

General Convention

REPORT ON THE GENERAL CONVENTION FROM THE DEPUTATION
INFORME SOBRE LA CONVENCIÓN GENERAL DE LA DIPUTACIÓN

79a Convención General July 5-13, 2018

Austin, Texas



House of Deputies & House of Bishops

Cámara de diputados y Cámara de obispos

The House of Deputies has between **800-1000 clergy and lay members** representing all nine provinces of The Episcopal Church. The House of Bishops includes **every bishop, presently consisting of about 300 active members.**

La Cámara de Diputados tiene entre 800 y 1000 miembros del clero y laicos que representan a las nueve provincias de la Iglesia Episcopal. La Cámara de Obispos incluye a todos los obispos, que en la actualidad constan de unos 300 miembros activos.



Deputies and Alternate Deputies

Diputados y Diputados Alternos

Each diocese elects **four clergy deputies and four lay deputies** and between two and four alternates to serve for three years (the triennium). They are referred to in rank order of votes received.

Cada diócesis elige a cuatro diputados del clero y cuatro diputados laicos y entre dos y cuatro diputados alternos para servir durante tres años (el trienio). Son referidos por orden de rango de votos recibidos.



Our deputies

Nuestro diputados

MS. YVONNE ONEAL, L1, NEW YORK

CHAIR



THE REV. NORA SMITH, C1, NEW YORK

CO-CHAIR



Our deputies

Nuestro diputados

MR. JAMES FORDE, L2 NEW YORK



THE REV. THEODORA BROOKS, C2 NEW YORK



Our deputies

Nuestro diputados

THE REV. MATTHEW MEAD, C3 NEW YORK



MS. WENDY CAÑAS, L3 NEW YORK



Our deputies

Nuestro diputados

MS. CARLA BURNS, L4 NEW YORK



THE REV. WINNIE VARGHESE, C4 NEW YORK



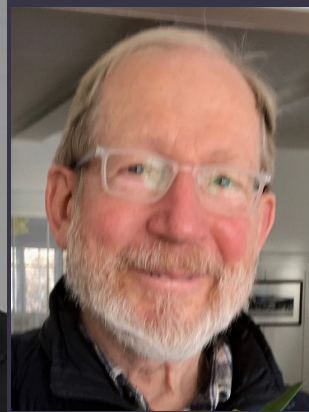
Our alternate deputies

Nuestro diputados alternos



THE REV. PIERRE-ANDRE DUVERT ALT C1, BR. LUIS HERNANDEZ, ALT L1

THE REV. MICHELLE MEECH ALT C2, MS. DIANE POLLARD, ALT L2, MR. STUART AUCHINCLOSS, ALT L3, THE REV. NILS CHITTENDEN, ALT C3, THE REV. ROY COLE, ALT C4



Legislative Committees

Comités legislativos

Legislation takes the form of numbered resolutions (i.e. A068). **All Resolutions are assigned to Legislative Committees (LCs)**. Each LC is made up of members of the HoB and members of the HoD. LCs hold public hearings on every single Resolution – anyone may testify at a hearing.

Members of LC #13 →



La legislación toma la forma de resoluciones numeradas (es decir, A068). Todas las resoluciones están asignadas a los comités legislativos (CL). Cada CL está formada por miembros de CdO y miembros de CdD. Los CL tienen audiencias públicas sobre cada Resolución, cualquiera puede testificar en una audiencia.

Legislative Committees where we served

Comités legislativos donde servimos

Churchwide Leadership

HoD Special Committee on Sexual Exploitation and Harassment

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

Social Justice and International Policy

Committee to Receive the Report of A068 (Prayer Book revision)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The Episcopal Church in Cuba

Church Pension Fund

Acts of Convention

Actos de la Convención General

There were **517 Resolutions reviewed at Convention**. What follows are **highlights of those resolutions which were adopted**.

A continuación se resumen los resúmenes de las resoluciones que fueron adoptadas.



Resolution A238 Admit the Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church

Admitir la Diócesis Episcopal de Cuba como una Diócesis de la Iglesia Episcopal

Bishop Diestche worked on the Legislative Committee and The Reverend Yamily Bass-Choate worked to champion the cause and to support the Bishop of Cuba, **The Right Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio (pictured here)**

El Obispo Diestche trabajó en el Comité Legislativo y la Revda. Yamily Bass-Choate trabajó la causa y apoyar la Obispa de Cuba, Revdma. Griselda Delgado del Carpio (en la foto)



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FROM THE WORK OF THE HOD SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL
HARASSMENT AND EXPLOITATION

#metoo resolutions adopted

#metoo resoluciones adopta



Resolution D016 Seeking Truth, Reconciliation and Transformation

Resolución D016 Buscando la verdad, la reconciliación y la transformación.



confess sins of gender-based violence and harassment; turn away from systems of oppression; establish a task force for women, truth, and reconciliation; conduct survey; create truth and reconciliation process; perform a comprehensive internal audit of churchwide structures; oversee external audit of culture within church

Resolution D036 Expand Statute of Limitations for Title IV (Amend Canons)

Revisar la estatua de limitaciones en reclamos de acoso sexual.

Canon IV.19.4 to be amended as follows...

(b) The time limits of Subsection (a) above shall not apply with respect to persons whose acts include physical violence, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, if the acts occurred when the alleged Injured Person was under the age of twenty-one years; in any such case, proceedings under this Title may be initiated at any time.

Resolution D032 Equal Access to Health Care Regardless of Gender

Resolución D032 Igualdad de acceso a la atención médica sin
importar el género

equity in health care for men and women,
including reproductive health
and transgendered persons



Resolution D0046 Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources

Resolución D0046 Recursos litúrgicos del lenguaje expansivo

authorize use of EOW without requiring permission;
encourage use of inclusive-language psalter translations;
direct SCLM to articulate principles for use of inclusive and expansive language; encourage grassroots development of liturgical resources



Resolution D021 Revise OTM Profile

Resolución D021 Revisión del perfil OTM

remove requirement to disclose gender; require both male and female professional references; **delete compensation from front page of profile**



eliminar el requisito de revelar género; requieren referencias profesionales tanto masculinas como femeninas; Eliminar compensación de la portada del perfil.

racial reconciliation

racial reconciliation resolutions adopted

resoluciones de reconciliación racial adoptadas

RESPONDING TO NATIONAL ISSUES:

respondiendo a las cuestiones nacionales

A230 – **Deploring the Sin of Scapegoating in politics.**

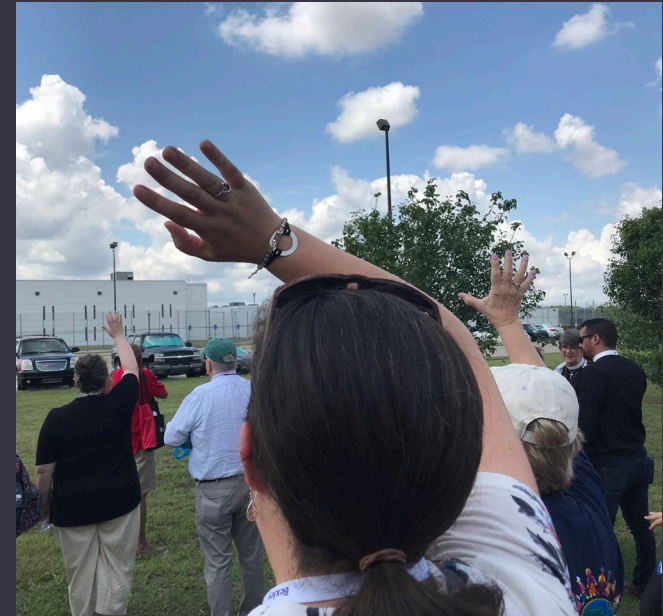
D003 – Addressing the **issue of voter suppression.**

D009 – Encourages us to use the **Christian principal**
of “welcoming the stranger”

in responding to human migration.

A178 – **Halt immigration policies and practices**

which are harmful to migrant women, parents and children.



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TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

requisitos de educación

A015 – Requires **antiracism/diversity/bias training** for Interim Bodies.

A044 – **Establishes an Antiracism Training Framework**: Building Capacity for Becoming Beloved Community.

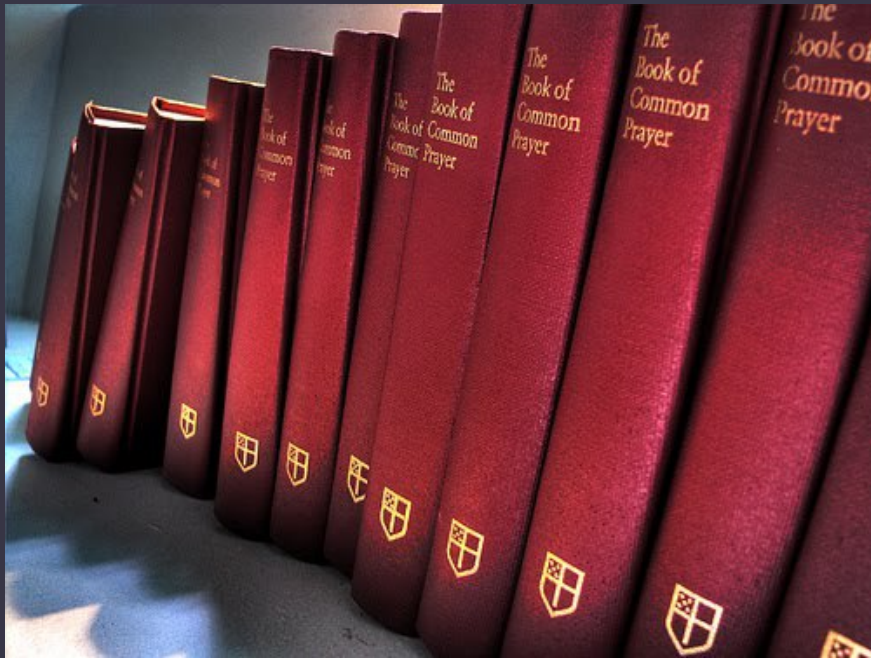
D011 – **Doctrine of Discovery Training** for those seeking ordination.

A222 – **Against caste and descent-based discrimination.**

prayer book revision

Resolution A068 Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer

Resolución A068: Plan para la Revisión del Libro de Oración Común



For a fuller understanding of the implications of the adoption of this resolution, please speak with Deputy Matt Mead, who served on the Legislative Committee.

Of note in resolve #6 is the call for the creation of diocesan liturgical commission to explore and experiment with language and liturgy.

What follows are the important 'resolves' from the Prayer Book Revision Resolution. First in English, then in Spanish

Lo que sigue son los importantes 'resuelve' de la Resolución de Revisión del Libro de Oración. Primero en inglés, luego en español

- 3 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention create a Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision (TFLPBR), the membership of which will be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and will report to the appropriate legislative committee(s) of the 80th General Convention, ensuring that diverse voices of our church are active participants in this liturgical revision by constituting a group with leaders who represent the expertise, gender, age, theology, regional, and ethnic diversity of the church, to include, 10 laity, 10 priests or deacons, and 10 Bishops; and be it further

- 4 *Resolved*, That this Convention memorialize the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a Prayer Book of the church preserving the psalter, liturgies, The Lambeth Quadrilateral, Historic Documents, and Trinitarian Formularies ensuring its continued use; and be it further

- 5 *Resolved*, That this church continue to engage the deep Baptismal and Eucharistic theology and practice of the 1979 Prayer Book; and be it further

- 6 *Resolved*, That bishops engage worshiping communities in experimentation and the creation of alternative texts to offer to the wider church, and that each diocese be urged to create a liturgical commission to collect, reflect, teach and share these resources with the TFLPBR; and be it further

- 3 *Se resuelve*, Que la 79^a Convención General cree un Grupo de Trabajo para la Revisión del Libro de Oración y Liturgia (TFLPBR), cuyos miembros serán designados conjuntamente por el Obispo Presidente y la Presidenta de la Cámara de Diputados, y se reportará al comité legislativo apropiado(s) de la 80a Convención General, asegurando que diversas voces de nuestra iglesia participen activamente en esta revisión litúrgica al formar un grupo con líderes que representen la experiencia, el género, la edad, la teología, la diversidad regional y étnica de la iglesia, y que incluya 10 laicos, 10 sacerdotes o diáconos, y 10 obispos; y asimismo
- 4 *Se resuelve*, Que esta Convención conmemore el Libro de Oración Común de 1979 como un Libro de Oración de la iglesia preservando el salterio, las liturgias, el Cuadrilátero de Lambeth, los Documentos Históricos y los Formularios Trinitarios, asegurando su uso continuo; y asimismo
- 5 *Se resuelve*, Que esta iglesia continúe recurriendo a la profunda teología bautismal y eucarística y prácticas del Libro de Oración Común de 1979; y asimismo
- 6 *Se resuelve*, Que los obispos involucren a las comunidades de adoración en la experimentación y la creación de textos alternativos para ofrecer a la iglesia en general, y que se pida a cada diócesis que cree una comisión litúrgica para recopilar, reflejar, enseñar y compartir estos recursos con TFLPBR; y asimismo

marriage rites

FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

Marriage rites: please note

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop ...holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshipping community, the bishop ... shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support ...

(and) “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage”;

Marriage rites: please note

(resolved that) A Task Force on Communion across Difference, **seek a lasting path forward for mutual affirming (1) the clear decision of General Convention that Christian marriage is a covenant between two people, of the same sex or of the opposite sex,** (2) General Convention's firm commitment to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to authorized liturgies; and also affirming

(3) the indispensable place that the minority who hold to this Church's historic teaching on marriage have in our common life, whose witness the Church needs.

Resolution B012 Marriage Rites for the Whole Church

Resolución B012 Ritos de matrimonio para toda la iglesia

Authorizes the continued trial use of the four blessings in use for same sex marriages, and provide translations into Spanish, French and Haitian Creole available electronically by Advent 2018.

The Marriage

Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the right hand of the other and says

In the Name of God, I, _____, take you,
_____, to be my *wife/husband/spouse*,

Autoriza el uso continuado de prueba de las cuatro bendiciones en uso para matrimonios entre personas del mismo sexo, y proporciona traducciones al español, francés y criollo haitiano disponibles electrónicamente para Adviento 2018.

Resolution B012 Marriage Rites for the Whole Church

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Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, **provision will be made for all couples desiring to use these marriage liturgies in their local congregation or worshipping community, ...**

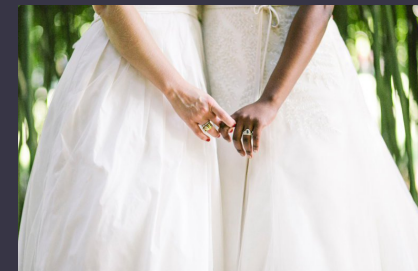


Resolution B012 Marriage Rites for the Whole Church

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*Se resuelve, que bajo la dirección canónica del Rector o Miembro del Clero a cargo y donde lo permita la ley civil, **se proveerá a todas las parejas que deseen utilizar estas liturgias matrimoniales en su congregación local o comunidad de culto,***

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Resolution C014 Suicide Prevention Advocacy and Clergy Training

Resolución C014 Promoción de la prevención del suicidio y educación del clero

Sponsored from our diocese by The Rev. Bob Flanagan, the LC determined that we had not requested enough funding and so they increased it...**by a factor of ten.**

Resolved, That the institutions and **diocesan programs that educate Priest and Deacon candidates be requested to offer four (4) hours of suicide prevention education**, using evidence-based trainings, for its students, and that dioceses offer similar suicide prevention training for their clergy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$7,500 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolution C014 Suicide Prevention Advocacy and Clergy Training

Resolución C014 Promoción de la prevención del suicidio y educación del clero

Se resuelve, Que se anime a las **instituciones y programas diocesanos que educan a Presbíteros y Diáconos a que ofrezcan cuatro (4) horas de educación para la prevención del suicidio**, utilizando capacitaciones comprobadas para sus estudiantes, y que las diócesis ofrezcan capacitación similar para su clero y *adultos que trabajan con jóvenes*; y asimismo

Se resuelve que la Convención General solicite al Comité Permanente Conjunto sobre Programa, Presupuesto y Finanzas que considere una asignación presupuestaria de US\$75,000 para llevar a cabo esta resolución.

ask a deputy

these deputies have a particular knowledge of the following subjects, and they can speak with you about in more detail- please seek us out!

Yvonne Oneal- Church Pension Fund

Nora Smith- Church leadership, #metoo task force

Jim Forde- Socially Responsible Investing

Theodora Brooks- Social Justice and International Policy

Wendy Canas- Social Justice

Matt Mead- Prayer Book Revision and process questions

Carla Burns- Racial Reconciliation

Winnie Varghese- Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, #metoo task force, and process questions

be a deputy

We elect deputies in 2019, and alternates in 2020 for GC80 in 2021.

If you think you might be interested in being a deputy we'd love to talk to you .

It is an honor to serve God and the Diocese of New York in this way.

Thank you.