

# How Resolutions Move Through General Convention

## THERE ARE FOUR SOURCES OF RESOLUTIONS - A,B,C,& D

When our representatives gather in General Convention they take council together through a legislative process. The legislative process begins with resolutions that are proposed by Deputies, Bishops, Committees, Commissions, Agencies, Boards, Provinces, and Dioceses of the Episcopal Church.



The resolutions of the General Convention when adopted by the House of Deputies (lay and clergy) and the House of Bishops become the Acts of the General Convention and govern the way we as a community of believers agree to live our understanding of the Christian faith.

**A** Submitted by Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Boards (Also known as CCABs)

**B** Submitted by Bishops

**C** Submitted by Dioceses or Provinces

**D** Submitted by Deputies

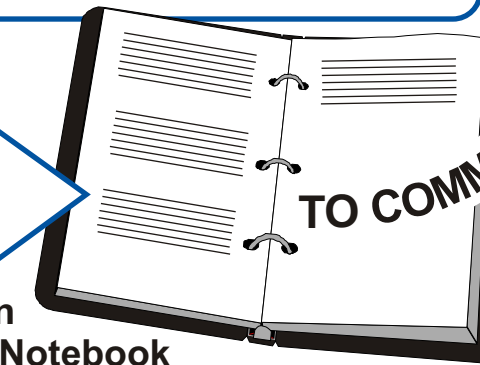
Submitted via the General Convention web site



"A" resolutions appear in the Reports to the General Convention - which is also known as the Blue Book



"B" "C" "D" resolutions will appear in the General Convention Notebook and will go to Legislative Committees



The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies assign each resolution to one of the parallel or joint legislative committees in the House of Bishops and in the House of Deputies. They also designate the resolutions to start in one House or the other. Parallel committees meet jointly to review resolutions and hold hearings, but vote separately on their recommendations.

- 01 Dispatch of Business
- 02 Certification of Minutes
- 03 Rules of Order
- 04 Constitution
- 05 Canons
- 06 Structure
- 07 Consecration of Bishops
- 08 World Mission
- 09 National and International Concerns
- 10 Social and Urban Affairs
- 11 Church in Small Communities
- 12 Evangelism
- 13 Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
- 14 Ministry
- 15 Education
- 16 Church Pension Group
- 17 Stewardship and Development
- 18 Ecumenical Relations
- 19 Communications
- 22 Committees and Commissions
- 23 Credentials
- 25 Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

Resolutions with funding implications also go to the Program, Budget & Finance Committee for review.

**1** RESOLUTIONS ARE PROPOSED

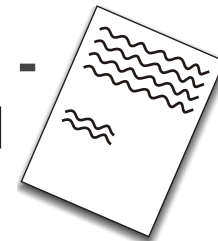
**2** RESOLUTIONS GET DIRECTED TO A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**3** HEARINGS ARE HELD AT CONVENTION

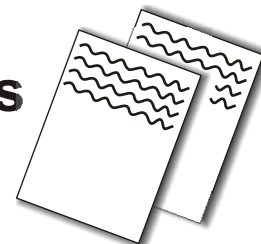
Resolution is accepted as is



Resolution is amended - language is changed



Resolution is with combined another



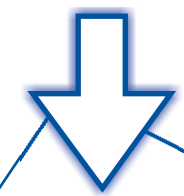
Resolution is endorsed **Yes** or not **No** or no recommendation

*The House of Bishops*    *The House of Deputies*



Here resolutions are debated, amended, and then voted upon. If a resolution is adopted by one House, it will then go to the other House for debate, possible amendment, and vote. Both Houses must concur on a resolution for it to be finally adopted by the General Convention.

~~No~~  
**Yes**



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**4** DECISIONS ARE MADE BY COMMITTEES

**5** DEBATES AND VOTING BY EACH HOUSE

**6** ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ARE ACTS OF CONVENTION