



The Episcopal Church on record and in action at the 76th 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 a new role, lay evangelist, to the list of possible licensed ministries in our ministry canons ([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 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 called the church to speak out against domestic violence and for clergy and lay leaders to be trained in its prevention ([D096](#))

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

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* ([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 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 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](#))