



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

A list of all General Convention Resolutions

Sorted by GC Legislative Committee

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Resolutions by number at this time:

A: Through A152, plus A300 and A301, acceptance of minutes

B: Through B009

C: through C049

D: through D026

About this document:

- Guide organized by Legislative Committee (which is how they get processed)
- Resolutions listed primarily by number and title with some annotations
- Content complete for "A" and "C" resolutions, expect more "B" and "D" resolutions
- Connecticut-sponsored (diocesan and individual) highlighted in green

"A"- from a standing committee, commission, agency, or board; "C"- from dioceses; "B"- from bishops; "D"- from deputies.

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- Prepared by Canon Karin Hamilton, ECCT office of Mission Communication & Media, as a starting place to see what's listed to be considered and voted on this summer, and to find ones you can later study in depth. It's not a replacement for official documentation.

1. DISPATCH OF BUSINESS

(ECCT's Liza Anderson is a member)

Proposes the agenda for its house and determines the calendar of the day, proposes special orders of business, and schedules elections. (Each House has its own committee). A043

2. CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Reviews the minutes of the previous legislative day, corrects the minutes and reports on their completion to the house. (Each House has its own committee.) A152

3. RULES OF ORDER

Reviews and proposes revisions to the rules that govern each house.(A152) (Each house has its own committee. They meet as cognate committees to review and propose Joint Rules of Order that govern both houses.)

Rules cover: Holy Scripture and Prayers; General Rules; Deputations; Floor Privileges and Arrangements; Officers; Regular Session Schedule; Resolutions and Memorials; Other Committees; Special Committees; Debate; Motions; Voting; Elections; Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop; Parliamentary Authority; Supremacy and In-Force Clauses; and amendments to the Rules of Order.

4. CONSTITUTION & CANONS

(ECCT's Laura Ahrens is a member)

Receives and proposes resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution or Canons.

Most of these deal with Title IV, clergy discipline. My description is below:

A117 Amend Canon I.1.2 (n)(3) *This would require proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons be put in "proper form" instead of relying on the related standing commission to do that.*

A119 Amend Canon III.5.2(b) *This would allow transmission of Standing Committee "Testimonials" by fax or other electronic means.*

A124 – A149 seek specific canonical changes in the Title IV disciplinary process, and in one resolution, a change in Title V that is related. *For example, clarification of matters concerning abandonment; distribution of accord; standards for appeal; statute of limitations for perpetrators and observers of sexual abuse; mandatory reporting by bishops; residence of church attorney, and more. Please read the details on each one.*

A150 Develop Title IV Training Materials

5. GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE

(ECCT's Molly James is secretary and Shirley Wick is a legislative aide. The Cathedral's Miguelina Howell served on TREC)

Receives and proposes resolutions that address the governance and structure of this Church including General Convention, Executive Council, and the Anglican Communion.

This committee will look many of the resolutions submitted by TREC ([see their separate report](#)), and are resolutions for changes in the constitution or canons. This lists the TREC resolutions for this committee, describing the intent of those resolutions, but without the canonical references. My notes are in italics. Full info is in the [TREC report](#):

A002 Reimagine Dioceses, Bishops, and General Convention

A004 Restructure Executive Council

A005 Of the Presiding Bishop in a Unicameral General Convention (*how a nominating committee for a presiding bishop would be established in that case*)

A006 Restructure Standing Commissions and Interim Bodies of General Convention

A007 Canonical Implementation of a Unicameral General Convention

A008 Provide Stipend for the President of the House of Deputies/Presiding Deputy (*the Presiding Bishop, but not the Presiding Deputy, currently receives a stipend*)

A009 Amend Canon I.3 - Of Changes to the Officers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (*DFMS is our official name, under which we were incorporated This would delete “of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America” from the end of the name, establish a board of directors instead of an executive council, have the Presiding Bishop serve as its President and the Presiding Deputy as one of two Vice Presidents, and more.*)

Additional resolutions currently in this legislative committee include

A019 Affirmation of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat

A040 Response to the Anglican Covenant Process

A098 Endorse the principle of subsidiarity

There are other resolutions including: Amendments to the constitution and canons (see some below) and resolutions about the length and location of the 79th General Convention, a consideration of financial assistance for deputies; funding resolutions; and resolutions to clarify the role of the Secretary of General Convention and to change the process for developing a budget,

A101 Amend Article V.1 of the Constitution (*In creating a new diocese this would allow a provisional bishop to act, if there were no diocesan, rather than waiting for a diocesan to be elected.*)

A109 Amend Canon V.3 (*This would publish the membership of all elected and appointed bodies in The Episcopal Church*)

C021 Amend Canon I.9 (also C027, C029, C034, C043) (*These seek to specify that the purpose of Provinces is to “provide a structure which facilitates inter-diocesan collaboration ...and enable more effective communications and regional advocacy...”*)

C031 In support of Diocesan Mergers (*This asks for a 50% reduction of the General Convention assessment for each diocese which agree to merge, or for the combined entity.*)

C032 Amend Canon I.4.1(c) (*This make recommendations about reducing the size of the Executive Council*)

D003 Amend Article V of the Constitution (*This amendment would make it possible for dioceses to merge when one or both merging dioceses do not have a sitting bishop.*)

D006 Amend Canons I.3 and I.4.3 (*The submitter of the resolution states that it would relieve the Presiding Bishop of executive responsibilities while retaining position of Chair of the Board. The proposer offered it as his clarification to TREC resolutions.*)

D008 Amend Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution (*The proposer offers this to allow Joint Sessions of both Houses to occur.*)

D010 Clarify Officers of The Episcopal Church (*The proposer seeks a change in the office of the Executive Director of The Episcopal Church.*)

D011 Eliminate provinces (*The resolution seeks to eliminate provinces while continuing the work of the Province IX sustainability project*)

D013 Budget process for The Episcopal Church (*pay full assessment; remove distinctions to “canons, corporate, program” expenses as no longer relevant*)

D017 Change the resolution filing deadline

D020 Amend Canons 1.4.3(a), (d), (e) regarding a chief executive officer of Executive Council

D022 Response to the Anglican Covenant Process

D023 Continue the work of TREC

6. WORLD MISSION

(*ECCT's Ian Douglas is a member*)

Receives and proposes resolutions on mission personnel, world mission strategy, and covenant relationships with other Anglican Provinces or bodies

The Committee's resolutions includes those on missionaries and Covenants

A013 Continue financial support for global missions, Young Adult Service Corps [YASC], and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission [EVIM]

A112 Encourage support for YASC and EVIM

A053 Strengthen relationship with Diocese of Cuba

A016 Provide structural support Covenant Committees

A114 Honor Covenant and Bilateral Agreements *(that The Episcopal Church has with other provinces or dioceses in the Anglican Communion)*

B003 Support for The Episcopal Church in Cuba

7. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Receives and proposes resolutions on social justice issues in The Episcopal Church's extra-US dioceses and the international peace and justice work of this Church, including engagement with the Anglican Communion.

Among these are the controversial resolutions around Israel/Palestine:

A020 Affirm the work of TEC at the United Nations

A021 Continue our commitment of 0.7% toward Millennium Development Goals

A029 Protect human trafficking victims on Indian reservations in Montana and No Dakota

A048 Confront the challenges and impacts of robotic and cyberwarfare

A051 Support LGBT African advocacy

B002 Support the end of the embargo against Cuba

And resolutions related to Israel/Palestine

A052 Call for Ubuntu with TEC regarding policy toward Palestine and Israel

C003 Work for justice and peace in Israel-Palestine

C012 Divest/boycott products supporting infrastructure of Occupation

C018 Pursue justice, peace, and security in the Holy Land

D016 Being socially responsible investors in Palestine and Israel

8. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND UNITED STATES POLICY

Receives and proposes resolutions on social justice issues facing the United States, including its international engagement.

A011 Recommit to criminal justice reform study and advocacy

A025 Support Native American ministries engaging at-risk teens

A049 Make gender equality & empowerment of women a focus of foreign and church aid

A092 Affirm support for government entitlements

A093 Evaluate defense spending

A094 Support income tax parity

B005 Quality public education for all

B008 Support handgun purchaser licensing (submitted by Bishop Douglas)

C005 Decreasing gun violence

C019 Establish response to systemic racial injustice

C030 Control of automatic weapons

C037 Sponsoring and supporting Scouting units

C048 Increase the minimum wage

D015 Encouraging advocacy for hunger relief

D018 Curb gun violence

D024 Affirm support for ministry to Appalachia

D025 Abolish the death penalty state by state

9. 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. As listed below, with my note in italics:

A003 Restructure assets in service of God's mission in the future

A012 (and) A085 Continue funding of Mission Enterprise Zones

A015 Continue to support Province IX sustainability

A038 Develop an index of vitality

A039 Fund the House of Deputies report on the state of the Church

A084 Modify the Parochial Report (A084) (one of the changes is to include reporting of congregational activity in all five Marks of Mission)

A086 Create a Task Force for Latino-Hispanic congregational development and sustainability (A086)

A096 Affirm relationship-based social justice

A100 Assess diocesan viability and vitality

C020 Ministry to people with mental illness and their families

D005 Creating a capacity to plant churches

D009 Revitalization of congregations

10. EVANGELISM AND COMMUNICATIONS

(ECCT's Ted Mollegen is a member)

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.

A010 Dissolve the Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology

A087 Create a Task Force on Evangelism

A113 Continue development of global mission mapping project *(a goal of this is better communication and networking)*

B009 Conducting an online digital evangelism test

D019 Conducting an online digital evangelism test *(do online evangelism via social media)*

11. PRAYER BOOK, LITURGY, AND MUSIC

(ECCT's Lynn Brooks is a member)

Receives and proposes resolutions on the Book of Common Prayer, liturgy, and music of this Church.

This Committee will take up two resolutions submitted by ECCT, C015 and C016. They'll also review a resolution to replace *Holy Women Holy Men*, and two resolutions, from dioceses, about communion and the unbaptized, C010 and C023

It will consider resolutions for additions of people to commemorate, or to add to the church calendar, and/or to *Holy Women, Holy Men*, include:

Father Atilano Coco; Queen Lili'uokalani; Denzil A Carty; the Rev. Peter Williams Cassey and Ms. Annie Besset Cassey; Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander; Thomas Atkinson; the Rev. Hiram Kano

Other resolutions include:

A044 Maintain the centrality of the Eucharist

A055 Revised liturgical commemorations *(It's a long list. There are a number of deletions, and of additions, as well as three-year-trial texts of revised collects and commemorations. John Muir, for example, is out; Dag Hammarskjold is in, and the A056 collect for Albert Schweitzer is changed.)*

Authorize new liturgical resources "A Great Cloud of Witnesses; Weekday Eucharistic Prayers" *(This is a resolution to replace "Holy Women, Holy Men" with "A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of*

Commemorations.” The resolution then describes criteria for inclusion; process; and a timetable. The proposal is based on feedback from those who have used “Holy Women, Holy Men.”

A057 Create additional liturgical commemorations (this instructs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to create collects and biographies for the people listed in the resolution, with the goal of having them in the “Great Cloud of Witnesses” resource to be presented at the next General Convention.)

A058 Authorize liturgical materials for honoring God in creation (Similar was proposed at the last General Convention, but in the context of a specifically designated season. These can be used anytime.)

A059 Continue revision of the Book of Occasional Services

A060 Continue the work of the Congregational Song Task Force

A061 Support leadership program for musicians

A062 Address Christian anti-Judaism

A063 Adopt criteria for biblical translations

A065 Develop liturgical resources on Christian initiation

A066 Amend Article X of the Constitution (This would give a constitutional basis to allow congregations to experiment with new liturgical forms that are not designated as for trial use, with the eventual goal of inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer.)

A068 Second reading of a revision to the Book of Common Prayer for Revised Common Lectionary (It takes two Conventions to do this; it passed at the previous one.)

A068 Translations of the Book of Common Prayer (New translations into Spanish, French, and Creole reflecting current liturgical usage and a degree of idiomatic freedom.)

A069 Affirm participation in the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation (A069)

C010 Invite all to Holy Communion (Recognizes the reality and debate over the practice of “Open Table;” call for a Task Force to study and facilitate dialogue)

C015 Addition to Baptismal Covenant Language (This is the resolution passed at the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, seeking an additional promise in the Baptismal Covenant. The question and response would be, “Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?” “I will, with God’s help.” The resolution seeks to authorize this for Trial Use before the next General Convention.)

C016 Amend Article X (This too is from Connecticut, and see similar A066. It would create a framework for liturgical experimentation “that would also ensure common prayer for the 21st century. This reading, at the 78th General Convention resolution, passed the 73rd General Convention so is a second, i.e. final, vote.)

C023 Amend Canon 1.17.7 (This is also about the “Open Table.” The resolution would allow the unbaptized to receive communion provided that it is part of an evangelism plan, and the person has the intent of strengthening a relationship with Christ.)

12: FORMATION & EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Receives and proposes resolutions on Christian formation and education for all the baptized, and all matters related to ordained ministry.

A001 Restructure for Spiritual Encounter (This one comes from TREC and is designed to address changes in the Church, in particular whether the one clergy, one parish model can continue. It addresses how we select, prepare, train, and support our lay and ordained leadership. Mentioned are changes in seminaries, adaptations needed by the Church Pension Group, re-envisioning by Commissions on Ministry, and networks to support lay leaders in congregations.)

A001 Restructure for Spiritual Encounter

A022 Amend Mandate and Membership of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism

A023 Continue the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism

A024 Direct Dioceses to Examine the Impact of the Doctrine of Discovery (This seeks a reaffirmation and renewal of this directive, made by the two prior General Conventions.)

A026 Develop Local Models of Establishing Young Men’s Ministries in Indigenous Congregations

A027 Develop and Support Tribal College Campus Ministry

A028 Support Indigenous Theological Training

- A031 Continue to Develop the Search Toolkit** *(This specifically seeks to continue development of search toolkit resources for female clergy and church leadership discernment committees)*
- A032 Establish Coordinator Position for Women's Ministries Networks**
- A033 Support Latinas in Ordained Ministry**
- A034 Support Latinas in Lay Ministry**
- A041 Amend Canon III.15.1-5 - Of the General Board of Examining Chaplains** *(This would reduce the size of the Board and the way it is appointed.)*
- A045 Appoint Task Force for Clergy Leadership Formation in Small Churches**
- A046 Provide Lay Leadership Formation Resources**
- A047 Address Moral and Spiritual Injury in Context of Trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress** *(This calls for a focus on those whose lives have been directly and indirectly impacted by terrorism, war, displacement due to disasters; it calls for the formation of a consortium to consult, make resources available, coordinate communication, provide training; work with Anglican Communion Partners, and present annual reports.)*
- A050 Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety**
- A071 Allow Transfer of Clergy between Anglican Provinces**
- A072 Develop Awareness of the Five Marks of Mission**
- A073 Update Model Policies for Preventing Sexual Misconduct**
- A074 Update the Safeguarding Materials**
- A075 Develop Awareness of Online Christian Formation Resources**
- A076 Commend Use of Christian Formation Certifications**
- A077 Publicize Resources for People with Special Needs**
- A078 Reaffirm The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation**
- A079 Recommend Membership in Forma**
- A080 Affirm Confirmation as Formation**
- A081 Commend Use of the TEAC Ministry Grids**
- A082 Provide Theological Education for Latino/Hispanic Ministries**
- A083 Create Map of Episcopal Theological Education Providers**
- A090 Amend Canon III.8.6(g) Preparation for Ordination** *(Seeks changes in the subject areas for study during ordination process.)*
- A095 Deepen Engagement of All People**
- A102 Amend Canon III.12.4(a)** *(This would provide that a Bishop who serves in more than one Diocese must have a residence in each Diocese.)*
- A115 Amend Title III.12.9: Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation Between a Bishop and Diocese** *(Title III.12.9 addresses disagreements affecting pastoral relations between bishop diocesan, bishop coadjutor, or bishop suffragan and diocese; this proposes adding section 10, to address disagreements affecting collegial relationships between a bishop diocesan, bishop coadjutor, or bishop suffragan.)*
- A116 Budget for Committee Expenses**
- 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 Renumber 12.8, 12.9, and 12.10** *(Addresses how bishops, priests, and deacons who have been "released and removed" from The Episcopal Church can resume the ordained ministry of this Church.)*
- A121 Amend Canon III.9.4(d)** *(Updates language)*
- A122 Amend Canon III.12.3(a)(2)** *(Updates language)*
- A123 Amend Canon III.11.3(a)** *(Corrects a referencing error)*
- A151 Budget for College for Bishops**
- B007 Participation in the Bible in the Life of the Church project of the Anglican Communion**
- C004 Voice and Vote for Non-Canonical Resident Clergy**
- C014 Commend Charter for Compassion**
- C025 Adopt Charter for the Safety of People** *(This resolution is from Connecticut. See also A050. Calls for the adoption, implementation, and commendation of the Charter)*
- C028 Disclosure of Criminal Records**

C033 Amend Canon III.9 (*Adds a new section 10 to specify how clergy can transfer from The Episcopal Church to a diocese or equivalent jurisdiction in Full Communion or a Church in Communion with this Church.*)

D001 Amend Canon III.9.7 (*Proposes changes to requirements for exercising ministry by priests after resignation, removing a licensing requirement.*)

D002 Amend Canon III.4.1(a), 2(a) and (b) (*This would allow, but not require, ecclesiastical authorities to delegate administrative aspects of issuing lay licenses.*)

D004 Create a Task Force to Study Episcopal Elections and Appointments of Bishops (*The purpose seems to be to conduct a comprehensive review so as to provide updated and digitized resources more broadly.*)

D007 Amend Canon III.2.1 and Canon III.12.4(a) (*This would allow dioceses to share a Commission on Ministry.*)

13. 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.

D021 Reevaluate the Denominational Health Plan mandate.

14. STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Receives and proposes resolutions on stewardship, stewardship education, development, and planned giving.

A088 Set rates for diocesan asking for The Episcopal Church

A089 Approve Donor Bill of Rights

A099 Reduce diocesan apportionments

C001 Set rates for diocesan commitments

C038 Change the asking formula

15. ECUMENICAL & INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS

(ECCT's Linda Spiers, member)

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

A017 Affirm ongoing work and dialogue with ecumenical bodies

A018 Encourage interfaith engagement

A070 Make appointments to dialogues and coordinating committees

B004 Commend report on relations with Church of Sweden

C046 Promote multi-faith knowledge among lay and ordained leaders

16. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & CARE OF CREATION

(ECCT's Ellen Tillotson, chair)

Receives and proposes resolutions on environmental stewardship and the care of creation.

A030 Create Task Force on Climate Change

A091 Affirm work for food ministries and food security

B006 Support the potential of genetically engineered foods in the Care for Creation

C013 Facilitate dialogue on climate change and divestment strategy

C039 Fossil fuel divestment and clean energy reinvestment

C041 Eliminating fossil fuel holdings and investing in clean energy

C042 Responding to climate change (*analyze impact of divestment from fossil fuels and present recommendations*)

C045 Environmentally responsible investing
C047 Promote policies that combat adverse climate
C049 Fossil fuel divestment and clean energy reinvestment

17. PRIVILEGE & COURTESY (NO RESOLUTIONS CURRENTLY LISTED)

Receives and proposes resolutions that commend individuals or organizations and proposes resolutions that express the Houses' appreciation for groups or persons. (Each House has its own committee.)

A015 Celebrate Episcopal Relief and Development's 75 years of Healing a Hurting World
A035 125th anniversary of the United Thank Offering
D012 Celebrate National Association of Episcopal Schools 50 years of service

18. 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. (House of Deputies only.)

19. 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. (House of Deputies only.)

20. SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE

Receives the Report of the A050 Task Force on the Study of Marriage; receives and proposes resolutions related to marriage. The Task Force does propose changes in the rite. [See separate report.](#)

Resolutions currently before them include:

A036 Amend Canon I.18 Marriage. *(As the Task Force states in its explanation ([see full statement in their report](#)), this would provide for streamlining and reordering; allow the couple to be instructed about marriage rather than state they believe a set of statements; make provision for blessing a civil marriage, and recognize there are or may be other marriage rites authorized by this Church, either for trial use throughout the Church or for provisional use under the direction of the local ecclesiastical authority; and preserve the discretion of clergy to decline to solemnize any given marriage, including the choice to decline offering a blessing on a marriage.)*

A037 Continue work of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage

A054 Adopt resources and rites from "Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015"

C007, C009 Make available Rite of Holy Matrimony *(Seeks to make the Rite available to same-sex couples throughout The Episcopal Church immediately.)*

C017, C022, C024, C026 Amend Canon I.18/Liturgical marriage equality *(In civil jurisdictions recognizing same-sex marriage, change the language to be gender-neutral for purposes of Canon I.18 and (stated in some resolutions) for rites in the Book of Common Prayer.*

D026 Interpretation of "man & woman" and "husband & wife" in the Book of Common Prayer *(Would make those terms applicable to two persons of the same gender and allow for them to be modified in those services to be gender-neutral)*

21. PROGRAM, BUDGET & FINANCE

[There is a draft budget – an explanation and a narrative are available.](#) The committee takes feedback before General Convention. There will be hearings, and changes, during the Convention.

22. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE
(ECCT's Paul Carling is a member)

D014 Question ordinands about addiction
