
RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 231st CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

The following resolutions were passed at the 231st Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey held in Princeton, New Jersey on February 27–28, 2015.

The Statements in Support by the proposers are not part of the resolutions as passed and are thus omitted here but can be found in the Final Report of the Committee, Document 32.

The following texts are subject to correction by the Committee on Validation of the Minutes, as provided in Canon 6 of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Terry L. Martin., Chair
Committee on Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2015-2:

Subject: A Reaffirmation of the 200th Convention Resolution 2004-1 Concerning the Victims at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in this the 14th Anniversary Year of September 11, 2001

Be it resolved, That the 231st Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey reaffirm the 220th Diocesan Convention's Resolution 2004-1; and be it

Further resolved, That that we continually pray for all those lost on September 11, 2001, for all others lost at the hand of terrorism, for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the days since the attacks, for those who still suffer in body and mind as a result of terrorist attacks, and for all those we call peacemakers; and be it

Further resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive Council Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking for Mission of The Episcopal Church, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, and the House of Bishops.

RESOLUTION 2015-3:

Subject: 2015 General Convention to Reimagine the Denominational Health Plan

Be It Resolved, That the 231st Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey submit the following Memorial for consideration at the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in July 2015:

TITLE: Reimagine Denominational Health Plan

The Diocese of New Jersey memorializes the General Convention to adopt such resolutions as may be necessary to bring the costs of the Denominational Health Plan into line with health-insurance costs otherwise available to congregations on the open market, or in the alternative

provide provisions for opting out of such Plan regardless of qualification for federal premium tax credits.

RESOLUTION 2015-4:

Subject: Including Anti-Racism Training in Diocesan Letters of Agreement

Be it resolved, That the requirement of anti-racism training for all bishops, priests, deacons, and diocesan staff, regardless of title or position, be included in all future letters of agreement; and be it

Further resolved, That the 231st Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey reaffirms our diocesan 2½-day anti-racism trainings to be the vehicle for the fulfillment of this requirement; and be it

Further resolved, That fulfillment of this requirement is to take place prior to ordination for all seminarians and those in the School for Deacons and within 24 months of canonical residency, diocesan licensure, or the start of a new ministry for all others; and be it

Further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Canon for Transition Ministry and Clergy Development for inclusion in the template from which future letters of agreement are written for all diocesan clergy, and to our Diocesan Bishop and Canon to the Ordinary for inclusion in the template from which future letters of agreement are written for all diocesan staff.

RESOLUTION 2015-5:

Subject: Economic and Racial Justice in the Selection of Venues for Diocesan Events

Be it resolved, That, as soon as current contractual obligations allow, future venues for all diocesan events and activities, including but not limited to Diocesan Conventions and Clergy Conferences, be selected in ways that will further the cause of economic and racial justice; and be it

Further resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to diocesan committee and commission chairs and all other persons responsible for selecting and contracting with venues for diocesan events and activities; and be it

Further resolved, That all members of the Diocese of New Jersey be encouraged to continue educating themselves regarding the realities of economic and racial injustice and to use that knowledge in addressing racial and economic disparities in their own communities and congregations.