Use of Other Anglican Books of Worship

Submitted by:

Resolved, that the 233rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut submit the following resolution to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

Resolved, the House of ______ concurring, that a new section 2 be added to Title II, Canon 4 of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, to read:

Use of Other Anglican Books of Worship
With the permission of the Bishop Diocesan, any book of prayer/worship authorized for use by a Church or Province of the Anglican Communion may be used in congregations or ministries within that diocese.

Explanation:
The Anglican Communion contains a wealth of authorized worship resources which can enhance our common understanding of the rich and varied cultures, spiritualties and missional emphases of the Churches of the Anglican Communion. These Prayer books have undergone extensive evaluation and revision in their sponsor churches. They are ready for use in the Episcopal Church.

Statement:
As it is a stated goal of the Episcopal Church to encourage and enhance our multicultural understanding of the Anglican Church throughout the world this resolution would help us to reconcile our differences and help us to understand one another's cultures through the mutual understanding that shared worship allows. This is especially true as common worship is one of the hallmarks of the Anglican Communion.

Statement of Requirements to Implement the Resolution:
As the use of the materials is purely voluntary no cost is required to implement the resolution beyond the cost to transmit it in the proper form to the General Convention.