

General Convention Resolutions Referred to Dioceses for Consideration

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The following resolutions adopted by both Houses of the 77th General Convention call for appropriate consideration by dioceses, diocesan committee(s), or congregations.

A035: Commit to Continued Interreligious Engagement

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention reaffirm the commitment of The Episcopal Church to engage in interreligious relations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the Statement on Interreligious Relations, Resolution 2009-A074, approved by the 76th General Convention to all dioceses, seminaries, congregations, and other organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That all members of the Church be encouraged to be involved actively and appropriately on every possible level in interreligious work such as, but not limited to, services, prayer groups, educational programs, community service, and study groups; and be it further

Resolved, That diocesan ecumenical and interreligious officers gather and report the interreligious activities in their respective dioceses to the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, which will then report these findings to the 78th General Convention.

A096: Reduce Barriers to Participation in Church Leadership and Governance

Resolved, That dioceses and congregations explore creative ways to reduce barriers to participation in Church leadership and governance, which barriers may include time away from home or employment, or the need to care for family members.

A125: Recommit to the Work of Anti-Racism

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention recommit and declare itself to be dedicated to continuing the work against the sin of racism in all of its forms; and be it further

Resolved, That a culture, expectation, and practice of anti-racism permeate the life of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That anti-racism principles and practices permeate the work of all teams of the DFMS, monitored and networked by a staff officer; and be it further

Resolved, That anti-racism principles and practices permeate the work of all volunteers participating in the governance structures of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That anti-racism training oversight and implementation be carried out on provincial and diocesan levels for all Episcopalians; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses and provinces initiate anti-racism training if they have not already done so and continue to engage in anti-racism training on an ongoing basis; and be it further

Resolved, That the provinces report annually to the Executive Council on the progress being made in fulfillment of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$180,000 to be distributed and used by the Provinces for the implementation of this resolution during the 2013–2015 triennium.

A127: Recommit to Being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recommit and declare itself to be dedicated to continuing to work against the sin of racism; and be it further

Resolved, That anti-racism training oversight and implementation be carried out on provincial and diocesan levels for all Episcopalians; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses and provinces receive anti-racism training if they have not already done so and continue to engage in anti-racism training on an ongoing basis; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and provinces use existing programs and ministries, or develop new programs and ministries, to dismantle and eradicate structures of racism, both internally and externally, and integrate the practices of anti-racism into their ongoing life.

A128: Direct Dioceses to Examine Impact of Doctrine of Discovery

Resolved, That that the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in the spirit of our Baptismal Covenant and in being inclusive, direct all dioceses to examine the impact the Doctrine of Discovery, as repudiated at the 76th General Convention, has had on all people, especially on persons of color, including racial discrimination, racial profiling and other acts of oppression; and be it further

Resolved, That the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, and the Episcopal Women's History Project, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation as well as diocesan historiographers and archivists, be requested to assist dioceses in documenting and explaining the effects of the Doctrine of Discovery, especially in the life of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the President of the House of Deputies, be asked to seek volunteer dioceses to develop appropriate written guidance about how a diocese may effectively document and explain the church's historical role, negative and positive, in connection with the treatment of people of color, including African Americans and Native American people, as a result of the now-repudiated Doctrine of Discovery.

A131: Express Solidarity with Indigenous People

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention expresses its solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the world and supports the rights of Indigenous Peoples to live in and retain their traditional lands and territories, to maintain their languages and enrich their cultures, and to ensure that their traditions are strengthened and passed on for generations to come; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention ask the Presiding Bishop and other representatives of The Episcopal Church to make protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples a priority in joint work with other Provinces of the Anglican Communion, in ecumenical work with other Christian denominations, and in interfaith work with other faith communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention reaffirm the 76th General Convention's repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, a misguided, unfair, and harmful legal doctrine which the Church helped promote in earlier centuries, a legal doctrine which has been used in English, Continental, and American law to justify the unfair treatment and exploitation of Indigenous Peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention urges the United States government and governments in other countries in which the Episcopal Church has dioceses to review their laws and policies, in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, and to identify and correct those which treat Indigenous Peoples unfairly or which, although neutral in content, result in invidious discrimination against Indigenous Peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations, in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, to make protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples a high priority in its advocacy about United States foreign policy, including advocacy about trade agreements, human rights advocacy, and international environmental protection; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls on congregations, institutions, dioceses, and corporate offices of The Episcopal Church, with the aid of resources such as "Exposing the Doctrine of Discovery," to reflect upon their history and to encourage them to support Indigenous Peoples in their ongoing efforts to exercise their inherent sovereignty and fundamental human rights, to continue to raise awareness about the issues facing Indigenous Peoples, and to develop advocacy campaigns to support the rights, aspirations, and needs of Indigenous Peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That in consultation with Indigenous Peoples within their dioceses or Provinces that congregations and dioceses be urged to take tangible steps to help Indigenous Peoples, including:

□□ Action to preserve Indigenous Peoples' language, history and culture, such as by supporting appropriate linguistic, historic, Bible (and authorized liturgical resources) translation work for language groups into which the Bible and authorized liturgical resources have not yet been fully translated,

- Action to obtain fairer and better treatment of Indigenous Peoples, such as seeking the repeal of unfair laws and policies,
- Formation of partnerships with congregations whose members consist primarily of Indigenous

Peoples; and be it further *Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention calls on congregations, institutions, dioceses, and corporate offices of The Episcopal Church to support continued use and development of theological reflections by Indigenous Peoples, with guidance from the Office of Indigenous Ministries, Indigenous Theological Training Institute, local Schools for Ministry and seminaries, which promote Indigenous visions of full, good, and abundant life and which strengthen their own spiritual and theological reflections.

A139: Gender Violence

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention affirm the Letter to the Churches of the Anglican Communion from the Primates of the Anglican Communion following their Primates Meeting in Dublin, Ireland, January 24–30, 2011, concerning gender-based violence, including endorsing and implementing the actions put forth in the statement; and be it further *Resolved*, That parishes and dioceses be encouraged to participate in annual awareness campaigns about gender violence; and be it further *Resolved*, That the Department of Global Partnership identify and disseminate resources about gender violence and promote their use by dioceses and parishes.

D003: Gun Free Zones

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention requests every parish and every diocesan place of work to declare their establishments as Gun Free Zones.

D022: Churchwide Response to Bullying

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 77th General Convention calls for a church wide response to the epidemic of bullying, particularly of those perceived as being “different” by virtue of economic, ethnic, racial or physical characteristics, religious status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; bullying is defined as the recurring use of single or combined written, verbal or electronic expressions or physical acts or gestures, directed at any person that: result in physical or emotional harm to the person or damage to his/her property; places the person in reasonable fear of harm to him/herself or of damage to her/his property; creates an intimidating or hostile environment for the person; impacts the rights of the victim. Bullying shall include cyber-bullying through electronic/social media, telephonic technology or other means; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage new partnerships among our congregations, dioceses, campus ministries, National Association of Episcopal Schools, public schools, counseling centers, and governmental organizations in order to support and offer preventative programs addressing bullying, harassment, and other related violence, especially with higher risk populations; and be it further

Resolved, That these partnerships be encouraged to create or join with existing required programs designed to recognize and prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation in our church settings which:

- utilize positive, inclusive, empowering and developmentally appropriate materials
- raise participant’s awareness about the issue - focus on prevention
- seek to change bystander behavior into ally behavior - create partnerships between youth and adults
- provide intervention and treatment for those who exhibit bullying behavior.

D067: Dream Act

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the passing of federal legislation that presents a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth and young adults; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention encourage the providing of scholarships to undocumented youth, also known as DREAMers, to have access to higher education, in the spirit of “responding to human need by loving service,” as stated by one of The Episcopal Church’s Five Marks of Mission; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations, dioceses, and/or provinces of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to research and solicit private donations to fund scholarships for undocumented young adults; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations, dioceses, and/or provinces encourage undocumented youth to apply for such scholarships.

A012: Advocate for a Just Global Economy for International Trade

Resolved, That all things in heaven and on earth belong to God alone, and that all worldly treasure is held in trust by human hands to the greater glory of God; and be it further

Resolved, That all economic policy has moral dimensions and consequences for all human beings; and that global economies should be facilitated in consideration of the interconnectedness of all God's Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That all economic life within communities, nations, and the global family should contribute to the well-being of all persons, serve the poor, and promote the dignity and rights of all human beings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church urges governments to evaluate and adopt trade policies that prioritize the following principles:

(a) That every human being's right to the basic necessities of life, as well as a right to work, to receive just wages and benefits, to experience decent and just working conditions, and to organize and join labor associations;

(b) That safeguards or improvements should be sought regarding food security, health care, maternal and child health, humane working conditions, human rights, with particular attention to the right of Indigenous peoples; and prevention of environmental degradations.

(c) That mutuality between all persons should be promoted in the formation of trade rules and agreements, giving equal rights and voice to persons and institutions – governmental, commercial, labor, and civil society organizations – whether they be in developing or industrialized countries;

(d) That trade should respect and enrich rather than undermine local economies, cultures and peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention urges the Office of Government Relations and Individual Episcopalians to communicate these principles to their elected officials.

A016: Commend Responsibility to Protect from Mass Atrocities

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention affirms that our Lord's commandment to love thy neighbor implies a binding moral responsibility on sovereign states to protect their populations from mass atrocities, including genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, as defined by international law; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention welcomes the United Nations' establishment of the responsibility to protect as an international norm, and its efforts to uphold it through collective action when individual states fail to do so; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the President of the United States for adopting the responsibility to protect as a principle of United States foreign policy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention most strongly discourages the abuse of this norm to rationalize military actions in sovereign states for political ends; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourages the Presiding Bishop through the Office of Government Relations to join the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect so as to shape the continued development of precautionary principles for this norm and promote its faithful implementation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges all Episcopalians to understand and reflect upon the principle of the responsibility to protect, and to advocate for its adherence by their respective governmental leaders.

A019: Continue Advocacy for Peace in Sudan

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls for continued advocacy and prayer from all Episcopalians for peaceful resolution of the conflict in Abyei along the unsettled border between Sudan and South Sudan, and in the Blue Nile South Kordofan, and Darfur regions of Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention expresses sincere gratitude to the Episcopal Church in the Sudan for its continued leadership toward the goal of a just peace in the region; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention heartily commends Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak for his leadership and substantial personal involvement in repeatedly mediating and stopping interethnic conflicts in Jonglei and elsewhere in South Sudan, as well as ECS' continued efforts to promote peaceful conflict resolution of ethnic and other disputes in South Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urges the United States government *continue its strong* support of international efforts for full implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) between the Sudan and South Sudan, transparency in accounting for oil revenues, and normalization of relations between the two countries, including issues of trade, immigration, citizenship, and protection of the rights of religious minorities in both countries, including Christians in Sudan, to practice their faith without official interference or discrimination.

A046: Commend Continued Development of Lifelong Christian Formation

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention commend *FORMA*, formerly the National Association for Episcopal Christian Education Directors (NAECED) for their work in developing and supporting lifelong Christian Formation in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the 77th 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 at the 76th General Convention and the importance of inviting, inspiring, and transforming people in the Christian faith as well as the continued development of training for leaders of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the 77th General Convention commend to all dioceses and congregations the use of online Christian formation and leadership certifications as well as other forms of continuing education for Christian educators; and be it further

Resolved, that the 77th General Convention commend the work of *FORMA*, formerly NAECED in continuing to develop the Certificate in Leadership for Lifelong Christian Formation (CLLCF); and, the programs of the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary, the Certificate Program in Christian Education at the Seminary of the Southwest, the Certificate in the Spiritual Guidance of Children at the General Theological Seminary, and other recognized entities for offering continuing education opportunities and certification for those called to the ministry of Christian formation; and be it further

Resolved, that the 77th General Convention commend the Formation and Vocation Offices of The Episcopal Church in actively collaborating and serving as a resource as needed for the appropriate development and promotion of these certificate programs.

A051: Continue Trial Use of Holy Women, Holy Men

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention commend the continued trial use of Holy Women, Holy Men until the next General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that the 77th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the process of revising Holy Women, Holy Men, with particular attention to the Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the Calendar in The Episcopal Church, adopted by the 2006 General Convention; and with renewed attention to the form, the poetry, and seasons of liturgical life inherent in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music continue to seek responses from the wider Church during the coming triennium.

A054: Authorize Rites and Prayers for Care of Beloved Animals

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention make available the following liturgical materials, for use in a variety of settings to provide pastorally for people caring for animals.

Service at the Loss of a Beloved Animal

The opening anthem may be said or sung.

Canticle 12 A Song of Creation Benedicite, omnia opera Domini from
Enriching Our Worship 1, page 25

Invocation

II. The Earth and Its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord,*
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth,*
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,*
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,*
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,*
and all you flocks and herds [and all you cats and dogs].

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Doxology

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, we remember before you today N.'s beloved companion A. We thank you for giving her to us to be a source of

abundant love, affection, and joy. In your compassion, comfort us who grieve. Give us faith to commit this beloved creature of your own making to your care, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The Readings

One or more of the following passages may be read; Job 12:7-10; Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 148:7-14; Tobit 5:21-6:2a; Matthew 10:27-31; Mark 16:14-15; Romans 8:19-25; Revelation 4:1-2, 6b-7, 9-11.

Psalm 104:24, 28b-30

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

When you open your hand they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

The Prayers of the People

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

or

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who

trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

God, your blessed Son, Jesus, told us that not even one, tiny sparrow is forgotten in your sight. Strengthen our confidence in your love for all your creatures; in your goodness... Blessed Creator, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you brought this beloved animal into the life of N. [and N.] to share kindness, joy, and faithful companionship: Receive our thanks and praise for the community between your animals and your people, and all the ways in which we bless each other's lives; in your goodness, Blessed Creator, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have given us the blessing and responsibility of caring for animals: If in any way we have failed in that responsibility, we ask for your pardon and trust in your mercy; in your goodness, Blessed Creator, hear our prayer.

These biddings may be used when appropriate.

Dear God, the source of all life, wisdom, and love, bring your peace to N., into whose hands was placed the decision to end A.'s suffering. Give her comfort in the knowledge of a loving decision well made; in your goodness, Blessed Creator, hear our prayer.

Holy God, we pray for N., for the loss of her companion, and for all pets and animal companions. Help us to care for their needs, to tend their injuries, to heal their illnesses, and to relieve their suffering. Grant us wisdom to care for all the creatures of the earth and to respect their place in your Creation; in your goodness, Blessed Creator, hear our prayer.

A period of silence may be kept.

The burial, or scattering of ashes, may take place here, followed by this prayer. We return A.'s remains to the earth with gratitude for your care for us and for all that you have made. Your mercy is over all your

works, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The following hymn may be said or sung

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voices, let us sing, Alleluia, Alleluia

Bright burning sun with golden beams,

Pale silver moon that gently gleams!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness,

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Prayer

God of creation, through your great mercy you renew us: send us now back to the love and labor of this day with joy and compassion in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Officiant All life is interwoven.

People All life is a gift from God.

Then may be added

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Prayers Suitable for Use in Church or for Other Gatherings, at the Adoption, Illness, Loss, or Death of Companion, Service, or Other Beloved Animals

At the adoption of an animal

God, whose nature and whose name is Love: We thank you for this new

relationship between N. [and N.] and this animal A. Let their home be filled with kindness and care; let them be the delight of one another's hearts; and watch over and keep them from this day forward in safety and peace; for your Name's sake. Amen.

For a lost or missing animal

Almighty God, you watch over every creature, every moment of every day: Hear our prayers for N. as she worries for the safe return of A. By the grace of your Holy Spirit, protect and keep them both, and bring A. quickly home. Amen.

For a sick animal

God, whose compassion and mercy are over all your works: Hear our prayers for A., this creature of yours, in her illness. Ease her suffering and help her not to be afraid. Help her to rest and heal, and comfort us who worry, [especially N. and N.]. We pray through your beloved Son Jesus and by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

For one whose beloved animal has died

God, the refuge and strength of all who mourn: Hear our prayers for N. [and N.], who grieves the death of her beloved A. Bring comfort in loneliness, peace in distress, and joy in remembering; and lift her heart in thanksgiving for the gift of companionship she has known. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

At the euthanizing of an animal

God, your wisdom and mercy are over all your works: Be with us who have decided to end the suffering of A., this creature of yours entrusted to our care. Our power to heal has reached its end, and we put our trust in your mercy. Reassure and comfort us, that we make these decisions in compassion and kindness, as we pray through the kindness of Jesus Christ and the grace of your Holy Spirit. Amen

For the suffering of animals during warfare

Eternal God, the comfort and peace of all your creatures: Hear our prayers for all animals that suffer in times of war, especially for those that bear burdens, those that serve as food, those that detect mines, those that search for the missing and the dead, and for all creatures in the path of war's destruction. May your divine assistance be with them according to their need; and may our swords be beaten into plowshares and our hearts be softened toward animals of every kind; for they are yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

For the loss of a farm animal

Gracious Lord, we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand: We thank you for placing us among beasts of the field and for allowing us to care for them, and that through them, you provide us with food, clothing, and livelihood. We grieve this day the death of A., a creature of your own making, and a sign for us of your generosity and love; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

At the death of a wild animal

Almighty God, who make the beasts of the wild move in beauty and show forth the glory of your Name: We grieve the death of this creature, whose existence was a reminder to us of your creative presence in the world. We give you thanks for that which was never ours to claim, but only to behold with wonder; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A057: Authorize Enriching Our Worship 1-5

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention authorize continuing use of Enriching Our Worship 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Eucharist; Enriching Our Worship 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying and Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 3: Burial Rites for Adults together with a Rite for the Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor; and Enriching Our Worship 5: Liturgies and Prayers Related to Childbearing, Childbirth, and Loss, under the direction of a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority.

A079: American Civil Liberties

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention urge each congregation in The Episcopal Church to become a model for peacemaking in our society by encouraging its members to commit themselves to nonviolent and peaceable behavior in their relationships with others and to express concern about attacks on human rights, including attacks on the right to dissent from U.S. government policy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its concern through its Office of Government Relations that use of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, the Patriot Act, and the Supreme Court decision in *Holder vs. Humanitarian Law Project* have a chilling effect on God's call to peacemaking and unduly impact the Arab, Palestinian, and Muslim communities in the United States, and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention commend Episcopal congregations for their work in interfaith bridge building, including between Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities.

A088: Set Expectations for Steward Leaders

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention adopt the following expectations for steward leaders in The Episcopal Church:

Proposed Expectations for Steward Leaders in the Episcopal Church

Trusting in God's Abundance, we will...

Proclaim a Theology of Abundance and Spirituality of Money

- Articulate and share clearly a personal stewardship story as it relates to money, resources, and relationships, and model this practice in community as an example to others;
- Foster a climate that invites others to explore the freedom to be faithful with their money, resources, and relationships;
- Articulate an eternal understanding of financial stewardship to include annual giving, major giving and planned giving;
- Live publicly the holy habits of tithing, daily personal prayer and study, Sabbath time, and weekly corporate worship; and
- Practice the basic principles of personal and corporate financial management leading to a healthy relationship with money as integral to our faith in God.

Teach Biblical and Theological Principles of Stewardship

- Listen to and interpret scripture and tradition with an ear for stewardship themes;
- Speak and preach prophetically, boldly, and regularly about stewardship;
- Engage in individual and corporate study of scripture related the theology of stewardship;
- Raise awareness of the history of stewardship in the life of local congregations and the wider church, including the faithful gifts of those who have gone before; and
- Build up and empower others in these expectations of steward leaders.

Engage and Critique Culture

- Have an informed theological position about social, ecological and economic justice;
- Speak to the vision of a divine economy (oikonomia) and the ways it is in tension with our global economy;
- Articulate the tension between the current consumer culture and following Christ; and
- Gather and empower groups of people to inspire action around common missions and goals.

Embrace the Interconnected Relationships between all Persons and Creation

- Understand our central call to steward the well-being of the entire created order;
- Speak to the impact of our lifestyles on all of God's Creation;
- Discern and enable the unique gifts of people to build up the Kingdom of God; and
- Utilize diverse approaches to stewardship based on generational and cultural differences.

A113: Commend Work of Missionaries

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commends the work of its missionaries around the world that are sent and supported by parishes, dioceses and organizations within the Episcopal Church as well as by the Mission Personnel office of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, that The Episcopal Church continues to encourage parishes, dioceses and organizations to participate in diverse methods of sending missionaries from 3–12 month renewable assignments as well as the traditional longer term assignments.

A132: Dismantling the Effects of the Doctrine of Discovery

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention out of respect for the unique cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples, and as a step toward repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery, calls upon congregations, institutions, dioceses and the corporate offices of The Episcopal Church, particularly in handling church property, expansion and investment, to help protect the sacred sites of Indigenous Peoples, and to encourage compliance in their communities with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, 25 U.S.C. § 3001; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop be asked to establish a task force, working with volunteers from diocesan chancellors and other attorneys who are Episcopalians, and in consultation with affected Indigenous Peoples, to develop practical written guidance for dioceses and churches, particularly for wardens and others responsible for church properties, construction, and investment.

A136: Affirming the Compatibility of Science and Christian Faith

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention affirms that there is no inherent contradiction between holding and practicing the Christian faith and practicing or utilizing the outcomes of science and medicine; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirms that certain characteristics of faith, most explicitly the tenet that reason and tradition are essential to extending our understanding of God's Creation, are mirrored in science; and be it further

Resolved, That in God's physical universe, the proper practice of science cannot and does not automatically lead its practitioners or others to lose faith in God, or to be led into beliefs that contradict the existence of God; and be it further

Resolved, That the methods of science, when applied to a search for truth, contribute to our understanding of God's Creation such that we should use scientific information, after diligence as to its acceptance among scientific peers in relevant disciplines, to inform and augment our understanding of God's Creation, and to aid the Church in developing Christian programs and policies consistent with our faith and our understanding of God's Creation and our stewardship of it; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourages the dioceses and the parishes of The Episcopal Church to establish Christian education programs pertinent to this complementary relationship between science and faith, using resources such as those compiled by the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith.

A161: Amend mandate and membership of EC Committee on Anti-racism

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend the mandate and method of appointment of the membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism, as follows:

Mandate:

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:

Overseeing and coordinating the efforts and activities for racial justice of The Episcopal Church;

Monitoring and evaluating anti-racism programming;

Recommending best practices for combating racism;

Collecting data on provincial 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 Local Mission and Ministry.

The term of each member shall expire at the close of General Convention in 2015.

A165: HIV/AIDS Health Ministry Education

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention affirm the importance of HIV and AIDS ministry in the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention urge parish health ministry programs to include HIV and AIDS education as a component of their ongoing programming; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) be requested to compile appropriate secular and theological resources for this programming, including, but not limited to, reliable, culturally- and age-appropriate HIV and AIDS prevention materials, with an emphasis on the role of behavior in reducing risks for HIV infection; and be it further

Resolved, That NEHM and NEAC further be requested to make these materials available to clergy, parishes, parish nurses, Christian educators and Episcopal schools.

A166: Week of Prayer for Healing of AIDS

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 77th General Convention urge all parishes and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to participate in the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, observed annually beginning the first Sunday in March.

B009: Authorize Use of 1979 Lectionary

Resolved, That worshiping communities wishing to use the lectionary for Sundays and Holy Days as originally printed in the Book of Common Prayer (1979) may do so, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

B017: Support for Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention call upon the Bishops and Dioceses of the Episcopal Church to join in fundraising efforts to help meet the shortfall created by the reduction in funding, and to advocate through The Episcopal Church for restoration of humanitarian fiscal aid to Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza from the global community.

B019: Israeli-Palestinian Peace and Support for the Diocese of Jerusalem

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention express its regret at the lack of progress in negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians toward a just and peaceful resolution of the longstanding conflict between the two peoples, and call for the cessation of violence by all parties, and reaffirm this Church's commitment to a negotiated two-state solution in which a secure and universally recognized State of Israel lives alongside a free, viable, and secure state for the Palestinian people, with a shared Jerusalem as the capital of both; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the leadership of the Presiding Bishop in calling all Episcopalians to advocacy for an end to the conflict and support for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the other Christian communities of the Holy Land, particularly through her 2011 Pastoral Letter on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (accessible on the website of The Episcopal Church); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage all dioceses, as well as the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns, to engage actively in the discipline of advocacy, education, and prayer for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, as well as the provision of humanitarian aid that promotes peace and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the importance of interfaith dialogue in the resolution of the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict, both in the Holy Land itself and in other contexts around the world; and decry religious extremism and fundamentalism in all their forms and the violence that arises from their expression; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the truth that some mission is best enacted at the local level, and therefore urges all congregations to seek, over the next Triennium, to engage with local Jewish and Muslim congregations to study peace with justice in the Middle East, and urges that the narratives and theologies that inform the conversation on peace with justice in the Middle East be particular focuses of attention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops, the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns, the resources of the Episcopal seminaries, and the Advocacy and Networking Committee of the Executive Council be called upon the support, through the triennium, the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian study on peace with justice in the Middle East, and produce and annotated bibliography of resources to be posted on the website of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the triennial study groups on Middle East peace with justice prepare report sharing what they learned about a constructive path to peace with justice, and that these reports be collected and shared with the Church by the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop develop an interfaith model pilgrimage composed equally of Episcopalians, Jews, and Muslims in order to further encourage the travel of pilgrims and witnesses to the Holy Land in order to experience the multiple narratives of the diverse peoples who call the land their home; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm positive investment as a necessary means to create a sound economy and a sustainable infrastructure in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip because without these measures there can and will be no viable Palestinian state and no enduring peace; and be it further

Resolved, That in seeking to encourage such positive investment in the Palestinian territories, Episcopalians give priority to investment in the institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which provide healthcare, education, and social services without discrimination on the basis of religion, political ideology, gender, socioeconomic standing, or national identity; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering be commended to all Episcopalians as faithful vehicles for providing economic and other support to the Diocese of Jerusalem and its institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That, as a component of this Church's support for positive financial investment in the Palestinian territories, the General Convention urge the Economic Justice Loan Committee to consider a loan of at least \$200,000 to strengthen the economic infrastructure of the Palestinian territories.

B023: Environmental Justice

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church stands in solidarity with those communities who bear the greatest burdens of global climate change: indigenous peoples, subsistence communities, communities of color, and persons living in deprivation around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls on congregations, institutions, dioceses, and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church to support policies that provide tangible benefits to overburdened “frontline” communities (those already experiencing the impacts of climate change) and “fence-line” communities (those suffering in body and spirit for their proximity to the extraction and processing of fossil fuels); and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls on congregations, institutions, dioceses, and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church, to work for the just transformation of the world’s energy beyond and away from fossil fuels (including all forms of oil, coal, and natural gas) and toward safe, sustainable, renewable, community controlled energy, and that fossil fuel workers and their families be supported during the transition to a “post- carbon” society; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls on congregations, institutions, dioceses, and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church to resist the development and expansion of ever more unconventional, dangerous, and environmentally destructive sources of fossil fuel and move toward conversion to more sustainable sources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls on congregations, institutions, dioceses and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church to support the self- determined aspirations of communities around the world, who, like the Iñupiaq Community of Kivalina, Alaska, having emitted minimal amounts of carbon and having received negligible material benefit from fossil fuel consumption, nevertheless bear the brunt of climate-change impacts; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls on congregations, institutions, dioceses and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church, including Episcopal Relief and Development, to support the implementation of grassroots, community-based solutions to climate change, including, but not limited to, adaptations to improve local resilience, to build local food sovereignty, to support ecological restoration and economic re-localization.

C033: Endorsing Statehood for District of Columbia

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention recognize that:

1. The United States has been a vigorous human rights advocate for many years, opposing arbitrary restrictions on the right to vote and insisting on fairly conducted elections for legislative representatives;
2. As a matter of theology, the Church supports equal treatment of the fundamental rights of similarly situated citizens, including the right to vote for elected representatives who decide tax and military service obligations, as well as deciding the benefits of citizenship;
3. The U.S. Constitution provides for Congress to exercise exclusive legislation for a federal district, Art. I, Sec. 8., Cl. 17, to assure federal military control rather than rely on state militias. Not only has this military rationale been obsolete since the Civil War, it does not justify Congress denying residents of the District of Columbia voting representatives;
4. Congress has disenfranchised over 600,000 D.C. residents from having representation in the legislature that has exclusive jurisdiction over their city by depriving them of electing Senators or a voting member of the House of Representatives;
5. District of Columbia residents pay U.S. taxes and serve in the military. They have suffered casualties in every major war since Congress established the district;
6. The District of Columbia is the only capital of any democracy in the world where residents are deprived of the right to vote in the legislature;
7. Failure to provide D.C. residents the right to vote in congressional elections has resulted in taxation without representation, is racist in effect, and damages U.S. credibility as a human rights advocate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention support the right of District of Columbia residents to enjoy the same rights as every other American citizen, including to right to elect voting members of Congress, whether provision of this right is by retrocession, by statehood, by constitutional amendment, or by congressional legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations is instructed to work in support of appropriate measures to secure the right of D.C. residents to elect voting members of Congress, including appropriate interim steps to increase local autonomy; and be it further

Resolved, That in keeping with our Baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of every human being, U.S. dioceses, bishops, clergy and lay people are urged to support appropriate measures to secure the right to elect voting members of Congress to residents of the District of Columbia.

C075: Sudanese Community

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention commit the whole Episcopal Church to welcome and sustain the Sudanese Communities and their individual members in building up the full body of Christ through ministries at the parish and diocesan levels.

C077: Condemning the Practice of Wage Theft

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church condemn the practice of wage theft, defined as not paying employees the wages and benefits to which they are entitled, and urges Episcopal congregations to learn more about wage theft in their own communities, to partner with worker's centers and wage enforcement agencies to stop and deter wage theft, to ask questions of those who provide contracted services, and to advocate for local, state and national policies which would strengthen educational outreach to workers and enforcement of wage laws; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage all Episcopalians to participate in educational programs on worker rights (such as Interfaith Worker Justice's Labor in the Pulpits program), and to support initiatives to stop and deter wage theft; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention affirm the practice of the Joint Commission on Planning and Arrangements in considering ethical treatment of workers in selection of venues, and request that this practice continue for future General Conventions

C119: Clean Air Ports Act 2012

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support federal legislation, directed at the nation's ports: to require local and regional port authorities to reduce air pollution; enable port drivers to earn a living wage including opportunities for direct employment by port authorities; and ensure the right of drivers to organize; and be it further

Resolved, That those Episcopal dioceses in which ports are located be encouraged to become more involved with interfaith groups already participating in environmental, community, and worker justice efforts at the nations ports.

D008: Affirm Anglican Communion Participation

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention express its profound gratitude to those who so faithfully work at encouraging dialogue within the diversity of the Anglican Communion, and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate the great blessing of the Anglican Communion in its diversity within community as autonomous churches in relationship bound together in our differences in service to God's mission, and be it further

Resolved, That we hold fast and reaffirm our historic commitment to and constituent membership in the Anglican Communion as expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church, and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion committing itself to continued participation in the wider councils of the Anglican Communion, and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church deepen its involvement with Communion ministries and networks using where applicable the Continuing Indaba process: conversations across differences to strengthen relationships in God's mission (<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/continuingindaba> and www.continuingindaba.com); and be it further

Resolved, That The 77th General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and individual members of The Episcopal Church to educate themselves about the Communion as well as promote and support the Anglican Communion and its work.

D011: Reform Unequal Immigration Law

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention urge enactment of legislation to permit same-gender legal domestic partners and spouses of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to seek lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as different-gender spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention encourage dioceses and congregations to pray for, support, and advocate for the immigrants, refugees, and strangers in their communities, including lesbian and gay families facing unwanted moves, deportation or being split apart due to unequal treatment of same-gender couples under federal immigration law.

D028: The Labor Movement

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention confirms the previous resolutions adopted by the General Conventions of The Episcopal Church concerning labor, and recognizes the role of the labor movement in securing a place for workers at the table, and providing them with an opportunity for their voices to be heard, in improving wages, benefits and working conditions, and in affirming the dignity of work and providing avenues of seeking justice at the workplace; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention further recognizes the role of labor unions in struggling for civil rights, for social security, medical care and bringing about democratic reforms; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognizes the need for the Church and the labor movement to work together, along with others of good will, for the common good, and for a more just society; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention opposes legislative attempts to eliminate or reduce the collective bargaining rights of public and private sector employees as running contrary to our gospel understanding of community; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recommends resources such as those provided by the Interfaith Worker Justice organization as useful guides for faith communities; and be it further

Resolved, That in making their purchasing and contracting decisions, the General Convention and the Executive Council shall consider the existence of union rights as a favorable factor; and that the General Convention urges all dioceses, parishes, and church agencies to do likewise; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations use this resolution as part of its advocacy work and to build networks within the labor movement.

D055: Advocate for Public Policy to Reduce Climate Changing Emissions

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urge the United States government to enact stricter controls on the use of carbon-based fuels, and create incentives for our nation's transitions from dependence upon fossil fuels to safe, clean, renewable energy and thereby curb emissions of heat-trapping gasses into the atmosphere and be it further

Resolved, that this convention encourage every member of the Episcopal Church to urge his/her members of Congress to enact such legislation.