

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 2012 CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

The following resolutions were passed at the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on March 2–3, 2012. Other proposals were defeated or withdrawn.

Proposed Resolutions 2011-4 and 2011-6 had been referred last year to the Investment Advisory Committee to report to the 228th Convention. Their report this year (Document 38) recommended that these proposals be replaced by their implementing resolution, which was adopted as follows:

Be it resolved, That the Statement of Investment, Spending and Conflict of Interest Policies developed by the Investment Advisory Committee and presented as part of its report to Convention be adopted as the governing policy statement to be complied with by the Bishop and the various Boards of the Diocese with investment and/or spending authority over Diocesan Trust Funds.

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 39.

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,

Paul Ambos, Esq., Chair
Committee on Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2012-1:

Subject: Honoring and Continuing Anti-Racist Leadership in the Diocese

Be it resolved, That this 228th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey honor the Right Reverend George E. Cuncell for his consistent modeling of anti-racist leadership in word and deed, and for his unwavering support of the ongoing work for justice by our Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission and Team; and be it

Further resolved, That this Convention give thanks that the result of Bishop Cuncell's advocacy has been the steadfast nurture of a growing anti-racist culture in our diocese marked by significant and welcome progress toward that aim; and be it

Further resolved, That our next diocesan bishop be a trained and proven anti-racist, prepared to continue the good work that Bishop Cuncell has so tirelessly fostered; and be it

Further resolved, That, to implement that goal, General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 be applied to require all members of our Episcopal Election Committee to receive anti-racism training, without impact to the Diocesan budget, so that such education in the analysis of systemic racism may positively influence our Diocesan Profile and the eventual election of the Twelfth Bishop of the

Diocese of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION 2012-8:

Subject: General Convention Resolution: New Ministries to Community Colleges

Be it resolved, That the Two Hundred Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey submit the following resolution to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to the Episcopal Church Strategic Planning Survey Report's statement that "The Church needs to see campus ministry and young adult ministry as the most important evangelism and mission area there is. It is where our culture is the most dynamic, most committed, most culturally diverse;" and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the increasing importance of community colleges as critical places for evangelism and Christian formation, particularly among racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse populations; and be it further

Resolved, That to respond to this pastoral need, the General Convention support the creation of two new campus ministries at community colleges in each of the nine Provinces of The Episcopal Church and provide training for local leaders of these mission activities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center, in cooperation with the Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry, to oversee a process for application for and allocation of grants to fund these new missions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$760,000 for the implementation of this Resolution.

Explanation:

In the current economy, a four-year college education is increasingly expensive and is financially accessible to fewer people. At the same time, there is a trend toward higher enrollments at community colleges, which offer broader access to higher education for socioeconomically and ethnically diverse populations. It is important for The Episcopal Church to take note of such trends, and respond boldly by starting new ministries at community colleges as the focal point of accessibility for higher education.