



Floor Resolutions As Amended and Passed at the 224th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the

Diocese of South Carolina

March 14, 2015

Resolution R-1 Required Bonding of Treasurers

Whereas the current canon regarding the bonding of diocesan and parish treasurers is no longer consistent with modern practice, therefore

Be it resolved that Section 3 of Canon X be amended to read

Section 3. The Treasurer shall keep in force at Diocesan expense a blanket fidelity bond of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) on the Treasurers of all - Diocesan organizations as designated by the Finance Department.

and,

Be it further resolved that Section 3 of Canon XXXII be amended to read:

Section 3. Treasurers and custodians, other than banking institutions, shall be adequately bonded; except Treasurers of funds which do not exceed five hundred dollars at any one time during the fiscal year. Parishes are encouraged to consult with their insurer to determine the appropriate level of coverage required for their congregation.

Resolution R-2 A Resolution Tasking the Standing Committee to Adopt Marriage and Employment Policy

Whereas, the courts in the United States have increasingly rejected the traditional understanding of marriage, that it is between one man and one woman and,

Whereas, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina will continue to support, advocate for and conduct only a traditional understanding of marriage, and

Whereas, it is important for pastoral, theological and legal reasons that this Diocese be clear about its position on these issues,

Therefore be it resolved that this Diocese asks the Standing Committee to work with the Task Force on Marriage to develop and adopt those policies necessary to clearly articulate both our practice in these areas and the doctrinal foundations underlying them, and

Be it further resolved that Standing Committee be prepared to present recommendations to be acted upon at the 2016 Diocesan Convention for any such canonical changes as may be needed to fully implement said policies.

Resolution R-3 A Resolution Directing the Task Force to Develop Parish Resources

Whereas American culture is arguably in a state of unparalleled confusion in the areas of marriage and gender identity, and

Whereas the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina are in need of the tools to address this confusion, both within the Church and in our engagement with the culture,

Therefore be it resolved that this Convention asks the Diocesan Marriage Task Force to continue the work of developing those resources, making timely reports of their progress to the Standing Committee and presenting its recommendations to this Convention when it next convenes in 2016.

Resolution R-4 A Resolution to Adopt a Standing Resolution on Marriage

Whereas it is important in a time of cultural uncertainty, that the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina have a clear doctrinal expression of its position regarding the nature of Christian Marriage as practiced by this Church,

Therefore be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution of the Convention be adopted;

God wonderfully creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex opposes God's purpose in creation (Mark 10:6).

The term "**marriage**" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) God's good intention for us is that sexual intimacy is to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) For the blessing and protection of our families, particularly our children, God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

Because God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man and a woman, The Diocese will only recognize and solemnize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman, that is between two persons whose birth gender identities were respectively male and female. Further, the clergy and staff of The Diocese shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one man and one woman. The facilities and property of The Diocese shall only host weddings between one man and one woman.

Resolution R-5 Resolution to Rescind Standing Resolutions regarding Sewanee

Whereas the current relationship of the Diocese with the University of the South at Sewanee no longer affords us the privilege of the election of Trustees,

Be it resolved that Standing Resolutions #5 and #7 are hereby repealed.