20 on Resolution A189 (Express Thanks for Worship Services) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A189)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express its praise and thanksgiving for all those who contributed their time, talents and gifts to our worship services; and be it further  
Resolved, That the House is grateful for the feeding of our hearts by musicians, singers and those who chanted; for the visual prayers created by the artists; for the liturgists for their preparation of the services; for the Altar Guild, interpreters, translators and communion ministers for setting the table and distributing the Eucharistic banquet; and for the volunteer ushers; and be it further  
Resolved, That we appreciate those who presided, preached, read and assisted at the altar, for feeding our minds and souls.

*Motion carried*

Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #289)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #24 on Resolution A192 (Commend the Secretary of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

*Motion carried*

Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #403)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A192)  
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention commend the faithful and highly significant ministry of the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe as Secretary of the House of Deputies, prior to and during our gathering in Salt Lake City; and be it further
Resolved, That his management of the Secretariat has been both exemplary and efficient; and be it further
Resolved, That the House is particularly grateful for his stoicism and good humor in the rare instances of technological or procedural difficulties.

Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the Secretary with applause.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #25 on Resolution A193 (Express Gratitude to the Task Force on Re-Imagining The Episcopal Church (TREC)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A193)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention express its deep gratitude to the Task Force on Re-Imagining The Episcopal Church, in recognition of its members' commitment to the charge they were given; and be it further
Resolved, That their design and implementation of a process of questioning, listening, researching, presenting and discerning is greatly appreciated as we seek to strengthen our witness as followers of Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That we are grateful for their labors over the past three years and their dedicated and memorable service to The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #291)

Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the members of TREC with applause.

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #41 on Resolution D037 (Amending Names in Church Records, Registries, and Certificates) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D037)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention request the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, the Church Pension Group 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.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention request the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, the Church Pension Group 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.

Deputy Gunderson of Pittsburgh moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
To add "the officers of the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists" following "the Church Pension Group."

Deputy Madison of Fort Worth moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

**Point of Order**
Deputy Cowell of Western Kansas inquired whether it should be Church Pension Group or Church Pension Fund referenced in the resolution. The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure stated it should be Church Pension Fund.

A vote was taken on the motion to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #295)

**Formation and Education for Ministry**
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #24 on Resolution B014 (Racial Reconciliation) and moved to refer the resolution to the House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy.

Motion defeated

The President declared the House at ease.

The President called the House to order at 3:38 p.m.

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved to take no further action on the resolution, as the content had already been acted on at this General Convention.

Motion carried  
Committee discharged  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #293)
**Church Pension Fund**
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #3 on HB Message #191 on Resolution D021 (Reevaluate the Denominational Health Plan Mandate) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Frazier of West Missouri moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Add a third Resolve:
Resolved, That each diocese be permitted to develop a process whereby a Faith Community can petition for permission to provide comparable health insurance coverage outside the Denominational Health Plan.

**Point of Order**
Deputy Beard of Kentucky inquired whether the amendment was in conflict with Canon I.8.3. The President declared the House at ease while she conferred with the Chancellor.

The President called the House to order at 4:01 p.m. and called on the Chancellor. The Chancellor clarified that the details of the Denominational Health Plan had not been placed in the canons and thus the amendment was not in conflict with the canons. The President declared the amendment in order.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #296)

**Recess**
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:25 p.m.

**Reconvene**
The President called the House to Order at 4:27 p.m.

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Hutchinson of Utah asked the House to acknowledge the volunteers from the Diocese of Utah and from the wider church who had worked to make this General Convention a success. The House acknowledged them with applause.
Communications from the President
The President announced that the House would finish the day's calendar and would most likely remain in session until 7:00 p.m.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Fern of Hawaii brought greetings from the Kapuna captain's crew and encouraged the House in its efforts to be good stewards of the Earth.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Sparks of Minnesota, on behalf of the deputation of Minnesota, thanked the House for concurring with Resolution B002 (Support the End of the Embargo of Cuba) and with Resolution B003 (Support for the Episcopal Church in Cuba), as the Episcopal Church in Minnesota has a relationship with the Episcopal Church of Cuba. Deputy Sparks encouraged the House to become more familiar with the Episcopal Church of Cuba's situation.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to continue consideration of Resolution D008.

Continuation of Debate on D008
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its amendment to Resolution D008.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit and deliberate, debate, and vote separately; unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. In all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.
Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #2 on HB Message #84 on Resolution A170 (Develop and Continue Food System Advocacy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #297)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A170)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention, encourages the Episcopal Public Policy Network (and related bodies in non-US countries) to continue efforts to create and modify laws and policies that support Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm this Church's support for farm legislation, joining with our PCUSA brothers and sisters, that is focused on "renewability, sustainability, resilience, minimized carbon emissions, participatory research and decision-making, revitalized rural communities, strong local food economies, security of food supply, ethical treatment of animals, and fair and dignified treatment of persons working throughout the food chain" (Journal of the 2012 General Assembly, PCUSA, Item 11-03.2.); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws that protect the health and safety of workers throughout the food system, that support the workers’ rights to organize, and that support a living wage for food workers throughout the system, from farm to table; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support public policies and laws designed to protect our Earth's natural environment and to protect humanity's ability to produce food for generations to come, including restrictions on pesticide overuse, harmful industrial farming practices (e.g., overcrowding of livestock and mono-cropping), and carbon, methane, and nitrogen pollution throughout the food system that threaten animal and human health, damage the soil, and threaten the climate for future generations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention support public policies, laws, and programs designed to increase access to healthy food for all people, including support and development for farmers’ markets, policies permitting use of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at farmers’ markets, and the development of policies and agreements that encourage the siting of full-service grocery stores in low-income neighborhoods and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention reaffirm support for full and adequate funding for public food programs for the poor and vulnerable, such as the National School Lunch Program, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, SNAP, senior center feeding programs, and summer feeding programs for children.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #4 on HB Message #86 on Resolution C045 (Environmentally Responsible Investing) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Schmissrauter of East Tennessee moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To remove "and the Episcopal Church Foundation" from the second and third Resolve.
Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  
Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Kilp of Central Pennsylvania moved to end debate on the resolution.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.  
Motion carried  
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #304)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C045)  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church welcomes the release of the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed carbon rule for existing power plants; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention calls upon the Investment Committee of the Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention calls on the Investment Committee of the Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation to refrain from purchasing any new holdings of public equities and corporate bonds of fossil fuel companies; and be it further  
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urges all dioceses and parishes of the Episcopal Church to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in clean energy within the coming year.

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #26 on Resolution A194 (Express Appreciation to the Official Youth Presence) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A194)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express heartfelt appreciation to the Official Youth Presence; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Official Youth Presence is representative of the diversity of The Episcopal Church, and its participation in the governing process speaks to the growth and prosperity of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention congratulate the members, chaperones and coordinators of the Official Youth Presence for participating in and contributing to the 78th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #301)

Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the Official Youth Presence with applause.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #27 on Resolution A195 (Express Appreciation to the Vice-President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A195)
Whereas, When occupying the Chair, the Hon. Byron Rushing leads the House with both confidence and an effervescent smile; and
Whereas, He has consistently demonstrated his love for The Episcopal Church by serving as a deputy and in other leadership roles at fourteen General Conventions. Be it so resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express resounding appreciation and thankfulness to the Hon. Byron Rushing, Vice-President of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #404)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A195)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express resounding appreciation and thankfulness to the Hon. Byron Rushing, Vice-President of the House of Deputies.

Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the Vice President with applause.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #21 on Resolution A196 (Express Appreciation to the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A196)
Whereas, He calmly and efficiently explains the rules to the members of the House so that our work is properly conducted. Be it so resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express sincere appreciation and thankfulness to the Hon. Bryan Krislock, Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #405)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A196)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express sincere appreciation and thankfulness to the Hon. Bryan Krislock, Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies.
Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the Parliamentarian with applause.

**Governance and Structure**
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #12 on Resolution A042 (Consider 80th General Convention Sites) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A042)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sites be considered for the 80th General Convention: Anaheim, California (Diocese of Los Angeles), Baltimore, Maryland (Diocese of Maryland), Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky), Minneapolis, Minnesota (Diocese of Minnesota), and St. Louis, Missouri (Diocese of Missouri).

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #119)

**Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**
The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #5 on HB Message #106 on Resolution A030 (Create Task Force on Climate Change) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #306)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A030)
Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is directed to implement a program to develop parish and diocesan resources designed to support local ecologically responsible stewardship of church-related properties and buildings. The program shall be implemented in cooperation with an Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation composed of one person from each province by April 1, 2016. Each province member of the Advisory Council shall convene, in their respective provinces, Regional Consultive Groups ("RCG's") on the Stewardship of Creation. Each RCG shall be comprised of no fewer than five experts in areas of environmental sustainability appropriate to the demographic, ecological, cultural and geographic specifics of each region. These should include, but not be limited to, consultants in food and water security, property development, alternative energy, and engineering. Each RCG will also include theologians, educators and liturgists to provide resources in education and formation. These RCGs shall:

1. Compile and develop theological and formational material for teaching the theology of stewardship of creation;
2. Create networks designed to share ideas and information for practical application among the regions, such as sustainable development and green conversions of church-related properties,
including without limitation, energy audits, solar conversions and other alternative energy, community gardens, and development of fallow property;

3. Be available for consultation to the Dioceses and Parishes.

The Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation shall create a structure for allocation of money to fund RCG initiatives at Parish and Diocesan levels within a year of the 78th General Convention, and serve as the granting body; and be it further

Resolved, That $700,000 be allocated for this purpose, which includes the $500,000 already allocated to the Fifth Mark of Mission, so that $100,000 will be available for the support of the RCGs themselves, and $600,000 be available to provide direct grants to Dioceses and Parishes in the implementation of these programs and support of measurable pilot projects. Of the $100,000 funding the RCGs, $40,500 is to be allocated for the Task Force meetings. Recognizing that this is new work, and a newly formed taskforce, they shall convene in person for their initial meeting, and thereafter determine their needs for future meetings, with funding available for them to meet once yearly. The remaining $59,500 is to be used for regional meetings of the RCGs according to regional needs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Advisory Council shall report back to the 79th General Convention on the progress and ongoing results at the local and provincial levels.

Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #7 on HB Message #83 on Resolution A124 (Amend Title IV.2: Definitions: Advisor, Agreements, Church Attorney, Investigator, Procedural Officer, and Respondent) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To restore the following:

*Agreements regarding terms of discipline shall in all cases be incorporated into an Accord and shall not constitute a separate instrument under this Title IV, but shall be and become an Accord and reported accordingly under Canon IV.14.12.*

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Point of Order
Deputy Garner of Alabama expressed concern over the number of deputies who appeared to not take part in the vote on the amendment. He inquired whether it would be appropriate to call for the vote again and to allow deputies more time to vote. The Parliamentarian stated that the deputy could make a motion to retake the vote. Deputy Garner declined to make the motion.

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #305)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A124)

Resolved, That Canon IV.2, definitions of “Advisor,” “Church Attorney,” “Investigator,” “Procedural Officer,” and “Respondent” are hereby amended to read as follows:

Accord shall mean a written resolution, which is negotiated and agreed among the parties resulting from an agreement for discipline under Canon IV.9, conciliation under Canon IV.10 or a Conference Panel proceeding under Canon IV.12. All Accords shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Administrative Leave shall mean a restriction on ministry in which the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry is suspended in its entirety during the period of the Administrative Leave and may include suspension from any ecclesiastical and related secular office.

Advisor shall mean a person familiar with the provisions and objectives of this Title who is designated to support, assist, consult with, advise and, where expressly so authorized under this Title, speak for a Complainant or Respondent in any matter of discipline under this Title, as provided in Canon IV.19.10.

Church Attorney shall mean one or more attorneys selected pursuant to Diocesan Canons to represent the Church in proceedings as provided in this Title. The Diocesan Canons may provide a process for the removal of a Church Attorney for cause. A Church Attorney shall perform all functions on behalf of the Church necessary to advance proceedings under this Title and shall have the following powers, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise provided in this Title: (a) to receive and review the Intake Officer’s report; (b) to conduct investigations and oversee the Investigator and, in connection with such investigations; to have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts; and to receive and review the reports of the Investigator; (c) to determine, in the exercise of the Church Attorney’s discretion, whether the reported information, if true, would be grounds for discipline; and (d) to exercise discretion consistent with this Title and the interests of the Church by declining to advance proceedings or by referring any matter back to the Intake Officer or the Bishop Diocesan for pastoral response in lieu of disciplinary action. In representing the Church, a Church Attorney may consult with the Conference Panel the President of the Disciplinary Board at any time after the matter has been referred out of the Reference Panel, and, when the prosecution of the case may impact the mission, life, or ministry of the Church, with the Bishop Diocesan.

Clear and Convincing shall mean proof sufficient to convince ordinarily prudent people that there is a high probability that what is claimed actually happened. More than a preponderance of the evidence is required but not proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Community shall mean that part of the Church in which a Member of the Clergy performs his or her ministry, such as a Diocese, Parish, Mission, school, seminary, hospital, camp or any similar institution.

Complainant shall mean (a) any person or persons from whom the Intake Officer receives information concerning an alleged Offense and who, upon consent of that person(s), is designated a Complainant by the Intake Officer or (b) any Injured Person designated by the Bishop who, in the Bishop Diocesan’s discretion, should be afforded the status of a Complainant; provided, however, that any Injured Person so designated may decline such designation.

Conciliator shall mean a person appointed to seek the resolution of a matter under Canon IV.10

Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy shall mean any disorder or neglect that prejudices the reputation, good order and discipline of the Church, or any conduct of a nature to bring material discredit upon the Church or the Holy Orders conferred by the Church.

Conference Panel shall mean a panel of one or more members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which any informal conference is held as provided in Canon IV.12,
Disciplinary Board shall mean the body provided for in Canon IV.5.1.

Discipline of the Church shall be found in the Constitution, the Canons and the Rubrics and the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.

Doctrine shall mean the basic and essential teachings of the Church and is to be found in the Canon of Holy Scripture as understood in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and in the sacramental rites, the Ordinal and Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer.

Hearing Panel shall mean a panel of three or more members of the Disciplinary Board and shall include both clergy and lay members selected by the president of the Board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member of the Hearing Panel may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Hearing Panel.

Injured Person shall mean a person, group or Community who has been, is or may be affected by an Offense.

Intake Officer shall mean one or more persons designated by the Bishop Diocesan after consultation with the Disciplinary Board, unless otherwise selected pursuant to diocesan canons, to whom information regarding Offenses is reported.

Investigator shall mean a person having (a) sufficient knowledge, skill, experience and training to conduct investigations under this Title and (b) familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. Investigators shall be appointed by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board. The Investigator acts under the direction of the Reference Panel until a referral is made pursuant to Canon IV.11.3; after such referral, the Investigator shall be overseen by and report to the Church Attorney.

Member of the Clergy shall mean Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church.

Offense shall mean any act or omission for which a Member of the Clergy may be held accountable under Canons IV.3 or IV.4.

Order shall mean a written decision of a Conference Panel or a Hearing panel which is issued with or without the Respondent’s consent. All orders shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Pastoral Direction shall mean a written direction given by a Bishop to a Member of the Clergy which meets the requirements of Canon IV.7.

Pastoral Relationship shall mean any relationship between a Member of the Clergy and any person to whom the Member of the Clergy provides or has provided counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction or spiritual guidance, or from whom such member of the Clergy has received information within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

Privileged Communication shall mean any communication or disclosure made in confidence and with an expectation of privacy (a) within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent; (b) between a client and the client’s attorney; (c) between a Respondent and an Advisor or a Complainant and an Advisor; (d) between persons in a relationship in which communications are protected by secular law or Diocesan Canons; or (e) between and among a Conciliator and participants in a conciliation under Canon IV.10.

Procedural Officer shall mean a person learned in the law, experienced in litigation and having familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Procedural Officer in the same Diocese. Every Diocese shall have a Procedural Officer, who shall be appointed for a term of not less than one year by the Bishop Diocesan in
consultation with the President of the Disciplinary Board to aid in the prompt and proper disposition of procedural motions and challenges in Title IV proceedings.

Provincial Court of Review shall mean a court organized and existing as provided in Canon IV.5.4 to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canon IV.15.

Reference Panel shall mean a panel composed of the Intake Officer, the Bishop Diocesan and the president of the Disciplinary Board to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canons IV.6 and IV.11.

Respondent shall mean any Member of the Clergy (a) who is the subject of or a matter referred for conciliation or to the Conference Panel or to the Hearing Panel; (b) whose ministry has been restricted; (c) who has been placed on Administrative Leave; (d) who is the subject of an investigation and is asked by an investigator or by the Bishop Diocesan to provide information or to make a statement; or (e) who agreed with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9; or (f) any Member of the Clergy who requests a review pursuant to Canon IV.19.31.

Sentence shall mean the pronouncement of discipline of a Member of the Clergy pursuant to an Accord or Order in the form of (a) admonition, in which the conduct of such Member of the Clergy is publicly and formally censured or reprimanded, or (b) suspension, in which such Member of the Clergy is required to refrain temporarily from the exercise of the gifts of ministry conferred by ordination, or (c) deposition, in which such Member of the Clergy is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority of God's word and sacraments conferred at ordination.

Sexual Abuse shall mean any Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a person eighteen years of age or older and a person under eighteen years of age, in high school or legally incompetent.

Sexual Behavior shall mean any physical contact, bodily movement, speech, communication or other activity sexual in nature or that is intended to arouse or gratify erotic interest or sexual desires.

Sexual Misconduct shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse or (b) Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a Member of the Clergy with an employee, volunteer, student or counselee of that Member of the Clergy or in the same congregation as the Member of the Clergy, or a person with whom the Member of the Clergy has a Pastoral Relationship.

[Ed. Note: The text of Resolution A124 was copyedited to correct unintentional errors and to include text that was omitted in the Original Text but not intentionally struck out by the Committee.]

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music


Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #307)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A169)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to prepare a plan for the comprehensive revision of the current Book of Common Prayer and present that plan to the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That such a plan for revision utilize the riches of our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship; and be it further
Resolved, That the plan for revision take into consideration the use of current technologies which provide access to a broad range of liturgical resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.


The President reminded the House that the Constitution requires a Vote by Orders on amendments to the Book of Common Prayer.

Deputy Parker of Oregon moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Ballot #1 - Vote by Orders
A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A067.

Ballot #1 taken by orders

Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A067
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #1.

The Parliamentarian clarified that the threshold for the Vote by Orders is 56 in each Order based on the total number of dioceses eligible to be seated at General Convention.

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Motion carried
The House concurred

The Final Text of Resolution:

(A067)

Resolved, That the Standard Book of Common Prayer shall be revised as follows:

p.271: Palm Sunday, Liturgy of the Palms

Year A: Matthew 21:1-11
Year B: Mark 11:1-11, or John 12:12-16
p. 272: Palm Sunday, at the Eucharist
Old Testament: Isaiah 45:21-25, or Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm: 32:1-24, or Isaiah 31:9-16
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
p. 273: Palm Sunday, at the Eucharist
Year A: Matthew 26:36–27:54(55-66) or 27:11-54
Year B: Mark 14:1–15:47, or 15:1-39 (40-47)

p. 274: Maundy Thursday
Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-4(5-10)11-14
Psalm: 78:14-20,23-25 116:11,10-17 (omit Hallelujah in verse 17)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (27-32)

p. 276: Good Friday
Psalm: 22:1-31(32-33), or 40:1-14, or 69:1-23

p. 277: Good Friday
p. 283: Holy Saturday
Old Testament: Job 14:1-14, or Lamentations 3:1-9,19-24
Psalm: 130, or 31:1-5 31:1-4,15-16
Epistle: I Peter 4:1-8

pp. 288-295: The Great Vigil of Easter:

p. 288: The story of Creation
Genesis 1:1–2:4a
Psalm 33:1-11, or Psalm 365:10 136:1-9,23-26
p. 288: The Flood
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
Psalm 46
p. 289: Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac
Genesis 22:1-18
Psalm 33:12-22, or Psalm 16
p. 289: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea
Canticle 8, The Song of Moses
p. 290: God's Presence in a Renewed Israel
Psalm 122—Psalm 19
p. 290: Salvation Offered Freely to AllIsaiah 55:1-11
Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah, or Psalm 42:1-7
p. 290: A New Heart and a New Spirit
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Psalm 42:1-7, or Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah Psalms 42 and 43
p. 291: The Valley of Dry Bones
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 30, or Psalm 143
p. 291: The Gathering of God’s People
Zephaniah 3:12-20 Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm 98, or Psalm 126
p. 295: At the Eucharist
Gospel:
Year A: Matthew 28:1-10
Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #19 on Resolution A188 (Express Gratitude for Visiting Bishops, Ecumenical Friends and Anglican Communion Guests) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #399)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A188)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express its gratitude for the gift of the presence of visiting bishops, ecumenical friends and Anglican Communion guests who have come to share with us their stories, wisdom and experience; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention reaffirm our mutual intention to work, pray and share our stories together as daughters and sons of the same Creator.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #22 on Resolution A190 (Express Appreciation for the Joy-Filled Ministry of the Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, Chaplain to the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #400)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A190)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention extend gratitude to The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie for his passionate, playful and pastoral ministry to the House as its Chaplain: for his prayers, his music and his constant reminder that God loves it when we pray. YO, YO, YO!!

Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the Chaplain with applause.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #23 on Resolution A191 (Give Thanks to the Episcopal Diocese of Utah and Salt Lake City) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #401)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A191)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention give thanks to the Episcopal Diocese of Utah and Salt Lake City; and be it further
Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the Bishop of Utah, his staff and the people of the Diocese of Utah; and be it further
Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the Dean and staff of St. Mark's Cathedral for their hospitality to all visitors, especially to the House of Bishops on the day of the election of our next Presiding Bishop; and be it further
Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the leadership and members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for their gracious hospitality; and be it further
Resolved, That our appreciation extends to Salt Lake City, especially to all shops, hotels and restaurants that have provided hospitality to those in attendance at General Convention.

Following adoption of the resolution, the House showed its appreciation for the Diocese of Utah and Salt Lake City with applause.

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #23 on Resolution D023 (Continuing the Work of TREC) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorize the continued work of the Task Force on Reimagining the Episcopal Church during the 2016-2018 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Officers be authorized to select appropriate replacements for those members of the Task Force who have resigned or are ineligible to serve during the new triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force select and implement a plan for gathering additional input from the church-at-large regarding approaches to the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #316)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #34 on Resolution D017 (Change the Resolution Filing Deadline) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D017)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention change the date for submission of resolutions so that resolutions will be submitted ten (10) days before the first day of legislative business. Exceptions will be made for any newly occasioned resolutions.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved to refer the resolution to the House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the motion to refer.  

Motion defeated

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia requested that the vote on the motion be retaken with an electronic vote. An electronic vote was taken.

Motion defeated

Deputy Vincent-Alexander of Southern Virginia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To amend the resolution to read:  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recommend that the rules of order for the General Convention be revised to change the date deadline for submission of resolutions so that resolutions will be submitted ten (10) days before the first day of legislative business. Exceptions will be made for any newly occasioned resolutions.

Point of Order
Deputy Pankey of Central Gulf Coast stated that he believed the amendment was out of order, as any change to the Rules must first be reviewed by the House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian explained that, as a recommendation, it was not out of order. The President ruled the amendment was in order.

Deputy McMahon of Pittsburgh moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion defeated  
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #317)

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #36 on Resolution D054 (Countering Violence against Women) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D054)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention deeply regret the lack of progress in stemming the global pandemic of violence against women, in spite of the call of the 76th Convention #2009-D096 for bishops, clergy, and lay leadership to educate themselves on the problem; and be it further
Resolved, That a task force be appointed to prepare and distribute educational materials electronically, in the next triennium, encouraging Episcopal clergy and congregations to speak out, according to the 4th Mark of Mission, to transform the unjust silence of society in the face of this widespread practice of violence; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000.00 ($10,000 per year) for the implementation of this resolution.

Point of Order
Deputy Anderson of Michigan requested that deputies speaking about specific instances of violence and assault give warning prior to speaking.

Deputy Read of West Texas moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to refer.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #318)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #4 on HB Message #192 on Resolution D047 (Retirement Benefits for Same-Gender Couples) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #320)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D047)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to continue to review and revise the pension plan rules so that participants in the plan with same-gender spouses and their spouses are treated the same as participants with opposite-gender spouses in all respects; and be it further
Resolved, That, so as not to discriminate against same-gender couples who in the past were not able to marry under civil law, there be a transition period to provide equal benefits to married couples, including special provisions for surviving partners of deceased participants in the plan.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Fuentes of Honduras read a statement from the Bishops of Tennessee, Central Florida, Albany, Dallas, Northern Indiana, Western Louisiana, Springfield, Dominican Republic, North Dakota, Texas, Honduras, Haiti, Colombia, Venezuela, the Virgin Islands, Florida, and Ecuador Literal regarding their dissent of the passage of Resolution A036.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 7:29 p.m. to reconvene on July 3 at 10:30 a.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 10:31 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #8 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Eighth Legislative Day, and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #14 for the morning session of the Ninth Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 79 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

**Communications from the President**

The President notified the House that Episcopal News Service had published the statement read by the deputation of Honduras during the afternoon session of the Eighth Legislative Day.

**Personal Privilege**

Deputy Sorvillo of Central Florida wanted to thank the President for allowing the deputation of Honduras to read its statement and thanked the deputation of Honduras for reading it. Deputy Sorvillo celebrated the Church's dedication to staying in unity even with difference of opinion.

**Messages from the House of Bishops**

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #210**: B011 (Amend Article II.7) Adopted with Amendment - Replaces Message # 171
- **HB Message #211**: A128 (Amend Canon IV.6.3) Concurred
- **HB Message #212**: A004 (Amend 1.4.1-8) Concurred
- **HB Message #213**: D003 (Amend Article V) Concurred
- **HB Message #214**: D016 (Investing in Palestine and Israel) Rejected
- **HB Message #215**: B024 (Income Inequality) Re-referred to a Different Committee
- **HB Message #216**: A145 (Amend Canon IV.19.6) Adopted with Substitute
- **HB Message #220**: B010 (Amend Canon III.9.3(d)) Adopted
- **HB Message #221**: A146 (Amend Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c)) Adopted with Amendment
- **HB Message #222**: D055 (Amend Canons V.1, V.2, V.3 and V.4) Adopted
- **HB Message #223**: A052 (Call for Ubuntu Toward Palestine and Israel) Committee Discharged
- **HB Message #224**: D041 (Advocacy and Prayer for Syria) Adopted
- **HB Message #225**: D053 (Immigration and Emigration and the Dominican Republic) Committee Discharged
- **HB Message #226**: B033 (Refugee Rights in Central America) Adopted
- **HB Message #227**: C003 (Justice and Peace in Israel-Palestine) Committee Discharged
- **HB Message #228**: C012 (Products supporting infrastructure of occupation) Committee Discharged
- **HB Message #229**: A084 (Modify Parochial Report) Concurred
- **HB Message #230**: A096 (Relationship-Based Social Justice) Concurred
- **HB Message #231**: C020 (Ministry to People with Mental Illness) Concurred
- **HB Message #232**: A172 (Social Media for Jesus) Concurred
- **HB Message #233**: A173 (Gathering and Sharing for Evangelism) Concurred
- **HB Message #234**: A179 (Memorial V: A Call to Action) Concurred
HB Message #235: B019 (AAM Participation in SCLM) Adopted
HB Message #236: C050 (Presbyterian Confirmation) Referred
HB Message #237: D046 (Liturgical Materials Honoring the Female in God and Man) Referred
HB Message #238: B001 (Add Father Atilano Coco to HWHM) Referred
HB Message #239: C002 (Commemorate Queen Lili'uokalani) Referred
HB Message #240: C008 (Add Rev. Peter Cassey and Ms. Annie Cassey to the Calendar) Referred
HB Message #241: C006 (Add Denzil A. Carty to HWHM) Referred
HB Message #242: C111 (Add Peter Williams Cassey and Anna Besant Cassey to HWHM) Referred
HB Message #243: C035 (Add Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander to Church Calendar) Referred
HB Message #244: C036 (Include Thomas Atkinson in HWHM) Referred
HB Message #245: C040 (Add the Rev. Hiram Kano to Church Calendar) Referred
HB Message #246: C044 (Add the Rev. Peter Cassey, Annie Besant Cassey, and Henrietta Lockwood to the Calendar) Referred
HB Message #247: C016 (Amend Article X) Committee Discharged
HB Message #248: D051 (Open Table Committee Discharged
HB Message #249: D052 (Call for Prayer Book Revision) Committee Discharged
HB Message #250: A184 (Reconciliation Efforts) Adopted
HB Message #251: D056 (Laying the Foundation for Reunion) Committee Discharged
HB Message #252: E011 (General Board of Examining Chaplains) Confirmed
HB Message #253: A197 (Budget of The Episcopal Church) Concurred
HB Message #254: X015 (Confirmation of the Executive Council (clergy)) Adopted - Replaces HB Message #217
HB Message #255: X017 (Confirmation of the Trustees of GTS (Clergy and Lay members)) Adopted - Replaces HB Message #218
HB Message #256: X018 (Confirmation of the Executive Council (lay)) Adopted - Replaces HB Message #219
HB Message #257: X022 (Mind of the House of Bishops: "Communion across Difference") Adopted
HB Message #258: D013 (Budget Process) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #259: D070 (Amend Book of Common Prayer) Committee Discharged

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to create a conference committee in accordance with Rule 9.C.1 in response to HB Message #264 on Resolution D013.

Motion carried

The President appointed Deputy Johnson of Minnesota, Chair; Deputy O'Brien of Southeast Florida; and Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts to the conference committee and excused them from the session.

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced that Resolutions D075 (Reinvigorate the Accountability of GTS to General Convention), B020 (Amend Canon I.2), and D050 (Authorizing "An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist" as a Principal Service) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.
Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #25 on HB Message #172 on Resolution D076 (Collect Title IV Information) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #327)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D076)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to study the need to collect information relating to all Title IV proceedings, identify the information to be collected, the methodology to collect and report the information, and the person or office responsible for administration of the process.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #26 on Resolution D031 (Amend Title IV) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D031)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sections of Canon IV.2 be amended to read as follows:

Hearing Panel shall mean a panel of three or more— not less than five members of the Disciplinary Board and shall include both clergy and lay members, a majority of whom shall be Members of the Clergy, selected by the president of the Board, by lot or by other random means unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member of the Hearing Panel may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Hearing Panel.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.3.1 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. A Member of the Clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for:
(a) knowingly violating or attempting to violate, directly or through the acts of another person, the Constitution or Canons of the Church or of any Diocese; or
(b) failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this Title; or
(2) intentionally and maliciously bringing a false accusation or knowingly providing false testimony or false evidence in any investigation or proceeding under this Title.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.3.3 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 3. In order for any conduct or condition to be the subject of the provisions of this Title, the Offense complained of must violate applicable provisions of Canon IV.3 or IV.4 and must be material and substantial or and of clear and weighty importance to the ministry of the Church.
And be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.5.1 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall, by Canon, create a court to be known as the Disciplinary Board as described in this Canon. Each such Board shall consist of not fewer than seven nine persons to be selected by the convention of the Diocese as determined by Diocesan Canon. The membership of each such Board shall include lay persons and Priests or Deacons, and the majority of the Board members shall be Priests or Deacons, but by no more than one. Within sixty days following each Diocesan
convention, the Board shall convene to elect a president for the following year, unless another
method for selection of the president is provided by Diocesan Canon.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.6.3 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 2. Information concerning Offenses may shall be submitted to the Intake Officer in any manner
and in any form writing, with a certification signed by the Informant that the Informant believes that
the reported information is true.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.7.7 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. Any Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave under this Canon shall
be effective upon service of the writing setting it forth on the subject Member of the Clergy as
provided in Canon IV.19.20. No Rector or other tenured Member of the Clergy shall be denied his or her
compensation and benefits by virtue of the imposition of a restriction on ministry or placement on
Administrative Leave.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.12.6 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 6. The Complainant may shall attend the conference but may not be required to do so. The
Complainant's Advisor may also attend the conference regardless of whether the Complainant
attends.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.13.4 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be public,
provided, however, that the Hearing Panel may close any part of the proceedings at its discretion to
protect the privacy of any person. No proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private
deliberations, shall be closed to the Respondent, Respondent's Advisor, Respondent's Counsel, or to the
Church Attorney. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a
verbatim written transcript of the hearing.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.13.6 be amended as follows:
Sec. 6. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel the testimony of witnesses shall be taken orally and
personally or by such other means as provided by order of the Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be
given under oath or solemn affirmation and be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall
determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. The
proceedings shall be conducted as follows:
(a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of
relevant facts.
(b) The president:
(1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;
(2) shall exclude privileged evidence;
(3) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt
contains all pertinent portions of the original document;
(4) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including records of
other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the Hearing Panel's specialized
knowledge;
(5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay; and
(6) shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable opportunity to
present evidence, argue and respond to argument, conduct cross-examination and submit
rebuttal evidence; and
(7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other than the Church Attorney and
the Respondent opportunity to present oral or written statements at the
hearing.
(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by the president in taking
measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of the hearing.; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.7 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. Prior to the issuance of an Order by a Conference Panel or a Hearing Panel, the issuing Panel shall afford the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent and the Complainant each with an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15.2 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 2. Within forty days after issuance of an Order by a Hearing Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the Provincial Court of Review, by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan, with copies of the notice to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province. The notice of appeal shall be signed by the Respondent's counsel or the Church Attorney and shall include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken and shall state the grounds of the appeal.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15.7 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Hearing Panel to produce the record on appeal, consisting of a transcript of the proceedings before the Hearing Panel together with documentary and tangible evidence received by the Hearing Panel. The record shall be printed or otherwise reproduced as authorized by the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel, the party appealing Respondent shall serve two copies of the record on appeal, the notice of appeal and the appealing party's Respondent's brief, if any, upon the opposite party, Church Attorney and shall deliver five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving a copy of the record on appeal, the party opposing the appeal, Church Attorney shall serve the brief in opposition, if any, upon the appealing party, Respondent, with five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Any reply brief of the appealing party, Respondent shall be served likewise within fifteen days following service of the brief in opposition.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15.12 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 12. If, after a notice of appeal has been filed, the appealing party, Respondent fails to pursue the appeal as provided in this Canon, the Provincial Court of Review may dismiss the appeal.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15.15 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 15. Upon determination of the appeal, the president of the Provincial Court of Review shall give notice of the determination in writing to the appealing party, the party in opposition and to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent and Church Attorney. The appeal record shall be certified by the clerk of the Provincial Court of Review and the president, and shall be delivered to the Bishop Diocesan along with a copy of the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.16 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 16. There shall be a presumption that the Respondent did not commit the Offense. It shall be the burden of the Church Attorney to establish an Offense by any Respondent. The standard of proof required for a Hearing Panel to find an Offense by a Respondent shall be that of clear and convincing evidence.; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.17 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 17. In all matters under this Title, it shall be the burden of the Church through the Church Attorney to establish an Offense by any Respondent Involuntary Statements.

(a) No person proceeding under the authority of this Title may interrogate, or request a statement from, a Respondent or a person suspected of an Offense without first informing that person of the nature of the accusation and advising that person that no statement need be made regarding the Offense of which the Respondent is accused or suspected and that any statement so made may be used in evidence against that person in a proceeding under this Title.

(b) No Respondent or person suspected of an Offense may be compelled to make any statement or admission or to testify against himself or herself in any proceedings under this Title.
(c) No statement obtained from any person in violation of this Canon, or through the use of coercion, undue influence or improper inducement may be received in evidence against that person in a Trial under this Title.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #328)


Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Constitution Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to may elect a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church and other Federal Ministries, and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop. Such agencies shall be made known to the House of Bishops. The Suffragan Bishop so elected shall be ordained and consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #340)

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #32 on Resolution A005 (Amend I.2 Of the Presiding Bishop in a Unicameral General Convention) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #330)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #33 on Resolution A007 (Amend I.1.1 Canonical Implementation of a Unicameral General Convention) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #332)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #51 on Resolution D064 (Provincial Block Grants) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #333)
World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #8 on HB Message #128 on Resolution A176 (Humanitarian Relief in Liberia) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #334)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A176)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention expresses its deepest love and concern for the people of Liberia, the Most Rev. Dr. Jonathan B.B. Hart, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, the clergy and people of the Church of Liberia as they continue to struggle with rebuilding their country in the aftermath of the Ebola crisis, military conflicts and economic disaster caused by these conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize the established and ongoing covenant relationship with our global partner within the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and recommit The Episcopal Church, the Presiding Bishop, and the Executive Committee of The Episcopal Church to this relationship; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the crisis being experienced by our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living and working in the midst of these heinous conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage and challenge Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to create diocesan partnerships with the church of Liberia and other initiatives that working together will address the humanitarian and economic development that will bring about the financial sustainability of our brothers and sisters in the Church of Liberia.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #9 on HB Message #118 on Resolution A174 (Encourage Ongoing Support for Episcopal Gap Year Program) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #342)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A174)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to continue development of an Episcopal Gap Year program for young adults between high school and college, modeled after the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $90,000 for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to continue the development of the Episcopal Gap Year Program.
**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #23 on HB Message #186 on Resolution D036 (Adding Name Change Rite to the Book of Occasional Services) and moved concurrence.

*Motion carried*

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #346)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D036)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include a rite for the changing of a name in the comprehensive revision of the Book of Occasional Services that it has proposed over the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider the “Rite for Claiming a New Name” from the resource Changes: Prayers and Services Honoring Rites of Passage as one possible rite for inclusion in the Book of Occasional Services.

**Formation and Education for Ministry**

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #48 on Resolution D007 (Amend Canon III.2.1 and Canon III.12.4(a)) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D007)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention wishes to provide flexibility so that Dioceses may explore opportunities for shared ministry and collaboration; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.2.1 and Canon III.12.4(a) are amended as follows:

**Canon III.2.1**

In each Diocese there shall be a Commission on Ministry ("Commission") consisting of Priests, Deacons, if any, and Lay Persons. The Canons of each Diocese shall provide for the number of members, terms of office, and manner of selection to the Commission. Any Diocese may agree in writing with one or more other Dioceses to share a Commission on Ministry.

**Canon III.12.4(a)**

Each Bishop serving in a Diocese shall reside in that Diocese, except that a Standing Committee may consent to a Bishop residing in another Diocese where that Bishop is also serving.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, the 78th General Convention wishes to provide flexibility so that Dioceses may explore opportunities for shared ministry and collaboration; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.2.1 and Canon III.12.4(a) are amended as follows:

**Canon III.2.1**

In each Diocese there shall be a Commission on Ministry ("Commission") consisting of Priests, Deacons, if any, and Lay Persons. The Canons of each Diocese shall provide for the number of members, terms of office, and manner of selection to the Commission. Any Diocese may agree in writing with one or more other Dioceses to share a Commission on Ministry.

**Canon III.12.4(a)**
Each Bishop serving in a Diocese shall reside in that Diocese, except that a Standing Committee may consent to a Bishop residing in another Diocese where that Bishop is also serving.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #335)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #50 on Resolution C025 (Adopt Charter for the Safety of People) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #336)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #51 on Resolution A095 (Deepen Engagement of All People) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #337)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #52 on Resolution A072 (Develop Awareness of the Five Marks of Mission) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A072)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm that the Five Marks of Mission adopted by the 76th General Convention in Resolution D027 are central to the work of the Church, its dioceses, its congregations, and the formation of its members; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct that educational materials for instructing Episcopalians about the Five Marks of Mission (including separate curricula for children, youth, young adults, and adults) be developed, publicized, and disseminated; and be it further
Resolved, That in addition to printed versions of educational materials and curricula for the Five Marks of Mission, online versions of the educational materials and curricula be made available on The Episcopal Church website and on other Electronic Resource Centers (such as those maintained by Forma, Anglicans Online, the Center for Spiritual Resources, and others); and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize the availability of educational materials and curricula for the Five Marks of Mission to dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct dioceses and congregations to use materials that instruct persons about the Five Marks of Mission, such as Marked for Mission (for youth and young adults); and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations adopt the practice of intentionally and publicly stating how each of their activities relates to the Five Marks of Mission.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention affirm that the Five Marks of Mission adopted by the 76th General Convention in Resolution D027 are central to the work of the Church, its dioceses, its congregations, and the formation of its members; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct that educational materials for instructing Episcopalians about the Five Marks of Mission (including separate curricula for children, youth, young adults, and adults) be developed, publicized, and disseminated; and be it further
Resolved, That in addition to printed versions of educational materials and curricula for the Five Marks of Mission, online versions of the educational materials and curricula be made available on The Episcopal Church website and on other Electronic Resource Centers (such as those maintained by Forma, Anglicans Online, the Center for Spiritual Resources, and others); and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize the availability of educational materials and curricula for the Five Marks of Mission to dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct encourage dioceses and congregations to use materials that instruct persons about the Five Marks of Mission, such as *Marked for Mission* (for youth and young adults); and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations adopt the practice of intentionally and publicly stating how each of their activities relates to the Five Marks of Mission.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #338)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #53 on Resolution D040 (Create Youth Anti-Racism Curricula) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D040)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention continue the work of Anti-Racism training adopted at the 75th and 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Officer for Youth Ministries and Missioner for Racial Reconciliation partner with other church offices and organizations as appropriate to commission a gospel-centered, Internet-integrated, action-oriented, anti-racism youth ministry curriculum for congregations throughout The Episcopal Church, including those not in the United States, to be provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole; and be it further
Resolved, That in addition to printed versions of youth educational materials and curricula for Anti-Racism, online versions of the educational materials and curricula be made available on The Episcopal Digital Network; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention continue the work of Anti-Racism training adopted at the 75th and 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Officer for Youth Ministries and Missioner for Racial Reconciliation partner with other church offices and organizations as appropriate to commission a gospel-centered, Internet-integrated, action-oriented, anti-racism youth ministry curriculum for congregations throughout The Episcopal Church, including those not in the United States, to be provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole; and be it further
Resolved, That in addition to printed versions of youth educational materials and curricula for Anti-Racism, online versions of the educational materials and curricula be made available on The Episcopal Digital Network; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of allocate $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #339)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #54 on Resolution A001 (Restructure for Spiritual Encounter) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A001)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention urge Episcopal seminaries to work collectively in creating, nurturing, and developing a culture of collaboration among them that results in: new structures; new curricula; new degrees beyond the traditional MDiv; partnerships and practices on the academic, departmental, and inter-seminary levels; tangible, measurable evidence that seminary trained leaders (lay and ordained) have the spiritual formation, skill sets, and intellectual aptitude to engage the world and to transform and lead The Episcopal Church, looking beyond competency in the academic areas defined by canon; standards of accountability, reporting, and mutual ministry reviews at all levels; and Episcopal seminaries’ reportage of their progress to Executive Council and to each succeeding General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That Diocesan Councils and Commissions on Ministry, in collaboration with their Bishop, encourage and support diverse ways for ordained clergy to make a living inside and outside the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council study the issue of clergy compensation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund study the following and report to the 79th General Convention: the current pension offerings and how well they serve the Church; the incentives in the current pension system; pension plan opportunities available to Episcopal clergy working in the secular world who are providing non-stipendiary service to The Episcopal Church; compensation models and pension benefits that may not be adequate or may be just in certain areas of the Church, particularly in dioceses outside the U.S.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society develop a network to help Episcopal congregations, including clergy, vestry, organist, musical, lay, and other liturgical leaders, to become skilled in creating, nurturing, and developing spaces and moments for spiritual encounters that transform lives and unjust structures; and to have partnerships and practices with other congregations to become excellent stewards of spiritual, financial, real estate, and community resources; and to report their progress and learning annually to their Diocesan Convention/Council and Bishop.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention urge Episcopal seminaries and the General Board of Examining Chaplains to work collectively in creating, nurturing, and developing a culture of collaboration among them that results in: new structures; new curricula; new degrees beyond the traditional MDiv; partnerships and practices on the academic, departmental, and inter-seminary levels; alternative assessment instruments to provide tangible, measurable evidence that seminary trained leaders (lay and ordained) have the spiritual formation, skill sets, and intellectual aptitude to engage the world and to transform and lead The Episcopal Church, looking beyond competency in the academic areas defined by canon; standards of...
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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #349)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #55 on Resolution A083 (Create Map of Episcopal Theological Education Providers) and moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A083)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Office of Formation and Congregational Development, in collaboration with the Office of Communications, be strongly urged to create an interactive map of theological schools, seminaries, and diocesan and regional programs, including programs for ethnic and emerging ministries, involved in the formation and training of leaders in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That each program on the map be strongly encouraged to maintain its information, so that all those engaged in the formation of leaders are able to network, share best practices, and collaborate.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #350)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #56 on Resolution D061 (Task Force for Scholarships for Undocumented Youth) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D061)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention ask the Presiding Officers to create a Task Force empowered to search for and distribute information about existing scholarships for immigrant students, youth, and young adults who, because of their immigrant status cannot qualify for federal, state, or private scholarships and/or loans, so that they may be able to attend institutes of higher education; and be it further
Resolved, That this Task Force also explore the feasibility, logistics and legalities of creating an Episcopal Scholarship that can also cover this purpose; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention ask the Presiding Officers Director of Mission to create a Task Force charge the offices of Latino/Hispanic ministry, Asiamerica ministry, and Young Adult/Campus ministry with the work to empower the Task Force to search for and distribute information about existing scholarships for immigrant students, youth, and young adults who, because of their immigrant status cannot qualify for federal, state, or private scholarships and/or loans, so that they may be able to attend institutes of higher education; and be it further
Resolved, That this Task Force the designated offices also explore the feasibility, logistics and legalities of creating an Episcopal Scholarship that can also cover this purpose; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #351)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #57 on Resolution Co28 (Disclosure of Criminal Records) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(Co28)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention confirm that an individual's unrestricted criminal conviction records, other than those discharged and juvenile
records, shall not be considered confidential, and that such information must be made available to all persons having a role in hiring or electing the person in question; and be it further

Resolved, That the substance of this resolution be included by the Office for Transition Ministry in instructions for search/discernment committees.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recommends that all discernment, search, and nominating committees for bishops and rectors in the Episcopal Church use resources available to them including knowledge of unrestricted criminal convictions in evaluation of candidates in thoughtful ways and make certain that all members of such committees be made aware of any issues which may impact the character and competence of candidates; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention commends to all such discernment, search, and nominating committees a policy that more than two members of such committee review all reports prepared for or provided to such committees on the character or competence of candidates.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #352)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #5 on HB Message #190 on Resolution A180 (Gratitude to the Church Pension Fund) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #353)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A180)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its gratitude to the staff, management and leadership of the Church Pension Group for their commitment to anticipating and meeting the needs of the clergy, laity and institutions of the domestic and non-domestic dioceses of The Episcopal Church in an ever increasing variety of important ways.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #6 on HB Message #188 on Resolution A177 (Revision in How Pensions are Determined) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #354)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A177)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention directs the Church Pension Fund to continue to work actively toward revision in how benefits may possibly be determined, in order to be responsive to the changing nature of church leadership, in order to serve the leadership of this renewed church God is calling us to be. Particularly, alternatives are sought for bi-vocational, non-stipendiary, interrupted continuity of service, and those serving in interim ministries.

Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund report their findings to the Executive Council in the next triennium.
Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #6 on HB Message #132 on Resolution A171 (Commendation of Papal Encyclical) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #357)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A171)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention welcomes the release of the Papal Encyclical Letter Laudato Si’ of Pope Francis, a landmark encyclical focusing on the reality of climate change and the interrelated nature of our world; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop to write a Pastoral Letter to the Church on climate change before the United Nations Climate Change Summit in Paris in late 2015.

Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
The House of Deputies Special Legislative Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse presented its Report #4 on HB Message #166 on Resolution A158 (Task Force to Review and Revise Policy on Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Recovery) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #362)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A158)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge The Episcopal Church’s long-standing tolerance for the use of alcohol which, in some cases, has contributed to its misuse, and has undermined a climate of wholeness and holiness for all; that our Church culture too often avoids hard conversations about alcohol use, and the role of forgiveness and compassion in healing and recovery; and that The Episcopal Church now commits to create a new normal in our relationship with alcohol. We aspire to be a place in which conversations about alcohol, substance misuse, or addiction are not simply about treatment but about renewal, justice, wholeness, and healing. We affirm that Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church has long been and continues to be a valuable resource for this work; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th Convention adopt the following policy on alcohol and other substance misuse and encourage dioceses, congregations, seminaries, schools, young adult ministries, and affiliated institutions to update their policies on the use of alcohol and other substances with the potential for misuse. These policies should consider the following:

1. The Church must provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.
2. All applicable federal, state and local laws should be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
3. Some dioceses and congregations may decide not to serve alcohol at events or gatherings. Others may decide to permit a limited use of alcoholic beverages at church-sponsored events. Both can be appropriate if approached mindfully.
4. When alcohol is served, it must be monitored and those showing signs of intoxication must not be served. Whenever alcohol is served, the rector, vicar, or priest-in-charge must appoint an adult to oversee its serving. That adult must not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of his or her execution of his or her responsibilities. If hard liquor is served, a certified server is required.
5. Serving alcoholic beverages at congregational events where minors are present is strongly discouraged. If minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.
6. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages must be clearly labeled as such. Food prepared with alcohol does not need to be labeled provided the alcohol is completely evaporated by the cooking process; however, it is recommended that even in this case the use of alcohol in cooking be noted on a label.
7. Whenever alcohol is served, appealing non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.
8. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church events should not be publicized as an attraction of the event, e.g. “wine and cheese reception,” “cocktail party,” and “beer and wine tasting.”
9. Ministries inside or outside of congregations will make certain that alcohol consumption is not the focus of the ministry and that drinking alcohol is not an exclusively normative activity.
10. Food must be served when alcohol is present.
11. The groups or organizations sponsoring the activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from the clergy or the vestry. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and must provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired. Consulting with liability insurance carriers is advised.
12. Recognizing the effects of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, alcoholic beverages shall not be served when the business of the Church is being conducted.
13. Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.
14. We encourage clergy to acknowledge the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind and consider providing non-alcoholic wine.; and be it further

Resolved, That, mindful of the emerging legalization of other addictive substances and the increasing rise of addiction, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church provide for the ready availability, implementation, and continuing development of this policy church-wide, in consultation and coordination with Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church.

End of Consent Calendar

Election of Treasurer of the General Convention
It was announced that the House of Bishops had not concurred with the House's election for the Treasurer of General Convention. It was also announced that Mr. Delbert Glover had withdrawn his name from consideration.

An electronic vote was taken for the election of the Treasurer of General Convention. Mr. N. Kurt Barnes was elected the Treasurer of the General Convention.

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #323)
Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #29 on Resolution A198 (Express Thanks for the Ministry of the Most Reverend Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A198)
Whereas, She has served as chief pastor and primate to The Episcopal Church’s members in 17 countries, 109 dioceses and 3 regional areas; and
Whereas, She was the first woman primate in the Anglican Communion; and
Whereas, She has been charged to speak God’s word to the Church and the World and has sought to do so with courage and humility; and
Whereas, She has been pastorally present in times of natural disasters, human suffering and other crises; and
Whereas, She provided effective leadership to all dioceses experiencing severance from The Episcopal Church and showed compassion in all cases; and
Whereas, She has exercised her authority with dignity and reserve to make The Episcopal Church a welcoming place for all. Be it so resolved.
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church extend its deepest gratitude and thanks for the ministry of The Most Reverend Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori and express its abiding affection for her faithful service as the 26th Presiding Bishop.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #406)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A198)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church extend its deepest gratitude and thanks for the ministry of The Most Reverend Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori and express its abiding affection for her faithful service as the 26th Presiding Bishop.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege andCourtesy presented its Report #28 on Resolution A199 (Express Gratitude to N. Kurt Barnes) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A199)
Whereas, The House wish him continued success as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the DFMS. Be it so resolved.
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its deep gratitude to N. Kurt Barnes for his exceptional service during his tenure as Treasurer to the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #407)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A199)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church
express its deep gratitude to N. Kurt Barnes for his exceptional service during his tenure as
Treasurer to the General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #30 on Resolution
A200 (Commend the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A200)
Whereas, Task Force members followed their mandate to explore biblical, theological, historical,
liturgical and canonical dimensions of marriage; and
Whereas, They collaborated with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons and the
Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music as required, addressing the pastoral need for clergy to
officiate at a civil marriage of same-sex couples where it is lawful; and
Whereas, Guided by reflection, examination and discussion, they discerned and presented
recommendations to this Convention to be acted upon. Be it so resolved.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General
Convention commend and greatly appreciate the efforts of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage.
Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #326)

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #61
on Resolution B022 (Study of Dual Call Couples) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B022)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention calls for a study on the
issues of deployment, equality, and justice of dual call couples be undertaken for the benefit of this
Church; and be it further
Resolved, That a committee be appointed the Presiding Officers jointly, and such committee include
dual call couples, people currently doing research on this reality, and those supporting their
ministries, especially the Office of Pastoral Development; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Commission on Program,
Budget, and Finance to consider a budget of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and
Resolved, That this committee report its findings back to the 79th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention calls for a study on the
issues of deployment, equality, and justice of dual call couples be undertaken, including the
specific issues for bishop-priest couples, for the benefit of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That a committee task force be appointed by the Presiding Officers jointly, consisting of no
more than seven members, and that such committee task force include dual call couples, people
currently doing research on this reality, and those supporting their ministries, especially the Office
of Pastoral Development; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget of $50,000 allocate $5,000 from the budget of the Office of Pastoral Development for the implementation of this resolution; and
Resolved, That this committee task force be supported by the Office of Pastoral Development and report its findings back to the 79th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #329)

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #58 on Resolution D075 (Reinvigorate the Accountability of GTS to General Convention) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D075)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force to examine and evaluate the recent developments at the General Theological Seminary. These developments include changes made to the bylaws of the General Theological Seminary (GTS), changes in the composition of the faculty, and action all parties: Dean and President, faculty and Board of Trustees; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force examine the General Theological Seminary's report of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) findings; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force report to the Executive Council within twelve months concerning the relationship between the Seminary and the General Convention, in particular on issues on issues of accountability and transparency ;and make any recommendations deemed appropriate; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution."

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Presiding Officers appoint a committee of no more than 5 members, including one of the Trustees elected at the 78th General Convention, to evaluate the relationship between the General Convention and the General Theological Seminary to determine whether this relationship is mutually beneficial at this point in the life of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the committee report to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with recommended action, including the possibility of ending this relationship.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #331)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #14 on HB Message #177 on Resolution B013 (Peacemaking through Political Action) and moved concurrence.
**Point of Order**
Deputy Lloyd of Virginia requested that votes on this resolution be conducted electronically. The President assented.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion defeated

A Deputy moved to end debate.

Motion carried

Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #341)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B013)
Resolved, That The 78th General Convention reaffirm the vocation of the Church as an agent of reconciliation and restorative justice, and recognize that meaningful reconciliation can help to engender sustainable, long-lasting peace and that such reconciliation must incorporate both political action and locally driven grassroots efforts; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention, lamenting the diplomatic and political stalemate following recent elections in Israel, reaffirm this Church’s commitment to a just and peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated settlement between the parties resulting in two states for two peoples: a secure and universally recognized Israel living alongside a secure and viable state for the Palestinian people; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church commend the United States government for its efforts during the past triennium to broker negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, but express grave sorrow at the collapse of those negotiations in 2014 and the subsequent deterioration of political relations between the parties; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, recognizing that simple calls for the parties to return to the negotiating table are no longer sufficient to address the urgency of the situation, challenge the United States government, in coordination with global partners, to develop and offer a new, comprehensive, and time-bound framework to the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority for the conclusive negotiation of a two-state peace agreement and the resolution of all final-status issues; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge all national governments represented in The Episcopal Church to invest substantial diplomatic capital in support of such a framework; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop and the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to continue its exemplary work to enhance understanding, build political consensus, and organize grassroots support within The Episcopal Church for this political action; and be it further
Resolved, That Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society: (1) convene a collaborative group of experts and interfaith partners to collect a wide range of resources designed to inform and enliven a conversation among those holding differing convictions; (2) encourage early travel of the 27th Presiding Bishop to the Holy Land, in the spirit of interfaith fellowship, to establish and build relationships with leaders of the communities of the Children of Abraham working for peace,
Resolution called for (1) continued commendable efforts by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to assist Episcopalians in understanding the traumas, hurt, suffering, fears, pain, aspirations, and hopes that shape the daily lives of all living in Israel and the Palestinian Territories; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society's investment of $500,000 during the last triennium in the infrastructure of the Palestinian economy as a tangible step toward building a viable Palestinian state and strengthening the economic well-being of Palestinian communities; and to urge Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to expand this loan investment at least twofold in the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage The Episcopal Church to (1) embrace the principles of restorative justice in its advocacy and engagement for the just resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; and (2) engage and support the voices of both Israelis and Palestinians — especially those who are themselves victims of violence and injustice—who seek peace with justice through nonviolent and restorative responses to the conflict; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support existing efforts toward restorative justice by urging the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to identify and find creative ways to commend, support, and elevate the work of local peace-building and economic development initiatives, including those of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and grassroots organizations jointly led by Israelis and Palestinians; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $675,000 for the implementation of this resolution to be used as follows: (1) a total of $60,000 over the course of the triennium to each of five existing local, grassroots peace-building initiatives jointly led by Israelis and Palestinians to support and expand their work; (2) $300,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East to support and expand its sustainable peace-building efforts in Israel and the Palestinian Territories through its ministries of health care and education; and (3) $75,000 to cover other costs associated with the implementation of this resolution.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #343)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #5 on HB Message #197 on Resolution D063 (Ongoing Episcopal Church Dialog with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #345)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D063)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations or its successor to continue the conversation between The Episcopal Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints...
Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the purposes of friendship, good will, and mutual understanding; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention express its profound gratitude for the enormous hospitality extended by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to The Episcopal Church and the 78th General Convention throughout the current triennium.

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #10 on HB Message #173 on Resolution C055 (Church-Wide Day of Prayer) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #348)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C055)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church condemns the heinous acts of violence and persecution directed toward our brothers and sisters in Christ and all others throughout the world persecuted for their faith; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention ask the Presiding Bishop to call for a specific Church-wide Day of Prayer in 2016 in remembrance of these contemporary martyrs and in solidarity with persecuted Christians in our own day; and be it further
Resolved, That we commit the Church to continual prayer for the cessation of all violent acts against believers.

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #60 on HB Message #187 on Resolution A075 (Develop Awareness of Online Christian Formation Resources) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #347)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A075)
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center establish a prominent tab or link on the website of The Episcopal Church to give persons seeking Christian Formation resources access to websites that provide suitable Christian Formation resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center publicize to dioceses, congregations, and Christian Formation leaders the availability of these websites that provide helpful Christian Formation resources; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations with websites consider including links to websites that provide suitable Christian Formation resources; and be it further
Resolved, That Christian Formation leaders throughout The Episcopal Church be encouraged to share with these websites suitable formation resources that they themselves have developed.

The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #62 on Resolution A050 (Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A050)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention join the 2012 Anglican Consultative Council in adopting the following "Charter for Safety of People Within the Churches of the Anglican Communion" as a summary of The Episcopal Church's policy regarding maintaining the safety of all who come to or work for our churches:

1. Pastoral support where there is abuse — We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organizations by listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns; offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.
2. Effective responses to abuse — We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel that include: making known within churches the procedure for making complaints; arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse; the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry; providing support for affected parishes and church organizations.
3. Practice of pastoral ministry — We will adopt and promote, through education and training, standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other church personnel.
4. Suitability for ministry — We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church, including checking their background.
5. Culture of safety — We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organizations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel, and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse;" and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council collect current data from all member dioceses regarding their "safe church" policies and practices, including identification of reasons for not implementing the recommended policies and practices; and publish that information to The Episcopal Church through its most widely accessible media; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Global Relations collaborate with Province IX to develop and disseminate culturally appropriate materials for use in the Spanish-speaking dioceses of TEC that are consistent with the principles of the ACC "Charter of Safety" and the standards previously set out by General Convention, including a process for training of local trainers; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $ 40,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #344)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #15 on HB Message #174 on Resolution A051 (Support LGBT African Advocacy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #358)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A051)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize and commend the unconditional love and support that families, communities, scholars, and activists have shown to
their Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) sisters and brothers in Africa who are at risk of violence, discrimination, and imprisonment; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the following redemptive words in the statement of the Primates of the Anglican Communion in the Dromantine Communiqué (2005) that: “The victimisation or diminishment of human beings whose affections happen to be ordered towards people of the same sex is anathema to us. We assure homosexual people that they are children of God, loved and valued by him, and deserving of the best we can give of pastoral care and friendship;” and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage parishes and dioceses, especially those with companion relationships with Anglicans in Africa, as well as advocacy groups, to build relationships with and learn from Anglican African scholars who are already offering Biblical interpretations that affirm the dignity and humanity of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex people; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Global Partnerships, Justice, and Advocacy Ministries, the Office of the Presiding Bishop, and other relevant church-wide offices be directed to work in partnership with African Anglicans who publicly oppose laws that criminalize homosexuality and incite violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex people; and be it further

Resolved, That The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns or other appropriate body as designated by Executive Council to compile, for church-wide reference and use, a listing of information and resources developed by African Anglican leaders and organizations working to curb anti-gay and anti-transgender violence, discrimination, and marginalization; and be it further

Resolved, That The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage parishes and dioceses to offer prayers for the safety of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex sisters and brothers, their families and communities, and for the scholars and activists who tirelessly work on their behalf.

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #32 on HB Message #238 on Resolution B001 (Add Father Atilano Coco to Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Deputy Funston of Kansas moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Resolutions B001, B019, C002, C006, C008, C011, C050, and D046 as a whole.

Deputy Moorehead of Florida moved to amend the motion in order that Resolution C050 be withheld from this group.

A vote was taken on the amendment. A voice vote was inconclusive.

**Point of Order**

Deputy Brannon of Idaho inquired whether the amendment was in order as there had not been six minutes of debate as dictated by the Rules. The Parliamentarian stated that Deputy Brannon was correct in that the motion to amend the motion to suspend the Rules was contrary to the Rules of Order.
An electronic vote was taken on the amendment. 

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Point of Order
Deputy Snow of Oregon questioned whether Resolution D046 could be considered under the Constitution and Canons as the materials referenced in the resolution were not provided to the deputies. The President ruled that Resolution D046 would be removed from the grouping.

Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved to end debate on the motion. 

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion as amended. 

Motion carried
Rules suspended

A vote was taken on the resolutions as a whole. 

Motion carried

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #363)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B001)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention propose the commemoration in Holy Women, Holy Men of Father Atilano Coco and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2016-2018; and be it further
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music add Father Atilano Coco to the Liturgical Calendar of this Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #25 on HB Message #235 on Resolution B019 (AAM Participation in SCLM) and moved concurrence. 

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #366)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B019)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recommend that the Presidents of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies appoint one or more professional musicians of the Association of Anglican Musicians to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (or its successor
organization) for the coming triennium to continue the close engagement of musicians from that organization with liturgical and musical decision-making in The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #28 on HB Message #239 on Resolution C002 (Commemorate Queen Lili‘uokalani) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #367)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C002)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church take the appropriate actions to consider and then to include a Commemoration each year for Queen Lili‘uokalani in Holy Women, Holy Men or any subsequent Calendar of Commemoration.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #27 on HB Message #241 on Resolution C006 (Add Denzil A. Carty to Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #368)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C006)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the inclusion of the Rev. Denzil A. Carty in Holy Women, Holy Men.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #26 on HB Message #240 on Resolution C008 (Add Rev. Peter Williams Cassey and Ms. Annie Besset Cassey to the Church Calendar) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #369)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C008)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the inclusion of The Reverend Peter Williams Cassey and Ms. Annie Besset Cassey in the church calendar; and be it further
Resolved, That April 16 be set aside as a feast day commemorating the life and witness of the Reverend Peter Williams Cassey, deacon, abolitionist, social reformer, educator, church planter and pastor and Ms. Annie Besset Cassey, community organizer, educator and foster mother of many children, commending all congregations to celebrate their lives through the appointed prayers and readings; and be it further
Resolved, That they are placed on the calendar as deacon and companion who represent pioneers in justice, compassion and cultural diversity in their own time.
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #30 on HB Message #242 on Resolution C011 (Add Peter Williams Cassey and Anna Besant Cassey to Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #370)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C011)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the addition of the Reverend Peter Williams Cassey and Anna Besant Cassey - on the feast day of April 16 - to the commemorations in "Holy Women, Holy Men".

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #31 on HB Message #236 on Resolution C050 (Presbyteral Confirmation) and moved concurrence with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Deputy Brauza of Western New York moved to end debate on the motion to concur.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to concur.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #365)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C050)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the appropriate interim body of the convention, as determined by the Presiding Officers, to study the theological implications of permitting Presbyters of this Church to celebrate the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation for adults as part of those adults' baptismal liturgy, and to propose to the 79th General Convention the necessary canonical changes to authorize the Bishop holding jurisdiction in a diocese, if desired, to approve such Confirmations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #29 on HB Message #237 on Resolution D046 (Authorize Liturgical Materials Honoring the Female in God and Man) and moved concurrence with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Point of Order
Deputy Snow of Oregon asked the President to rule on her previous Point of Order on whether this resolution was in order. The President ruled that the motion was in order as it was a motion to refer,
but that if the House did not concur with the motion to refer, the President would rule the resolution out of order.

Deputy Dempsey-Sims of Western New York moved to end debate on the motion to concur.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to concur. A voice vote was inconclusive. An electronic vote was taken.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #364)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D046)
Resolved, That this 78th General Convention authorize, subject to the approval of the several diocesan bishops, for trial use or for use in special study sessions, the liturgical materials and forms of prayers contained in that certain book by Janet Morley entitled *All Desires Known* (Third Edition), published by Morehouse Publishing and copyright 1988, 1992, and 2006 by Janet Morley; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider these liturgical materials (or modifications thereof) for inclusion in a revised edition of the Book of Occasional Services.

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #18 on HB Message #226 on Resolution D033 (Supporting Refugee Rights in Central America) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #359)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D033)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge the continued violence against and displacement of citizens in Central America’s Northern Triangle (Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador), perpetrated by armed state and non-state actors, and calls upon The Church and regional governments to affirm and support the work of civil society and international organizations as they address the needs of the displaced in their countries of origin; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the efforts of civil society groups and regional bodies, especially the work of our sister Anglican province La Iglesia de la Region Central de America (IARCA), the Diocese of Honduras, and human rights organizations, which seek to address the root causes of violence and engage in advocacy and dialogue with their governments to serve the needs of and create safe spaces for internally displaced persons and refugees; and be it further
Resolved, That in solidarity with IARCA’s work to push for accountability by the governments of their region, The Episcopal Church advocate for the United States government to play a positive role, to strengthen legal institutions through financial support, and to encourage the governments of Central America and Mexico to acknowledge and uphold the legal rights of the displaced, asylum seekers, and victims of crimes perpetrated by armed groups and/or state actors; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the regional nature of this migration and call for a robust, holistic, regional humanitarian response from the United States government and its allies that addresses the root causes of violence (including the deportation policies of the US government, arms trafficking, and drug consumption in the United States), in the region; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm the universal right to seek asylum; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for increased access to and funding for legal orientation programs and legal representation for Central American refugees and asylum seekers and that congregations engage in community efforts to provide pro bono legal services to refugees and asylum seekers in need of representation; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call for an immediate end to the inhumane practice of detention of women who arrive in the United States with minor children (“family detention”) as a response to this refugee crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call for the immediate release of detained asylum seekers (particularly those who are LGBT, indigenous persons unable to communicate in English or Spanish, and persons who have disabilities or life-threatening illnesses).

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #17 on HB Message #224 on Resolution D041 (Advocacy and Prayer for Syria) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #361)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D041)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention denounce the slaughter and displacement of Syrians; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention ask the Office of Government Relations to provide specific advocacy actions for members of The Episcopal Church to make; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage faith communities to develop both corporate and personal opportunities to pray for peace in the Middle East, for an end to the humanitarian and refugee crisis in Syria, and for the continued witness and presence of Christian communities there.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #16 on HB Message #176 on Resolution D062 (Addressing Prison Conditions and Areas for Advocacy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #360)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D062)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call on the Bishop for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries and the Office of Government Relations to investigate conditions of prisoners, parolees and probationers in the criminal justice systems of the countries which are represented in The Episcopal Church and develop a report outlining areas for advocacy and reform to the 79th General Convention.
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Day 9 Supplemental Calendar #1.

Point of Order
Deputy Burton-Edwards of Indianapolis inquired as to whether translations had been provided for these resolutions. The Secretary stated that the translated resolutions were available in the virtual binder.

Point of Order
Deputy Runnels of West Missouri asked that all resolutions with budget implications be presented with comment as to how they have been addressed in the budget. The Parliamentarian explained that resolutions with budget implications passed after the budget had been adopted are considered unfunded by the Convention automatically. The President directed Deputy Runnels to approach Deputy Lloyd of Massachusetts, Chair of the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance, with any questions.

A vote was taken on the motion to suspend the Rules.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #28 on HB Message #216 on Resolution A145 (Amend Canon IV.19.6 Clarifying Consequences of Default by Respondent) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #371)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A145)
Resolved, That Canon IV.19.6 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 6. In any proceeding under this Title in which the Respondent fails to appear before the Conference Panel as required by Canon IV.12.4, or to appear before the Hearing Panel as required by Canon IV.13.2(a), or to timely file in a timely manner with the Hearing Panel the written response required by Canon IV.13.2(c), such Panel may, in its discretion, proceed in the absence of the Respondent and may accept as true the matters described in the notice issued to the Respondent pursuant to Canons IV.12.3 or IV.13.2. In proceedings under this section, such panels may consider the materials described in Canon IV.12.1, and any other types of evidence whose use is permitted in proceedings conducted before such Panels. The failure of a Respondent to appear, or to fail to file a written response, as described in this Section shall not, in itself, provide the basis for a finding that any Offense has been committed, other than any Offense specifically arising from such failure to appear, or failure to file.
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #29 on HB Message #222 on Resolution D055 (Amend Canons V.1, V.2, V.3, and V.4) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #372)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(D055)  
Resolved, That Canons V.1, V.2, V.3 and V.4 be amended to read as follows:  
CANON 1: Of Enactment, Amendment, and Repeal  
Sec. 1. No new Canon shall be enacted, or existing Canon be amended or repealed, except by concurrent Resolution of the two Houses of the General Convention. Such Resolution may be introduced first in either House, and shall be referred in each House to the Committee on Constitution and Canons thereof, for consideration, report, and recommendation, before adoption by the House; provided, that in either House the foregoing requirement of reference may be dispensed with by a three-fourths vote of the members present.  
Sec. 2. Whenever a Canon is amended, enacted, or repealed in different respects by two or more independent enactments at the same General Convention, including the enactment of an entire Title, the separate enactments shall be considered as one enactment containing all of the amendments or enactments, whether or not repealed, to the extent that the change made in separate amendments or enactments, are not in conflict with each other. The two members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons from each House of General Convention appointed pursuant to Canon V.1.5 (a) shall make the determination whether or not there is a conflict and certify the text of the single enactment to the Secretary of the General Convention.  
Sec. 3. Whenever a Canon which repealed another Canon, or part thereof, shall itself be repealed, such previous Canon or part thereof shall not thereby be revived or reenacted, without express words to that effect.  
Sec. 4. If a Canon or Section of a Canon or Clause of a Section of a Canon is to be amended or added, the enactment shall be in substantially one of the following forms: "That Canon . . . (Canon, Section or Clause designated as provided in Canon V.2.3 2) . . . be is hereby amended to read as follows: (here insert the new reading)"; or "That Canon . . . (Canon or Section designated as provided in Canon V.2.3 2) . . . be is hereby amended by adding a Section (or Clause) reading as follows: (here insert the text of the new Section or Clause)." If amendments are to be made at one meeting of the General Convention to more than one-half of the Canons in a single Title of the Canons, the enactment may be in the following form: "That Title . . . of the Canons be is hereby amended to read as follows: (here insert the new reading of all Canons in the Title whether or not the individual Canon is amended)." In the event of insertion of a new Canon, or a new Section or Clause in a Canon, or of the repeal of an existing Canon, or of a Section or Clause, the numbering of the Canons, or of a division of a Canon, which follow shall be changed accordingly without the necessity of enacting an amendment or amendments to that effect.  
Sec. 5 (a).-The Committee on Constitution and Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint two of its members (a) to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary, who shall publish them in the Journal.  
(b) The Committee on Constitution of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint a similar committee of two of its members of the General Convention; and (b) to certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution, and to report the same to the Secretary of the
General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal. The committee shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the General Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons in the foregoing Sections 4 and 5(a) of this Canon.

Sec. 6. All Canons enacted during the General Convention of 1943, and thereafter, and all amendments and repeals of Canons then or thereafter made, unless otherwise expressly ordered, shall take effect on the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were enacted or made.

CANON 2: Of Terminology Used in These Canons
Sec. 1. Whenever the term "Diocese" is used without qualification in these Canons, it shall be understood to refer both to "Dioceses" and to "Missionary Dioceses," as these terms are used in the Constitution, and also, whenever applicable, to the "Convocation of the American Episcopal Churches in Europe."

Sec. 2. Whenever in these Canons a reference is made to a Canon or a Section of a Canon or a Clause of a Section of a Canon, the word "Canon" shall be set out, followed in order by the numerical or alphabetical designation of the Title, the Canon, the Section and the Clause, in each case separated by a period.

CANON 3: Of a Quorum
Sec. 1. Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, a quorum of any body of the General Convention consisting of several members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a majority of said members; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act.

CANON 4: Of Vacancies on Canonical Bodies
Sec. 1 (a) Except where the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention provide to the contrary, the term of a member in any body of the General Convention consisting of several members shall become vacant as follows:

1. upon absence from two regularly scheduled meetings of the body between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the body;
2. upon inhibition, any restriction on exercise of ministry, placement on Administrative Leave, Admonition, Suspension, or Deposition of a Member of the Clergy then serving on the body;
3. upon the renunciation of the pronunciation of the release and removal from the ordained ministry of this Church by of a Member of the Clergy;
4. upon the certification to the Presiding Bishop by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops as to the abandonment of the this Church by a Bishop pursuant to Canon IV.16;
5. upon the certification by the Standing Committee as to the abandonment of the this Church by a Priest or Deacon pursuant to Canon IV.16; or
6. for cause deemed sufficient by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the body.

(b) The term of any member specified to be filled by a Priest or Deacon shall become vacant upon that member's ordination to the episcopacy.
(c) The term of any Member of the Clergy specified to be filled by virtue of a provincial or diocesan canonical residence shall become vacant upon the change of canonical residence to another diocese or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.
(d) The term of any Lay Person specified to be filled by virtue of a provincial or diocesan residence shall become vacant upon the change of residence to another diocese or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.

Sec. 2 (a) The position of a lay member becomes vacant upon loss of status as a communicant in good standing.
(b) The position of any member specified to be filled by a Lay Person shall become vacant upon that member’s ordination.


Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #373)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B010)
Resolved, Canon III.9.3(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(d) Chaplains.
(1) A Priest may be given ecclesiastical endorsement for service as a Chaplain in the Armed Services Forces of the United States of America or as a Chaplain for the Veterans’ Administration, or in any Federal Correctional Institution, or any other Federal Ministries including the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, by a the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces elected pursuant to Article II.7 of the Constitution, subject to the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.
(2) Any Priest serving as a Chaplain on an active duty, Reserve or National Guard capacity with the Armed Services Forces or employed as a Chaplain in the Department of Veterans’ Affairs or the Federal Bureau of Prisons shall retain the Priest’s canonical residence and shall be subject to the ecclesiastical supervision authority of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident, even though the Priest’s work as a Chaplain shall be subject to the general ecclesiastical supervision of the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces, or such other Bishop as the Presiding Bishop may designate elected pursuant to Article II.7 of the Constitution; provided, however, that in the event of a vacancy the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as the substitute in charge until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.
(3) Any Priest serving as a Chaplain on a military installation, or at a Veterans’ Administration facility or Federal Correctional Institution Department of Veterans’ Affairs Medical Center, or Federal Bureaus of Prisons Correctional Institution shall not be subject to Canons III.9.3.(e)(1) or III.9.4.(a). When serving other than on a military installation, or at a Veterans’ Administration facility, or Federal Correctional Institution Department of Veterans’ Affairs Medical Center or Federal Bureau of Prisons Correctional Institution, a Chaplain shall be subject to these Sections.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #31 on HB Message #221 on Resolution A146 (Amend Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c) Impartiality) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #374)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A146)
Resolved, That Canon IV.19.14(b) and (c) be amended as follows:
(b) The Church Attorney or A any member of any Panel provided for in this Title shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the member’s such person’s impartiality may
reasonably be questioned. The member person shall also disqualify himself or herself when the member person, the member's person's spouse, any person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such person, (1) is the Respondent, Complainant or an Injured Person, (2) is likely to be a witness in the proceeding, (3) has a personal bias or prejudice concerning the Respondent, Complainant or any Injured Person, (4) has personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding, (5) has a personal financial interest in the outcome of the proceeding or in the Respondent, Complainant, any Injured Person or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome or (6) is a member of the same congregation or otherwise has a close personal or professional relationship with the Respondent, the Complainant, any Injured Person or any witness in the matter.

(c) The Church Attorney or A any member of any Panel provided for in this Title who has not disqualified himself or herself as provided in this section may be subject to challenge by the Church Attorney or the Respondent on grounds described in this section. The Complainant or the Complainant's Advisor may inform the Church Attorney of any such grounds. The challenge shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Panel who shall determine whether the challenged member of the Panel person should be disqualified and replaced according to the procedures of this Title for filling vacancies.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 2:30 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:33 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers. Following prayers, the President thanked the Chaplain for making the House a holy space. The House concurred with applause.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #15 for the afternoon session of the Ninth Legislative Day. There were 422 clerical deputies and 422 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 844, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 423. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 563. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote by Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were no new deputies certified and 43 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**

**Report accepted**

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Green of San Diego, on behalf of the House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development, announced that Memorial 9, which can be found on the General Convention site, replaces the typical resolution that calls for members of The Episcopal Church to use the tithe as their standard for giving.

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Frazer of Alabama spoke to remind the House of the anniversary of the death of seminarian Jonathan Daniels. Deputy Frazer invited the House and wider church to come to the Diocese of Alabama's annual pilgrimage in honor of Jonathan Daniels.

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Robison of Milwaukee announced that they would be auctioning off the paper engine that had been on their table, with proceeds to go to the rebuilding fund for the black churches burned by arsonists.

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania commended the House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order for the new Rules that were adopted this Convention, which he felt had greatly expedited business in the House. The President reiterated the commendation and the House showed its appreciation with applause.

**Personal Privilege**
Deputy Miller of Southeast Florida thanked the House for assisting the Sergeant-at-Arms by maintaining the decorum of the House. Deputy Miller also encouraged the deputies to approach Senior Deputies with parliamentary questions rather than taking them to the Chair. The President thanked Deputy Miller for fulfilling the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms.
Personal Privilege
Deputy Booker of Missouri commended the work of the President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, and workers behind the scenes for making the House's work efficient.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Mollegen of Connecticut encouraged the House to streamline the business of our congregations just as the Convention has begun streamlining the business of The Episcopal Church.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Thober of Nebraska thanked all of those who took part in committee work.

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #266:** X016 (Confirmation of the Trustees of CPF) Adopted
- **HB Message #267:** D027 (Remove Neal from OFAC List) Concluded
- **HB Message #268:** D060 (Process for Revision of the Hymnal 1982) Adopted
- **HB Message #269:** X035 (Mind of the House: On the Election of the Trustees to CPF) Adopted
- **HB Message #270:** A081 (Use of the TEAC Ministry Grids) Concluded
- **HB Message #271:** D043 (Disability Accessibility and Inclusion at Events) Adopted
- **HB Message #272:** D021 (Reevaluate the Denominational Health Plan Mandate) Referred
- **HB Message #273:** D058 (Dominicans of Haitian Descent) Adopted with Amendment [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #341]
- **HB Message #274:** D069 (Birthright Citizenship) Adopted with Amendment [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #343]
- **HB Message #275:** X029 (Anglican Province of Burundi) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #407]
- **HB Message #276:** D029 (Thanks for the Ministry of David Booth Beers) Concluded
- **HB Message #277:** A142 (Amend Canon IV.15.6(b)(5) Standards for Appeal) Discharged
- **HB Message #278:** A189 (Express Thanks for Worship Services) Concluded
- **HB Message #279:** A144 (Amend Canon IV.19.4) Adopted
- **HB Message #280:** A193 (Express Gratitude to TREC) Concluded
- **HB Message #281:** A194 (Appreciation of the Official Youth Presence) Concluded
- **HB Message #282:** A133 (Amend Canon IV.7.4) Concluded
- **HB Message #283:** X025 (Thanksgiving to the Diocese of Utah) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #403]
- **HB Message #284:** A019 (Affirm the Inter-Anglican Secretariat) Concluded
- **HB Message #285:** A042 (Consider the 80th General Convention Sites) Concluded
- **HB Message #286:** D059 (150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh) Concluded
- **HB Message #287:** A107 (Fund CCAB Meetings during the Triennium) Concluded
- **HB Message #288:** X026 (Thanksgiving to the People of Salt Lake City) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #404]
- **HB Message #289:** A108 (Budget for Mid-Triennial Web Conference of Interim Bodies) Concluded
- **HB Message #290:** D078 (Commending Institute for Healing of Memories) Concluded
- **HB Message #291:** A109 (Amend Canon V.3) Concluded
- **HB Message #292:** X027 (Thanksgiving to the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS) Adopted [Ed. Note: Replaced by HB Message #405]
- **HB Message #293:** D045 (Support for Men's Ministry) Concluded
**Personal Privilege**

Deputy James of Southwest Florida, Chair of the Task Force on Anti-Racism, expressed her pleasure at the actions of the Convention to address the issues of racism and at the election of the Presiding Bishop-elect. Deputy James encouraged deputations to take the resolutions that addressed racism and use them as a toolkit for their congregations.

**Reconsideration of B013**

Deputy Varghese of New York moved to reconsider Resolution B013.

Deputy Zamboni of New Jersey moved to end debate on the motion to reconsider.

*Motion carried*

Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to reconsider.

*Motion defeated*

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #22 on HB Message #164 on Resolution D050 (Authorizing "An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist" as a Principal Service) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Anderson of Michigan moved to end debate on the motion to concur.

*Motion carried*

Debate terminated
An electronic vote was taken on the motion to concur.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #375)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D050)
Resolved, That a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority may authorize a congregation to use “An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist” (BCP pp. 400-405) at a principal Sunday or weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist, if the Eucharistic Prayer is written and submitted in advance of its use to the Bishop; while the BCP states that the rite “is not intended for use at the principal Sunday or weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist,” the BCP does not forbid its use in such contexts.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Resolutions C035, C040, C044, and C036 as a block.

Point of Order
Deputy Clarkson of Georgia inquired as to whether Resolution C035 was in order, as he thought that the House had passed a resolution dealing with the issue already. The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music explained that this resolution dealt with a different issue than previous resolutions.

With no further objection, the President declared the Rules suspended.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #33 on HB Message #243 on Resolution C035 (Add Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander to Church Calendar) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #376)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C035)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander as a Saint of The Episcopal Church through adding her to the calendar in Holy Women, Holy Men (or Lesser Feasts and Fasts if Holy Women, Holy Men is not approved for use) with the following proposed text and propers:

Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander
Suggested Date of Commemoration: September 24
The only Black deaconess in the Episcopal Church, teacher and minister in southern Georgia. Anna Ellison Butler Alexander (1865-1947) was born to recently emancipated slaves on Butler Plantation in McIntosh County, Georgia. She was the first African-American set aside as a deaconess in the Episcopal Church in 1907. She founded Good Shepherd Church in rural Glynn County’s Pennick
community where she taught children to read—by tradition, from the Book of Common Prayer and the Bible—in a one-room schoolhouse. The school was later expanded to two rooms with a loft where Anna lived. She ministered in Pennick for 53 years, leaving a legacy of love and devotion still felt in Glynn County. Deaconess Alexander served in difficult times, however. The diocese segregated her congregations in 1907 and African-American congregations were not invited to another diocesan convention until 1947. Similarly, it was only in the 1950s that a woman set aside as a deaconess was recognized as being in deacon's orders. However, her witness—wearing the distinctive dress of a deaconess, traveling by foot from Brunswick through Darien to Pennick, showing care and love for all whom she met—represents the best in Christian witness.

A Collect for Deaconess Alexander
O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

Psalm 78:1-7
Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Matthew 11:25-30

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music presented its Report #34 on HB Message #245 on Resolution C040 (Add the Rev. Hiram Kano to Church Calendar) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #377)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C040)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church take the appropriate actions to consider and then to include a Commemoration each year for The Rev. Hiram Kano in Holy Women, Holy Men or any subsequent Calendar of Commemoration.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #35 on HB Message #246 on Resolution C044 (Add the Rev. Peter Williams, Annie Besant Cassey, and Henrietta Lockwood to the Church Calendar) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #378)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C044)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention to set aside a feast day commemorating the lives and witnesses of the Rev. Peter Williams Cassey, Deacon, abolitionist, social reformer, educator, church planter and pastor, Annie Besant Cassey, mother, educator, community organizer, educator and foster mother of many children, and Henrietta Lockwood, mother, nurse, and educator.
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #36 on HB Message #244 on Resolution C036 (Include Thomas Atkinson in Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved concurrence with referral to a CCAB.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #379)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C036)
Resolved,
That the 78th General Convention commends to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for inclusion in Holy Women, Holy Men commemoration on or about January 4th of each year of Thomas Atkinson, third bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Day 9 Supplemental Calendar #3.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Continuation of Debate on Resolution D013
The conference committee presented its report on HB Message #264 on Resolution D013 (Budget Process for The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Conference Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title I, Canon I, Section 8, be stricken in entirety and replaced to read as follows:
Sec. 8. The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a canonical portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the stipend of the President of the House of Deputies together with the necessary expenses of that office, the staff and Advisory Councils required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the Presiding Bishop's office and the President of the House of Deputies office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices. The budget shall also include such amounts for the expenses as may be determined by General Convention.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention recognize the continuing evolution of the roles of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the life and work of The Episcopal Church is in a time of substantial transition and that the structures of the Church continue to evolve, and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize there are increased demands on the time and energy of the President of the House of Deputies, and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the President of the House of Deputies, among other current responsibilities, serves as the Vice-President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, as the Vice-Chair of the Executive Council, and makes and participates in numerous appointments to positions in The Episcopal Church, and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that at the present time, the House of Deputies is of the view that only persons who are retired or who have substantial economic resources are financially able to serve as President of the House of Deputies, and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the House of Deputies considers it important that the House of Deputies be able to choose a President without regard to the financial circumstances of the candidates for the President of the House of Deputies, and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the House of Deputies has affirmed that the desirability of compensation for the President of the House of Deputies is a fairness issue, and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention determine that it is important for The Episcopal Church to explore fully and openly the issues of leadership, including compensation for the President of the House of Deputies, and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize that the House of Bishops understands and appreciates the cogency of, and fairness issues inherent in, the position of the House of Deputies, and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies jointly appoint a task force to consider these issues of leadership and compensation and that this task force report its recommendations to the 79th General Convention, including such canonical or other steps needed to implement the recommendations of the task force.; and be it further

Resolved, That Title I, Canon 4, Sections 6-8, be stricken in their entirety and replaced to read as follows:

Sec. 6. (a) The Executive Council shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance the proposed Budget for The Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The proposed Budget shall be submitted not less than four months before the ensuing General Convention is convened.

(b) Revenue to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single assessment of the Dioceses of the Church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Budget process. If in any year the total anticipated income for Budget support is less than the amount required to support the Budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced Budget.

(c) After the preparation of the Budget, the Treasurer shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed assessment necessary to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church. The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance shall also submit to the General Convention, with the Budget, a plan for the assessments of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the Budget.

(d) There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the Budget for The Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention.

(e) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a Budget for The Episcopal Church and the planned assessments for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total assessments to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church.

(f) Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be required of all Dioceses effective January 1, 2019.

(g) Effective January 1, 2016 Council shall have the power to grant waivers from the full required annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a waiver of the required assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial
hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with the Executive Council. Effective January 1, 2019, failure to make full payment or to receive a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council.

(h) The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the Budget and estimated Budgets approved by the General Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6(c) of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the Budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

(i) In respect of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, the Executive Council shall have the power to consider and vote to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention. It shall also have power to approve other initiatives proposed by the Chair or otherwise considered by Council, in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, between meetings of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council are prudent and which the Church revenues will be adequate to support.

(j) Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council such financial and other information pertaining to the state of the Church in the Diocese as may be required in a form authorized by Executive Council.

(k) Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following: dissolution of the congregation;

1. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or VI.2 of the Constitution;
2. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
3. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case, the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

Sec. 7 (a) Every Missionary Bishop or, in case of a vacancy, the Bishop in charge of the jurisdiction, receiving aid from the General Convention Budget, shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of work performed, of money received from all sources and disbursed for all purposes, and of the state of the Church in the jurisdiction at the date of such report, all in such form as the Council may prescribe.

(b) The Ecclesiastical Authority of Every Bishop of a Diocese receiving aid from the General Convention Budget shall report at the close of each fiscal year to the Council, giving account of the work in the diocese supported in whole or in part by that aid.

Sec. 8. The Council, as soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, shall cause to be prepared and publish a full report of the work of the Executive Council, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the General Convention Office to the Church. Such report shall contain an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements and a statement of all trust funds and other property of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and of all other trust funds and property in its possession or under its oversight responsibility. The report shall include a detailed schedule of the salaries paid to all officers and principal employees of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Executive Council.
The President asked Deputy Johnson of Minnesota, Chair of the conference committee, to identify the bishops who took part in the conference committee. Deputy Johnson stated that the Bishop of Florida, the Bishop of Colorado, and the Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Bethlehem were the members of the conference committee representing the House of Bishops.

Deputy Payne-Carter of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution. Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution D013. Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #380)

The President thanked the members of the conference committee. The House expressed its thanks with applause.

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota requested to be excused from the floor to be present in the House of Bishops for the debate on Resolution D013. The President excused the members of the conference committee.

**Formation and Education for Ministry**
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #49 on Resolution B020 (Amend Canon I.2) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(B020)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.2 is hereby amended to add new sections 9 and 10 to read as follows:

Sec. 9. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation between the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council and/or the House of Bishops
When the pastoral relationship between the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council and/or the House of Bishops is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by the Presiding Bishop or two-thirds majority of all the members of the Executive Council or a two-thirds majority of all members of the House of Bishops, any party may petition the Secretary of the House of Bishops, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement or dissension. The written notice shall include sufficient information to inform the Secretary and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Secretary shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to reconcile the parties, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed mediator. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Secretary, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council or the House of Bishops.

Sec 10. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation with the Presiding Bishop
(a) If for any urgent reason the Presiding Bishop or two-thirds majority of all the members of the Executive Council or a two-thirds majority of all members of the House of Bishops, based on a vote in a duly-called meeting, desires a dissolution of the pastoral relationship with the Presiding Bishop, and the parties cannot agree, any party may give notice in writing to the Secretary of the House of Bishops with
a copy available to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council or House of Bishops. Such notice shall include sufficient information to inform the Secretary and all parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics requiring the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. If the parties have participated in mediation or consultation processes, a separate report from the mediator or consultant will be submitted to Secretary with copies available to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council or the House of Bishops.

(b) Within thirty days of receipt of the written notice, the Secretary of the House of Bishops may initiate further mediation and reconciliation Processes.

(c) If the differences between the parties are not resolved after completion of mediation or other reconciliation efforts or actions prescribed by the Secretary, the matter shall proceed as follows:

1. The Secretary shall convene a committee of one Presbyter and one Lay Person appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, neither of which shall be a member of the Executive Council, and one Bishop appointed by the Secretary. The committee may conduct such inquiries and interviews as it deems necessary.

2. The Secretary shall give written notice to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council or the House of Bishops that the committee will recommend a resolution of the matter to the House of Bishops, and that either party has the right within fifteen days to request in writing an opportunity to confer with the committee before the committee proposes a resolution for consideration of and approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the House of Bishops. The Secretary’s written notification shall inform the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the unresolved disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship.

3. If a timely request is made, the Secretary shall immediately notify the committee. The committee shall set a date for the conference, which shall be held within fifteen days of the committee's receipt of the notification.

4. At the conference, each party shall be entitled to attend, be represented, and present its position fully.

5. Within fifteen days after the conference or after the expiration of the time to request in writing an opportunity to confer with the committee if no conference is requested, the committee shall provide its recommended resolution to the House of Bishops, the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council. The committee's recommended resolution of the matter shall become effective upon a two-thirds majority vote of the Bishops present and eligible to vote, at the next regular or special meeting of the House of Bishops. If a two-thirds majority of those Bishops is not obtained, the committee shall provide another recommended resolution to the Secretary for transmission and vote at the same meeting, as was the initial recommended resolution.

6. If the recommended resolution is that the pastoral relationship be continued, the recommended resolution shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council or the House of Bishops.

7. If the relationship is to be dissolved, the dissolution shall have the effect of terminating the Presiding Bishop's term and jurisdiction, as if the Presiding Bishop had resigned.

(i) The Secretary of the House of Bishops shall record the dissolution.

(ii) The judgment may include terms and conditions including financial settlements.

8. In either event, the Vice President of the House of Bishops shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council or the House of Bishops.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
An electronic vote was taken on the resolution. 

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #381)

Recess
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 4:35 p.m.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Eaton of Navajoland recognized that for the first time, the Navajoland Area Mission has a fully Navajo deputation. Deputy Eaton asked the wider church to continue to pray for its ministry and mission as they continue toward self-sufficiency.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Salazar of Venezuela wanted to thank the President, the Secretary, the Parliamentarian, the House, and the volunteers for their welcome to the Spanish-speaking deputations. Deputy Salazar wanted to especially thank the translators for their work.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Pollard of New York commended the work of the President and encouraged The Episcopal Church to give serious thought to the issue of a stipend for the President of the House of Deputies.

Personal Privilege
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music sang a humorous song about the virtual binder to the House:

A Hymn in Praise of the Virtual Binder
Sung to the tune of St. Patrick's Breastplate
My binder and my self today will follow Convention so virtually.
With invocations and play-by-play my binder leads me day-to-day.
I love my binder, it guides me on. Amendments, motions, that blue, blue book.
With optional kickstand it frames attention in endless meetings with just one look.

Pad be with me
Pad beside me
Pad before me
Pad below me
Pad to guide me and control me
Pad in hand of friend and stranger.

My binder and my self today will follow convention so virtually.
By invocation of the same I pray the queue-master sees my name.
My hands empowered to vote and sing, My card secured in voting thing,
Such power for me is a great temptation, salvation comes NOT from iPad-ing.
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Day 9 Supplemental Calendar #2 and Day 9 Supplemental Calendar #4.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #37 on HB Message #268 on Resolution D060 (Establish a Process for the Revision of the Hymnal 1982) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Brown of Massachusetts moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #383)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D060) Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to prepare a plan for the comprehensive revision of the Hymnal 1982; and be it further Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules to bring forward Resolution C033, found on Day 9 Supplemental Calendar #4.

Hearing an objection, the President called for a vote.

Point of Order
Deputy Burton-Edwards of Indianapolis pointed out that a translation was not available for Resolution C033. The President expressed that there was not time for translation.

A vote was taken on the motion to suspend the Rules.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Formation and Education for Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Formation and Education for Ministry presented its Report #64 on Resolution C033 (Amend Canon III.9) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C033)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.9 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 5 as follows (with subsequent sections renumbered):
Sec. 5. Transfer to Churches in Communion with This Church
(a) A Priest desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (as identified in Canon I.20) or Church in Communion with This Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2.[3]) shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of current canonical residence, which testimonial shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction:
I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of ______, is a Priest of the Diocese of ______ of The Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.
(Date) ______  (Signed) ______
(b) If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with This Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Priest transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Priest to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:
I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Priest in good standing.
(Date) ______ (Signed) ______
Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the sending Diocese shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the priest’s departure from the Episcopal Church.
(c) This provision shall not be used for Priests who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with This Church or for those who seek transfer to another Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of the Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III. 6.8 shall be followed.

Deputy Snow of Oregon moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Constitution & Canons and Structure.

Deputy King of East Tennessee moved to end debate on the motion to refer.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to refer.

Motion defeated

Deputy Wood of New York moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the resolution.  

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #384)

**Constitution and Canons**

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #63 on HB Message #282 on Resolution A144 (Amend Canon IV.19.4 Statute of Limitation for Perpetrators and Observers of Sexual Abuse) and moved to not concur and refer to the Standing Commission on Constitution & Canons and Structure.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to end debate on the motion to refer.  

**Motion carried**

**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on the motion to refer.  

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #385)

**Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #6 on HB Message #251 on Resolution A184 (Acknowledge and Affirm Faithful Reconciliation Efforts) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #386)

**Final Text of Resolution:** (A184)

*Resolved*, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge and affirm the faithful efforts by dioceses to reconcile with and welcome those individuals who have left The Episcopal Church and wish to return, and commend continuing actions to that end; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 78th General Convention commend to members of the clergy who have removed themselves from communion with The Episcopal Church and subsequently wish to return to active ministry in The Episcopal Church, the provisions of Title III and Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Resolutions A201, A202, A203, A204, and A205 as a block.  

**Motion carried**

**Rules suspended**

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #31 on Resolution A201 (Express Thanks for Ministry of the Rev. Canon Dr. Chuck Robertson) and moved adoption.
**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A201)

Whereas, He has performed his pastoral and high-profile role with humility and dignity and warmth and a ready smile, this House commends his service to the Church. Be it so resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for the ministry of the Rev. Canon Dr. Chuck Robertson, Canon to the Ordinary to our Presiding Bishop. We are most grateful for his care of Bishop Katherine these past nine years, preparing the way and working behind the scenes, and accompanying her as she visited our dioceses, gatherings, the many Provinces of the Anglican Communion, and other places.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #408)

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**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A201)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for the ministry of the Rev. Canon Dr. Chuck Robertson, Canon to the Ordinary to our Presiding Bishop. We are most grateful for his care of Bishop Katherine these past nine years, preparing the way and working behind the scenes, and accompanying her as she visited our dioceses, gatherings, the many Provinces of the Anglican Communion, and other places.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #32 on Resolution A202 (Express Thanks to the Voting Secretary) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #409)

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**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A202)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention express extraordinary gratitude to the Rev. Winnie Varghese, our patient, calm and wise Voting Secretary, for her instructions and assistance in facilitating the electronic votes and votes by orders.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #33 on Resolution A203 (Express Gratitude to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Next Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

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**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A203)

Whereas, Members of the committee labored long and well in carrying out their charge; and

Whereas, They discerned nominees for the position among those whose names we know and might never know; and

Whereas, They presented four remarkable individuals to this Church through written word and video, that we might have a full understanding of their gifts and charisms. Be it so resolved.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its profound gratitude to the Joint Nominating Committee for the next Presiding Bishop. The
House commends their diligent and faithful service to our Church during a lengthy period of discovery and spiritual discernment.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #410)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A203)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its profound gratitude to the Joint Nominating Committee for the next Presiding Bishop. The House commends their diligent and faithful service to our Church during a lengthy period of discovery and spiritual discernment.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #34 on Resolution A204 (Acknowledge the Bishops’ Minority Report #7) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #411)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A204)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies express gratitude for the gracious invitation to a united Church contained in the Bishops’ Minority Report #7, related to Resolutions A036 and A054; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Deputies affirm that, despite our disagreement over Resolutions A036 and A054, we remain united in Christ, committed to the bonds of affection which characterize our life together and pledge to continue together to share the Good News to the Church and the world.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #35 on Resolution A205 (Commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Global Episcopal Mission Network) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #412)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A205)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Global Episcopal Mission Network; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention recognize the work done by the Global Episcopal Mission Network to proclaim, inspire, ignite the joy of God’s mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the Global Episcopal Mission Network develop resources for global mission and provide training and education in global mission; and be it further
Resolved, That all members of The Episcopal Church are members of the Global Episcopal Mission Network and that they are invited to claim their membership by participating in the network.
**Social Justice and International Policy**
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #19 on HB Message #272 on Resolution D043 (Resolution on Best Practices for Disability Accessibility and Inclusion at All Events of The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #395)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

**(D043)**

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the Church’s commitment to the spiritual and physical welcome of all people, including hospitality to and accommodation of people with disabilities, encouraging people with disabilities to become more active church members, to take leadership roles, and to increase awareness of people throughout the Church of the gifts that people with disabilities contribute; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew the call to leadership of the Episcopal Disability Network and Episcopal Conference of the Deaf in helping to challenge and guide our Church’s work in this area; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, in solidarity with the civil and human rights of all persons with disabilities, renew its commitment to voluntary compliance with the disability rights protections that apply in different countries of The Episcopal Church, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, among others; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew its commitment to Resolution 2003-D051, which requires the Church to provide full independent accessibility to all official and ancillary events of the Church for people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church develop and make readily available information on the process for requesting disability accommodations needed to fully participate in meetings, conventions, and other activities of the Church, including placing this information in event materials, on the Church website and relevant social media platforms; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the need for reconciliation with persons with disabilities who have been denied accommodations needed to participate in Church events or who have been otherwise excluded from the activities of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the General Convention Office, along with leaders from the Episcopal Disability Network and the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf, compile a Best Practices Guide for providing disability accommodations at all official and ancillary Church events that will include resources and policies that would otherwise comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and UN CRPD, to be reviewed and updated at least once every triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $80,000 ($40,000 to fulfill accommodation requests at the 79th General Convention and $40,000 to fulfill accommodations requests at ancillary meetings and events) for the implementation of this resolution.
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Day 9 Supplemental Calendar #5.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #20 on HB Message #341 on Resolution D058 (Dominicans of Haitian Descent) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #394)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D058)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention condemn the ruling, and its enforcement, of the Dominican Republic’s constitutional court on September 23, 2013, which ruled ineligible for citizenship any children born of Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic and ordered authorities to audit all of the nation’s birth records back to June 1929 to determine who no longer qualifies for citizenship, thereby making such persons effectively stateless with an estimated hundreds of thousands of persons being made stateless retroactively and ineligible to obtain a birth certificate, attend school, work, drive, open bank accounts, receive state health insurance and pensions, get baptized, or get married; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention advocate to the Government of the Dominican Republic that they faithfully comply with Law No. 169-14, in order to complete the revalidation of birth certificates and delivery of identity documents to all the people of Haitian descent born in the Dominican Republic who have been affected by ruling No. 168-13 of the Constitutional Court, and that under no circumstances will any person born in the Dominican Republic be arbitrarily expelled from his/her country or placed in centros de acogida (reception centers) or “refugio” (refuge) against their will; and be it further
Resolved, That all Episcopalians pray for Dominicans of Haitian descent and all other stateless persons in the world that they may find homes where they are welcomed and afforded legitimate residential, educational, work status, and legal documentation of their personhood for themselves and their children; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention affirm its support of The Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic and its Bishop Julio Cesar Holguin Khoury and the Diocese of Haiti and its Bishop Jean Zache Duracin in their efforts to provide advocacy and other succor to those affected by the Dominican Republic’s constitutional court ruling; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to communicate to the United States government, to the United Nations, and to our ecumenical and interreligious partners to protest this human rights issue with the Dominican Republic on behalf of Dominicans of Haitian descent and others similarly affected by this issue.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #21 on HB Message #343 on Resolution Do69 (Birthright Citizenship) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #393)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D069)
Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, mindful of the suffering which statelessness imposes upon thousands of people, strongly support the automatic grant of citizenship by the country in which a person is born (“birthright citizenship”), particularly by the countries in which our member dioceses are located; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church oppose legal changes which would repeal such birthright citizenship, particularly any such repeal which is retroactive; and be it further
Resolved, That this Resolution be communicated to the appropriate authorities in all of the nations in which our member dioceses are located.
[Ed. note: the text of the second Resolve clause was repaired for grammatical sense.]

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Communications from the President
The President thanked Deputy Perry of Chicago for her role in acquiring the letter from President Barack Obama to the Presiding Bishop-elect. The President also commended the House for its willingness to engage and capable navigation of the new manner of doing business in the House.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

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