

# STANDING RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

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### 1. Printing Constitutions (1896)

RESOLVED, that the Constitutions and Canons, and Rules of Order, be each year printed and bound with the Journal of the Diocese.

### 2. Incorporation of Parishes (1896)

RESOLVED, that the Act for the Incorporation of Parishes, as recently amended by the State Legislature, be inserted in the Journal.

### 3. Wardens and Vestrymen (1898)

RESOLVED, that hereafter the names of the Wardens and Vestrymen of each Parish be included in its annual report to this Convention.

### 4. Printing Bishop's Address and Obituaries (1906)

RESOLVED, that 1,500 copies of the Bishop's Convention Address, including the obituary notices, be printed for distribution under his direction.

5. Printed Ballot Unnecessary (1916)

RESOLVED, that whenever but one nomination is made for any elective office, it shall not be necessary for the Secretary of the Convention to prepare a printed ballot.

6. One Day Convention (1934)

RESOLVED, that if it seems advisable to the Bishop of the Diocese to limit the Diocesan Convention to one day, it might be helpful toward that end to begin the Convention with a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 a.m. to be followed immediately by the business session, if the Bishop so desires.

7. Pension Amendments (1935)

RESOLVED, that the Diocesan be upheld in requiring that the acceptance of Letters Dimissory be conditioned on evidence of paid-up pension assessments; or on a financial provision, satisfactory to the Treasurer of the Convention that will pay any arrears within a reasonable time.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocesan be upheld in requiring clergy licensed to officiate in the Diocese to make provision for their being in benefit with the Church Pension Fund, if they are to officiate longer than six months.

RESOLVED, that the Council of the Diocese, through the Department of Mission and Church Extension, require that the Church Pension Fund Assessment, a deferred portion of the salary of a clergyman, have monthly priority over all other expenditures in the budgets of the Missions of the Diocese under its supervision.

8. Pension Assessments (1937, as amended, 1970)

RESOLVED, that whenever any Church or Parish in Union with the Church in this Diocese shall have failed for six months to pay the full amount of its pension assessments to the Church Pension Fund, the Chairman of the Church Pension Fund Committee of the Diocese shall at once notify said Church or Parish of its delinquency and request that payment be made. If such delinquency still exists at the end of fifteen days, the Chairman of the Church Pension Fund Committee shall direct the Treasurer of the Convention to make such payment to the Church Pension Fund as shall meet the requirements and rules of the Church Pension Fund. Such payment when made shall immediately become a charge against the account of said Church or Parish. All such charges remaining unpaid at the end of the fiscal year of the Diocese shall be reported in detail by the Chairman of the Church Pension Fund Committee of the Diocese next regular meeting of the Diocesan Convention, and that report shall be printed in the Journal. No payment made in accordance with this resolution shall in any way affect the enforcement of Canon 15, Sec. (3), and the failure of any Church or Parish to pay the assessments to the Church Pension Fund shall be deemed to be in full effect until all its charges against the accounts shall have been paid.

9. Specials (1943)

WHEREAS, the Diocesan Council's Budget includes "the general work of the Church at home and abroad," and

WHEREAS, General Convention or, in the interim years, the Presiding Bishop and National Council frequently find it right and advisable to present special appeals to the Church because of emergency conditions not foreseen when the regular "general work of the Church" was decided upon; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that, in order to make a clear distinction between the regular and special undertakings of the Church, and to enable each Parish and Mission to present each need clearly and without confusion;

(i) such special objectives be kept separate from the regular undertakings in Diocesan, Parish and Mission Records,

(ii) remittances to the Treasurer of the Convention be marked with specific designations, and

(iii) remittances by the Treasurer of the Convention be similarly and separately designated.

10. Episcopal Acts (1971)

RESOLVED, that the publication of the Episcopal Acts in the Journal of the Convention consist merely of those actions which are distinctly Episcopal Acts.

11. Unpaid Diocesan Assessment Suspense Accounts (1972)

RESOLVED, that the action of the 1937 Convention of the Diocese providing for adjustments and suspensions in the Unpaid Assessment Account of the Parishes and Missions of this Diocese be reaffirmed and all amounts contained in said account as being due from Parishes and Missions shall remain due and shall be repaid out of the proceeds of the dissolution and/or sales of such Diocesan Units, whenever such dissolution and/or sales shall occur.

12. Unpaid Diocesan Assessment (1972)

RESOLVED, that unpaid assessments due and owing from any Diocesan Unit of the Diocese on December 31, 1972 shall remain a charge against such unit until paid or until the Convention directs otherwise.

13. Commission to Study Clergy Salaries (1973, as amended 1978 and 1996)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission to Study Clergy Salaries be directed to prepare and update annually the Clergy Compensation Guide of the Diocese of Long Island for presentation to the annual Diocesan Convention. This Guide will include advice

regarding an appropriate Cost of Living adjustment in clergy compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Diocese of Long Island and all units of the Diocese compensate the clergy in accordance with this guide.

14. Investment Policy (1981)

RESOLVED, that this Convention recommends to the Trustees of the Estate an investment policy akin to that of the Executive Council expressing our concern for persons, for justice, for the environment, and for the self development of people, and report to the next Convention.

15. The Tithe (1983)

WHEREAS, the tithe has been affirmed as the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians by the General Convention, and

WHEREAS, the Deputies and Bishops of the Episcopal Church have pledged themselves to tithe, or to work towards tithing, as a minimum standard of their own giving and of their witness in the world, and

WHEREAS, the Deputies and Bishops have called upon all of the Church to join them in accepting the biblical tithe as the minimum standard of Christian giving; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island accepts the tithe as the minimum standard of giving, pledges its members to tithe or work toward tithing as the minimum standards of their personal giving, and urges the members of the Diocese to do the same,

16. Financial Support for Theological Education (1983)

RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Long Island establishes hereby a plan for the implementation of the action of the 67th General Convention for the funding of accredited seminaries and other programs and institutions of theological education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Parish and Mission of the Diocese of Long Island set and meet a goal of contributing at least 1% of its net disposable budgeted income (item E less line 1754 of the Annual Parochial Report) to one or more of the accredited seminaries of the Church annually; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Vestry and Mission Bishop's Committee shall determine the beneficiary or the beneficiaries of the contribution upon such terms and conditions as they shall deem appropriate taking into consideration the intent of the action of the 67th General Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each such Vestry and Bishop's Committee shall report its implementation of this Resolution with its Annual Parochial report; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a standing committee of the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island be designated to receive such reports of the implementation of this Resolution and report the same to each next succeeding Convention of the Diocese of Long Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said standing committee of the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island work with the Parishes and Missions and the Board of Theological Education, the seminaries, their Boards of Trustees, and the Council of Deans to strengthen this partnership and to improve the dialogue between the same by the dissemination of information regarding the mission, goals and quality of theological education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Parishes and Missions be equally encouraged to support other programs and institutions of theological education that are important to their educational and missionary goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Standing Resolution of the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island take effect upon the rising of the 117th Annual Convention.

17. Housing Equity Allowance for Clergy (1987)

RESOLVED, that beginning in 1987 all Canonically Resident clergy active in the Diocese of Long Island who are being provided with housing the local Congregation or church employing agency, and are not receiving a housing allowance towards ownership in such housing, be paid a Housing Equity Allowance by the local Congregation or the church employing agency equal to 3% of the amount recorded as their "COMPENSATION" by the Church Pension Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Estate be empowered by the 120th Convention of the Diocese to establish, control, and direct a fund to fulfill the intent of the above resolution together with such administrative regulations as may be needful, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this be a Standing Resolution of the 120th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island.

18. On the Rights of Youth to have a Seat and a Voice But No Vote at Convention

WHEREAS young people in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island are filled with love of God and Church and have the faith, enthusiasm, desire, and energy to accomplish much for God's Kingdom, and have shown awareness of the importance of the Church in today's society;

WHEREAS, youth are a significant segment of society and should be given the right and opportunity to be heard along with the other responsible voices of the Church;

WHEREAS the sacrament of Holy Baptism is to be a sign of full membership in the Body of Christ and the Church;

WHEREAS Title II, Canon 2, Section III, defines Communicants in Good Standing as persons "who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God,"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island declare its desire that the Cathedral and each parish and mission in good standing be entitled and encouraged to include one qualified ongoing person in its delegation to the next Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, and that such person be known as Adjunct Youth Delegate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Youth Delegates will be in addition to the delegates provided for in Article 3(C) of the Constitution of this Diocese and in Title II, Canon 4, Section II, of the Canon of the Diocese; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these Youth Delegates to the Convention shall be seated with voice but no vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Youth Delegates shall be selected by the youth in each parish or mission to serve as their representative, or, if no active youth group exists in a parish or mission, then the Youth delegate shall be selected by the same means as the regular adult delegate(s), and his or her name shall be included on the Certificate of Election sent to the Secretary of the Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as the seating of Adjunct Youth Delegates has been customary for three years, this be approved as a Standing Resolution by the 129th Convention of the Diocese.

19. On the Rights of Youth to Have a Seat, Voice and Vote on Board of Managers of Camp DeWolfe, Diocesan Youth Ministries and Diocesan Council

WHEREAS young people in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island have faith, energy, and a desire to accomplish much for God's Kingdom, and have shown awareness of the importance of their involvement in the future of their Church communities;

WHEREAS youth are the future of the Church and each parish and mission Youth Representatives should be given the right to be heard along with other responsible voices of the Church;

WHEREAS upon receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism is to be a sign of full membership in the Body of Christ and the Church;

WHEREAS Title 2, Canon 2, Section 3, defines Communicants in good standing as persons "who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island declare its desire that the Cathedral and each parish and mission in good standing be entitled and encouraged to include one qualified on going person in its delegation to serve as candidate for a proposed seat on one of the above listed boards of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, and that said person be known as Board Youth Candidate; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that these youth candidates shall be selected by the same means as the regular adult delegate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two youth candidates from each Archdeaconry will be selected, from submitted parish or mission candidate lists, by Diocesan Youth Ministries Youth Council to become Youth Representative for one of the above boards for a one year term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as the youth are the future of the diocese, this be approved as a standing resolution by the 132<sup>nd</sup> Convention.