

## 2013 Convention Actions

### Constitution & Canons

- Adoption of amendment to Canon 1.2 – Lay Deputies: requires certification of deputies no later than 15 days preceding the convention.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 2.2 – Voting and Elections: deletes the paragraph since duplicative of Canon 1.3.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 4 – Commission on Ministry: establishes four year terms with eligibility to serve two consecutive terms.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 6 – Department of Finance: consistence use of The Episcopal Church.
- Defeat of an amendment to Canon 8.2 – District Convocations: convention voted not to permit affiliation with a district by canonically resident clergy who are not geographically resident in the diocese.
- Adoption of removal of the term Aided Parish in several sections of Canon 9: Canon 9.1 – Classification of Congregations; Canon 9. 4 – Registers and Reports; Canon 9.5 – Qualification of Voters; Canon 9.6 – Qualification of Officers; Canon 9.7 – Boundaries of Parishes, ~~Aided Parishes~~, Incorporated Missions and Missions; Canon 9.8 – Clergy Compensation; (the references to Aided Parishes were not deleted from Canon 9.10 – Incorporated Missions); Canon 9.12 – Emergency Powers.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 9.9 – Aided Parishes: congregations currently classified as aided parishes will continue as such.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 9.3.c – Creation of Missions: deletes reference to Archdeacon and replaces with designee of the bishop.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 9.8 – Clergy Compensation: deleted the words “full time” in provision of not less than the minimum stipend established by convention.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 12 – Archdeacons: grants flexibility to the bishop in the appointment of archdeacons.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 15 – Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy: provides consistent approach and more precise determination of actual amount for distribution for both the Fund and the Automatic Pension Fund.
- Adoption of amendment to Canon 20 – Interpretation of Canons: consistent use of “clergy” to replace “presbyter”; and requires canonically residency for a clergy person to request a chancellor’s opinion.

### Resolutions

#### Resolution 1: Diocesan Mission Enterprise Zones

- Affirms the creation of Mission Enterprise Zones in the diocese
- Affirms the application to the Episcopal Church Mission Enterprise Fund

#### Resolution 2: A Call to Understand Wealth Disparity and the Future of the Diocese of Newark

- Encourages *Diocesan Council* to hold two or more regional hearings to explore the significance of wealth disparity of wealth in our communities and **report results to the 140<sup>th</sup> Convention.**

Resolution 3: Engaging Poverty and the Work of Economic Justice (the resolution was amended)

- Commits the *diocese* to teaching, organizing, preaching, advocating and building mutually transformative relationships with those who are poor to focus the mission of the *diocese* and our *congregations* on reducing poverty and increasing economic and racial justice.

Resolution 4: Responding to Superstorm Sandy and Climate Change

- Urges *congregations* to reduce their annual energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions by at least 10% by 12/31/13.
- Urges *members of all congregations* to reduce their annual energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions by at least 10% by 12/31/13.
- Calls upon *GreenFaith* to plan a Plant-A-Tree program and to report to the diocese.
- Directs the *leadership of the diocesan endowments and investment accounts* to analyze the impact of a plan to divest within 5 years from direct ownership and ownership of comingled funds of the world's leading 200 fossil fuel companies and to **report to the 140<sup>th</sup> Convention**.
- Calls upon the *78<sup>th</sup> General Convention* to direct the *Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of Executive Council* to complete a similar analysis by **June 30, 2016** and present to the Executive Council by **December 31, 2016**.
- Directs the *Secretary of Convention* to convey the resolution to the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of Executive Council with the request for immediate action of a similar analysis for the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention.
- Encourages *Diocesan Council* to partner with *GreenFaith* to implement the resolution and to **report to the 140<sup>th</sup> Convention**.

Resolution 5: A Call for Economic Reconciliation Through Socially Responsible Banking

- Encourages *congregations* to engage in conversations on our relationships to economic inequality and economic class.
- Encourages the *diocese* to study the impact of divesting from bank and financial institutions implicated in the foreclosure and financial crisis.
- Encourages *congregations, members of congregations, the DIT, and other institutions* to conduct the same impact study.
- Encourages *diocese, congregations and individuals* to invest in local financial institution that engage in just economic practices.

Resolution 6: Addressing Violence in Our Communities

- Recognizes that violence is incongruous to our Christian values.
- Encourages the *diocese* to prayer and action to overcome a culture of violence including gun violence.
- Directs the *Justice Board* to oversee this effort and **report to the 140<sup>th</sup> Convention**.

Human Resources Advisory Committee

- Mandated minimum cash salaries for priests (rector, vicar or priest-in-charge), assistants and transitional deacons (3.95%, 4.00% and 3.88% increases for 2014, respectively)
- Recommended merit increase scale for clergy