



## The Episcopal Church on record and in action at the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention

Here is a list of the actions of The Episcopal Church at the recent General Convention to *Grow the Church, Form the Faithful* and *Change the World*. The resolution numbers with hyperlinks to the final text on the [General Convention legislative website](#) are indicated in parentheses.

We added *Evangelist* to the licensed ministries of The Episcopal Church. An Evangelist being a lay person who “presents the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that people are led to receive Christ as Savior and follow Christ as Lord in the fellowship of the Church.” ([A064](#))

We affirmed our teaching that all members are called to be evangelists, urged all dioceses to identify and call forth evangelists, and directed the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to help train and resource evangelists. ([A065](#))

We called for the creation of an “evangelism toolkit” to help congregations and dioceses reach out to under-represented groups. ([A066](#))

We called for a major strategic vision for outreach to Latino/Hispanic people ([D038](#))

We called for development of resources for formation in Episcopal identity and leadership in the church ([B013](#))

We adopted the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion as our five top strategic priorities ([D027](#))

We approved a charter for lifelong Christian formation ([A082](#)) and called for all dioceses to develop a strategy the lifelong Christian formation ([A083](#))

We affirmed access to the ordination process for all the baptized, and affirmed our commitment to and support of the Anglican Communion ([D025](#))

We approved full communion with the Moravian Church ([A073](#)) and an agreement for continued dialogue with the Presbyterian Church ([A075](#))

We approved an interim Eucharistic sharing with the United Methodist Church and starting a dialogue with the historic African American Methodist Churches ([D054](#))

We encouraged congregations to raise awareness of health ministry and implement health ministry as a vital part of their life ([A077](#))

We called on the House of Bishops and Standing Commission on Music and Liturgy to develop an open process for church-wide participation in developing theological resources and liturgies for same-gender blessings, for consideration at the 2012 General Convention ([C056](#))

We adopted a new liturgical resource to assist individuals and families dealing with childbirth and the loss of children, *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes* ([A088](#))

We added additional commemorations to our calendar, *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints* (formerly Lesser Feasts and Fasts) ([A095](#)) ([A096](#))

We established a mandatory lay pension plan for lay employees working a minimum of 1,000 hours in a congregation, diocese or other Episcopal church body. ([A138](#))

We approved a church-wide health insurance plan for all dioceses, congregations, and affiliated organizations of The Episcopal Church. ([A177](#))

We encouraged each diocese to enter into a companion relationship with a diocese of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and to include a prayer for peace in each public liturgy. ([D007](#))

We recommitted to being an anti-racist church ([A143](#)) and to research the church's complicity in the slave trade ([A142](#))

We reaffirmed financial support for Jubilee Ministries in the fight against poverty ([A154](#))

We called the church to speak out against domestic violence and for clergy and lay leaders to be trained in its prevention ([D096](#))

We affirmed due process of law for all living in the United States, and called for implementation of comprehensive immigration reform ([B006](#))

We agreed to restrict the use of bottled water at General Convention and to encourage church members to practice water conservation ([A045](#))

We approved the revision of the clergy discipline canons of Title IV, giving more emphasis to healing, repentance, and reconciliation ([A185](#))