

**DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
227TH CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2010**

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee received twelve resolutions. Three of these, R-1 through R-3, are Resolutions of Courtesy or Commemoration. These were not presented at the pre-convention meetings, as they are not likely to be the subject of any debate. They will be presented as a package for approval early in the 227th Convention. This is the “consent calendar” procedure that has been used successfully for several years. If a deputy knows of a reason why any of these resolutions should be heard separately, he/she should speak to the Dispatch of Business to have that resolution removed from the consent calendar for a separate vote.

Resolutions R-4 through R-12, along with the budgetary resolutions, were presented for discussion at six pre-convention meetings held during September and early October at various locations throughout our diocese. Total attendance for the pre-convention meetings this year was approximately 305 people, which shows an increase in participation over last year. The final versions of some resolutions reflect changes made as a result of suggestions given during the pre-convention meeting process.

RA-2011 RESOLUTION ON CLERGY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT

The amount requested, \$110,000, is the same amount as last year. The assessment will be \$118,280. It was explained that since some congregations are not meeting their assessment, the higher amount must be apportioned to receive the needed \$110,000.

RB-2011 ON CLERGY COMPENSATION

The 2011 salary guidelines have not been changed from the 2010 figures.

R-BUD-2011

Members of the Program Budget Committee presented the proposed 2011 program budget at each of the six pre-convention meetings. There were some questions about specifics for particular line items, including questions about funding for our mission congregations. Members of the Program Budget Committee answered the questions. The budget generated little discussion this year, although concern was expressed about what will happen if the income proves to be less than expected. The narrative portion of the budget was appreciated. The Program Budget Committee was thanked for their work. The Resolutions Committee recommends approval of R-BUD-2011, along with RA-2011 and RB-2011.

Three resolutions were received for proposed canonical changes. All were submitted by our diocesan Committee on Canons. The Resolutions Committee commends the hard and complex work done by the Committee on Canons and thanks them for it. The proposed changes to Canon 22, implementation of Title IV, will bring the Diocese of Pennsylvania into compliance with the canons of The Episcopal Church. The Resolutions Committee recommends approval.

The other recommended revisions to canons will make changes in the way the diocese is organized and administered. Deliberations about such things are central to the work of Diocesan Convention. The Resolutions Committee does not want to influence the Convention’s decisions by recommending or not recommending the proposed canonical revisions.

The Resolution on Diocesan Leadership, R-7, generated a number of questions and some discussion at each of the pre-convention meetings. Again, the Resolutions Committee does not want to influence the Convention's decisions by recommending or not recommending this resolution.

Resolutions R-8 through R-12 were generally well received at all of the pre-convention meetings, and the Resolutions Committee recommends approval of each of these resolutions.

We would like to thank all who participated in the pre-convention meetings for their time and thoughtful comments.

Respectfully Submitted,
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