

# Resolutions approved by Diocesan Convention

## Resolutions considered by the 174<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention.

### RESOLUTION # 1

**Subject:** 50/50 funding for *The Record* program budget

**Withdrawn**

### RESOLUTION # 2

**Subject:** Diocesan funding for the public advocacy and social justice ministries of the Diocese of Michigan

**Withdrawn**

### RESOLUTION # 3

**Subject:** Authorization the solicitation of financial support for the public advocacy and social justice ministries of the Diocese of Michigan.

**Withdrawn**

### RESOLUTION # 4

**Subject:** Accommodations for persons with disabilities.

**Withdrawn**

### RESOLUTION # 5

**Approved**

**Subject:** Inclusion of all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression as full and equal participants in the life of Christ's church.

**Originator:** Diocesan Council; Covenant 5 Justice and Peace ministry

*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Michigan continue to demonstrate its commitment to radical hospitality and, that in accordance with the House of Bishops' Statement, Fall 2007, we "proclaim the Gospel that in Christ all God's children, including gay and lesbian persons, are full and equal participants in the life

of Christ's Church" by including bisexual and transgender persons in our concern and by:

Encouraging the 2009 General Convention of The Episcopal Church to ensure compliance with Canon III.I.2, which supports the full and equal participation of all persons regardless of sexual orientation in all aspects of the Church's ministries, lay and ordained;

Encouraging the General Convention to call for the development of public liturgies for the blessing of same sex unions.

Proposing the following resolution for consideration by the Seventy-Sixth General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the Seventy-Sixth General Convention of The Episcopal Church proclaim the Gospel that in Christ all God's children, including transgender, bisexual, lesbian and gay persons are full and equal participants in the life of Christ's church, and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Church is committed to compliance with Canon III.I.2, which supports the full and equal participation of all persons regardless of sexual orientation in all aspects of the Church's ministries, lay and ordained; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Seventy-Sixth General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs the Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop a liturgical rite for blessing of same sex unions.

### RESOLUTION # 6

**Approved  
as amended**

**Subject:** On amending the canons of the Episcopal Church to clarify the inclusion of all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression as full and equal participants in the life

of Christ's Church.

**Originator:** Diocesan Council

*Resolved* by the 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, that the Diocese continue to demonstrate its commitment to radical hospitality and, that in accordance with the House of Bishops' Statement, Fall 2007, we "proclaim the Gospel that in Christ all God's children, including gay and lesbian persons, are full and equal participants in the life of Christ's Church" by including bisexual and transgender persons in our concern and by proposing the following amendment to the Canons of The Episcopal Church:

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that Canon III.1.3 is hereby amended to read as follows: "The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the Ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to all persons regardless of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, age, gender identity, or gender expression, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to licensing, ordination, or election is hereby established."

### RESOLUTION # 7

**Approved**

**Subject:** Establish the first Sunday of Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday.

**Originator:** Bonnie Anderson, chair, Michigan Deputation to General Convention; Juanita Woods, Diocesan ERD representative; Terry Moore, Diocesan ERD representative.

*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Michigan dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving

work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world, and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Michigan submit the following resolution to the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting in Anaheim, California, July, 2009:

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, this 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

And be it further

*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Michigan submit the same resolution to be considered and adopted by the Synod of Province V.

### RESOLUTION # 8

**Approved**

**Subject:** Call to General Convention to renew and strengthen the Episcopal Church's Economic Justice ministry for and with the poor.

**Originator:** Lucinda Keils; Covenant 5 Justice and Peace ministry.

*Resolved*, that the 174<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Michigan submit the following resolution to the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in Anaheim, California, July 2009.

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring:

The Episcopal Church shall urge each Episcopal congregation to know where the marginalized of their community live and work, to have a relationship with one or more poor families in their community, knowing people by their names, and to form a local partnership with an agency that is working with low income people.

The Episcopal Church shall urge each Episcopal congregation to begin or continue to engage in the traditional acts of mercy in which many congregations and Jubilee Centers participate: food pantries, clothing closets, soup



kitchens, homeless shelters, and other programs.

The Episcopal Church shall continue and deepen its advocacy and shall urge dioceses and congregations (often in concert with the Episcopal Public Policy Network) to advocate for legislation that provides adequate levels of support and opportunities for low income people.

The Episcopal Church shall urge dioceses and congregations to promote and participate in church-based community organizing whereby people of the local community exercise the power of numbers and conviction to bring their needs to the attention of and promote effective action by elected officials and governmental bodies.

The Episcopal Church shall support and participate and shall urge dioceses and congregations to support and participate in various models through which low income people and their co-workers can take control of their own lives and meet their own needs: models such as community development corporations, housing corporations and co-ops, small business development, and land trusts.

The Episcopal Church at every level shall be encouraged to make loans and deposits at a level of one to ten percent of its financial assets to community development financial institutions (community loan funds, community development banks and credit unions, and micro-loan business funds) to support local community development, and, where helpful and necessary, shall create such financial institutions themselves.

The Episcopal Church at the national level shall develop a community development loan fund that is open to deposits from Episcopal dioceses, congregations, organizations and members, with a goal of becoming a \$24 million fund that will support the "community-controlled economic development programs of the disadvantaged" (quoted from the Economic Justice Resolution of the 1988 General Convention).

The Episcopal Church shall fund the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice at a level of \$100,000 per year for the coming triennium so that it can increase its mission of supporting and assisting economic justice work at every level of the Church and help implement the ministry outlined in this resolution.

### RESOLUTION # 9

#### Approved

**Subject:** Support for the employment non-discrimination act (ENDA)

**Originator:** Transgender Bisexual Lesbian Gay (TBLG) Concerns Committee, OASIS TBLG Outreach Ministry, Covenant 5

*Resolved*, that the 174<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan support the passage of ENDA by proposing the following resolution for consideration by the Seventy-Sixth General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that the Seventy-Sixth General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the passage of ENDA by both



Houses of Congress and its signing into law by the President of the United States, and be it further

*Resolved*, that sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression be included as classes protected by ENDA,

and be it further

*Resolved*, that the members of this diocese urge their Deputies to General Convention to support this resolution, and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Secretary of Convention send a copy of this resolution to the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

### RESOLUTION # 10

#### Withdrawn

**Subject:** Lambeth and the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson

**Originator:** The Rev. Harry T. Cook

*Resolved*, that the 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Michigan herewith express its profound disappointment in the exclusion of the Bishop of New Hampshire from

the fellowship of the recent Lambeth Conference by the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, and be it further

*Resolved*, that the text of this resolution be conveyed to Archbishop Williams and Bishop Robinson by e-mail, facsimile and surface/air mail with copies to *The Record* and to *Episcopal Life*.

### RESOLUTION # 11

#### Approved

**Subject:** Officially end the diocesan companion relationship with dioceses of Ilesa and Ekiti in the Province of Nigeria and enter into discernment concerning new companion relationships.

### RESOLUTION # 12

#### Approved

**Subject:** Compliance with Resolution 123a of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church [and] name a day of repentance and on that day hold a service of repentance at the Diocesan Cathedral.