
RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 237th CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

The following resolutions were passed at the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey held in Trenton, New Jersey and virtually by Zoom on March 6, 2021. This listing includes resolutions proposed by the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation as well as through the Committee on Resolutions.

The Report of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation appears as Document 7 of the Reports to the Convention. The Final Report of the Committee on Resolutions appears as Document 20. The Statements in Support by the proposers in the latter report are not part of the resolutions as passed and are thus omitted here.

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.

STANDING COMMISSION ON CLERICAL COMPENSATION IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey confirm the recommendation of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation, that the rate for supply clergy be increased to \$200 for one service, \$265 for two services, and \$110 for weekday services, as of July 1, 2021.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RESOLUTION 2021-1:

Subject: Remembering the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center Victims

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey reaffirm Resolution 2004-1 of the 220th Convention of the Diocese; and be it

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

Further resolved, That churches of the Diocese on September 11, 2021 join in observing the Six Moments of Silence that mark the loss of life in New York City, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia:

1. At 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York.
2. At 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

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3. At 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense.
 4. At 9:59 a.m., the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed.
 5. At 10:03 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others.
 6. At 10:29 a.m., the North Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed;
and be it

Further resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RESOLUTION 2021-2

Subject: Remembering the Victims and Survivors of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey commend the reading of the names of those parish members lost to COVID on the anniversary date of November 17, 2021; and be it

Further resolved, That we continually pray for those who have perished, and for those who survived, and that God's Grace will heal and comfort all those affected and restore them to health, this we pray; and be it

Further resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RESOLUTION 2021-3

Subject: Commission on Black Ministry Authorization for Funding Recommendations

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey provide the authority to the Commission on Black Ministry of the Diocese of New Jersey (the "COBM") to collaboratively evaluate and provide funding and strategic recommendations for the ministry of the historically Black congregations; and be it

Further resolved, That funds be set aside annually from the Board of Missions, the Mission Renewal Fund, and other Diocesan Trust Funds for the ministry of the historically Black congregations, with the COBM providing critical input on the disbursement of these funds; and be it

Further resolved, That a financial report of these funds be shared annually and the fund amount be periodically evaluated and adjusted as needed; and be it

Further resolved, That the COBM's decision-making role be publicly communicated by the Diocese to these congregations.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RESOLUTION 2021-4:

Subject: Recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey recognize and acknowledge that:

- Christopher Columbus, a man who is known for having "discovered" the Americas, came upon land that was already inhabited by Indigenous Peoples; and
- Columbus's voyage to the Americas opened the door to crimes, including but not limited to the introduction of transatlantic slavery and genocidal acts against Indigenous People; and
- Indigenous Peoples were promised security and protection but instead were forcibly relocated and their land seized to allow for European settlements; and
- The territory of the Diocese of New Jersey was historically inhabited by the Lenape people; and
- The idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations; and
- The Diocese of New Jersey recognizes and acknowledges the significant contributions made in our community by Indigenous Peoples and commits to ensure greater access and opportunity for continued contribution; and
- The Diocese of New Jersey has the opportunity and means to cultivate a community that honors and respects the diverse history of our community; and
- The second Monday in October should be recognized for the original inhabitants of the Americas: Indigenous Peoples;

and be it

Further resolved, That the Diocese of New Jersey join communities across America in recognizing and promoting the well-being and understanding of the contributions of Indigenous communities by the annual recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day, commencing Monday, October 11th, 2021.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RESOLUTION 2021-5:

Subject: Memorial for George Phelps Mellick Belshaw

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey recognize that:

- It pleased God to call George Phelps Mellick Belshaw into His nearer presence, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, on February 29, 2020, and
- Bishop Belshaw was born in Plainfield, New Jersey, in 1929, and
- He was a graduate of St. Paul's School, the University of the South, and the General Theological Seminary, and
- He was ordained to the diaconate and to the priesthood in 1954, and
- He faithfully served parish ministries throughout the Episcopal Church, including St. Matthew's in Waimanalo, Oahu, Hawaii, Christ Church in Dover, Delaware, and St. George's By-the-River in the Borough of Rumson, New Jersey, and
- He had a long and fruitful relationship with the General Theological Seminary, serving as a Fellow and Tutor and later as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and was awarded the Clement Clark Moore medal in 2007, and
- He was elected Suffragan Bishop of New Jersey in 1975 and Bishop Coadjutor in 1982, becoming the Ninth Bishop of New Jersey in 1983, and
- He served the people of the Diocese of New Jersey with faithful care, boldly proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, supporting all of its members in their gifts and ministries, nourishing them from the riches of God's grace, praying for them without ceasing, and celebrating with them the sacraments of our redemption, and
- He was a devoted husband to Betsy, loving father to Richard, Lisa, and George Jr., and grandfather to Emily, Daniel, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Martha, Alice, and George III;

and be it

Further resolved, That this Convention give thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by the Right Reverend George Phelps Mellick Belshaw; and be it

Further resolved, That the Convention extend its heartfelt sympathy and care to his children and grandchildren on this first anniversary of his death; and be it

Further resolved, That copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Convention and that copies be sent to his children and grandchildren.