

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA 226th CONVENTION NOVEMBER 14, 2009

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee received eight resolutions. There were no proposed canonical changes this year. 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 226th 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-8, along with the budgetary resolutions, were presented for discussion at six pre-convention meetings held during September and early October at various locations throughout of our diocese. Total attendance for the pre-convention meetings this year was approximately 260 people.

RA-2010 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-2010 ON CLERGY COMPENSATION

The 2010 salary guidelines have not been changed from the 2009 figures.

R-BUD 2010

Members of the Program Budget Committee presented the proposed 2010 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 was well received, and several people commented that the 2010 budget is more realistic than budgets in recent years. The narrative portion of the budget was appreciated. The budget generated much less discussion than in previous years. The Program Budget Committee was thanked for their work.

The Committee on Resolutions recommends approval of R BUD 2010, along with RA 2010 and RB 2010.

All resolutions were well received at the pre-convention meetings. There was some discussion about the appropriate verb (encourage, request, authorize), when a resolution asks for action from the bishop. The final versions of some resolutions reflect changes as a result of suggestions made during the pre-convention meeting process. An earlier

version of R-8 asked for youth voice and vote on vestries, where not prohibited by law. This resolution was revised after consultation with the Chancellor, since Pennsylvania law includes these restrictions.

The Committee on Resolutions recommends approval of all resolutions presented at the pre-convention meetings.

We have noted that the total attendance at pre-convention meetings was significantly lower this year. In previous years, total attendance has been 400-500. This year, total attendance was 260. This could be the result of holding fewer meetings.

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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