

# 76th General Convention

July 8 – July 17  
2009

Anaheim Convention Center  
800 W. Katella Ave.  
Anaheim, California

## Highlights

### July 9-14

Young Adult Festival  
[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/49662\\_103665\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/49662_103665_ENG_HTML.htm)

### July 7 afternoon

Presiding Bishop and House of Deputies presentation to Convention  
Introduction to Mission Conversation through Public Narrative

### July 8 evening

Archbishop Rowan Williams keynote address at Global Economic Forum:

### July 12 morning

Festive Eucharist and UTO ingathering

### June 16 morning

Community Eucharist on theme of Evangelism with Brian McLaren preaching.

information:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009.htm>

# How Resolutions Move through General Convention

When our representatives gather in General Convention they take council together through a legislative process. The legislative process begins with resolutions that are proposed by Deputies, Bishops, Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards, Provinces, and Dioceses of the Episcopal Church.



The resolutions of the General Convention when adopted by the House of Deputies (lay and clergy) and the House of Bishops become the Acts of the General Convention and govern the way we as a community of believers agree to live our understanding of the Christian faith.

## Four sources of resolutions: A B C D

**A** submitted by Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards

**B** submitted by Bishops

**C** submitted by Dioceses or Provinces

**D** submitted by Deputies



"A" resolutions appear in the Reports to General Convention (the Blue Book)

Submitted via the General Convention website



"B," "C," and "D" resolutions will appear in the General Convention notebook and will go to Legislative Committees



Resolutions with funding implications also go to the Program, Budget & Finance Committee for review.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Dispatch of Business              | 12. Evangelism                  |
| 2. Certification of Minutes          | 13. Prayer Book, Liturgy Music  |
| 3. Rules of Order                    | 14. Ministry                    |
| 4. Constitution                      | 15. Education                   |
| 5. Canons                            | 16. Church Pension Fund         |
| 6. Structure                         | 17. Stewardship and Development |
| 7. Consecration of Bishops           | 18. Ecumenical Relations        |
| 8. World Mission                     | 19. Communications              |
| 9. National & International Concerns | 20. Miscellaneous               |
| 10. Social and Urban Affairs         | 21. Privilege and Courtesy      |
| 11. Church in Small Communities      | 23. Credentials                 |
|                                      | 25. Program, Budget and Finance |

## 1 RESOLUTIONS ARE PROPOSED

## 2 RESOLUTIONS GET DIRECTED TO A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

## 3 HEARINGS ARE HELD AT CONVENTION

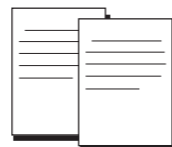
Resolution is accepted as is



Resolution is amended, language is changed



Resolution is combined with another



Resolution is endorsed or not or no recommendation



## 4 DECISIONS ARE MADE BY COMMITTEES

## 5 DEBATES AND VOTING BY EACH HOUSE

## 6 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ARE ACTS OF CONVENTION

### The House of Bishops



All active and retired bishops have seat, voice and vote. There are over 300 bishops in the church, half active and half retired.

Here resolutions are debated, amended, and then voted upon. If a resolution is adopted by one House, it will then go to the other House for debate, possible amendment, and vote. Both Houses must concur on a resolution for it to be finally adopted by the General Convention.

### The House of Deputies



Each diocese is entitled to elect four lay deputies and four clerical deputies, and four alternates in each order.

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YES



The Journal of General Convention

