



Proposed Resolutions
2023 Diocesan Convention
The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina (“the Diocese”)

R-1 Affirming the Change in the Incorporated Name of the Diocese

Whereas the litigation with The Episcopal Church (TEC) and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (TECSC) is now concluded and,

Whereas the Federal Court orders of 9-19-19 and 12-18-19 no longer allow use of certain historic names; specifically, “Diocese of South Carolina,” The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, “ and “The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina” and,

Whereas we have consequently been publicly doing business since that time as “The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina” and,

Whereas the conduct of legal and financial business of the Diocese requires all our public and legal identities to be in agreement, therefore be it

Resolved that the 2023 Convention affirms the actions of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in its adoption of a new incorporated name for the Diocese: “The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.”

R-2 Amending the Canons to Reflect the Change in the Legal Name of the Diocese

Whereas this Diocese has changed its legal and operating name to reflect its ongoing identity as a historic diocese in the ACNA and the larger Anglican Communion, therefore be it

Resolved by the 2023 Diocesan Convention that the language of the Diocesan Canons be amended to reflect this change in our legal names.

[Note: Canon XXXVI of the Diocese requires all such changes to the Canons be adopted by a 2/3rds vote of the Convention. The details of the proposed changes were provided in the convention packets provided to the deputies in advance of Convention.]

R-3 Amending the Constitution to Reflect the Change in the Legal Name of the Diocese

Whereas this Diocese has changed its legal and operating name to reflect its ongoing identity as a historic diocese in the ACNA and the larger Anglican Communion, therefore be it

Resolved by the 2023 Diocesan Convention that the language of the Diocesan Constitution be amended to reflect this change in our legal names.

[Note: Article X of the Constitution of the Diocese requires all such changes to the Constitution be adopted by a majority vote of this Convention and a 2/3rds majority vote of a successive Convention. The details of the proposed changes were provided in the convention packets provided to the deputies in advance of Convention.]

R-4 Amending the Canon to Remove Reference to Institutions the Diocese No Longer Has Affiliation with

Resolved that this Diocese remove the following Canons in their entirety to accurately reflect our current relationship with these institutions and the consequences of our concluded litigation with TEC and TECSC

- Canon XII – The Trustees of the Diocese, removal of the references to the Trustees throughout the Canons, including Canons III.3, XIX.3-4, XXIV and XXXI.8.
- Canon XIV – Of the Episcopal Church Home for Children (hereinafter York Place)
- Canon XV – Of the Episcopal Church Home (*a.k.a. Bishop Gadsden*)
- Canon XVI – Of the South Carolina Episcopal Home at Still Hopes

Notes:

- *Canon XII – The Trustees of the Diocese*
 - o *The State Supreme Court's ruling determined that TECSC is the beneficiary of the Trustees. This Diocese is no longer a beneficiary of the work of the Trustees and, pursuant to the Diocesan Settlement Agreement with TECSC, is no longer entitled to election of its board members.*
 - o *Additional references are made to the Trustees in Canons III.3 (), XIX.3-4 (Financial reporting), XXIV (elections) and XXXI.8 (report to Diocesan Convention).*
- *Canon XIV – Of the Episcopal Church Home for Children (hereinafter York Place)*
 - o *The institution named in our Canons no longer exists as named here and our Diocese has no relationship with its successor organization.*
- *Canon XV – Of the Episcopal Church Home*
 - o *The Episcopal Church Home (a.k.a. Bishop Gadsden) is no longer directly affiliated with this Diocese nor do we have representation on their board.*
- *Canon XVI – Of the South Carolina Episcopal Home at Still Hopes*
 - o *This Diocese is no longer affiliated with Still Hopes, nor do we have representation on their board.*

R-5 Amending the Standing Resolutions of the Diocese to Reflect Our Actual Relationships

Whereas this Diocese has experienced changes in its relationship with several institutions named in its Standing Resolutions, therefore be it

Resolved that Standing Resolution 10 be removed, as we no longer have electing authority for Board of Trustee members for Porter Gaud, and be it further

Resolved that Standing Resolution 12 be removed, as York Place home for children is no longer in existence and be it further

Resolved that Standing Resolution 14 be removed as it references the 1979 BCP as the teaching authority regarding wills for clergy in parishes; an authority it no longer has and a teaching that is not directed anywhere in the governing documents of the ACNA or this Diocese.

With all such remaining Standing Resolutions to be renumbered accordingly.

Note: *Standing Resolutions of the Diocese may be amended or removed by a 2/3rd vote of the Convention (Canon XXXI, Rule 25).*

R-6 Amending the Constitution to provide that the Standing Committee is the Board of Directors of the Diocese.

Whereas, in 1973 the Diocese incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the laws of South Carolina require that a non-profit corporation have a board of directors which shall have authority over all corporate powers of the corporation, and that such powers may be delegated; and

Whereas, the Standing Committee of the Diocese serves as the Board of Directors of the Diocese, as previously resolved in Standing Resolution #15, but the Constitution of the Diocese has not so expressly stated;

Therefore, Article VIII of the Constitution shall be amended to insert the following section, with the remainder of the Article renumbered accordingly:

“Section 3. The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in accordance with the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Standing Committee is the Board of Directors of the corporation. No member of the Standing Committee may be removed, replaced, or a vacancy filled except by compliance with the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, the Bylaws of the Diocese, and the Constitution of the Diocese.”

Therefore, be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #15 be removed as it is redundant to Article VIII.3 as amended.

R-7 Amending the References to the Treasurer in Article V of the Constitution

Whereas, the current references to the treasurer of the diocese in Article V all refer exclusively, with one initial exception, to the Treasurer as “he”, and

Whereas, this diocese intends no such gender restriction upon who may serve as Treasurer, therefore be it

Resolve that the language of the Article V be amended throughout to replace all references to the office as simply “Treasurer”.

R-8 Amending the References to the Treasurer in Canon X of the canons

Whereas, the current references to the treasurer of the diocese in Canon X all refer exclusively, with one initial exception, to the Treasurer as “he”, and

Whereas, this diocese intends no such gender restriction upon who may serve as Treasurer, therefore be it

Resolved that the language of the Canon X be amended throughout to replace all references to the office as simply “Treasurer”.

R-9 Amending the Definition of Worship in Canon XXXVIII

Whereas, the current definition of worship in Canon XXXVIII makes no reference to use of the 2019 Book of Common Prayer, and

Whereas, the Bishop historically and by Provincial Canon has authority over the rites of worship in the Diocese (Title II, Canon 2, Section 2), Convention therefore

Resolves that these additions be incorporated by the replacement of the current definition with the following:

"Worship" in The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina shall be those liturgies approved by the ecclesiastical authority including those liturgies described by the 2019 ACNA Book of Common Prayer. Further, we receive The Book of Common Prayer as set forth by the Church of England in 1662, together with the Ordinal attached to the same, as a standard for Anglican doctrine and discipline, and, with the Books which preceded it, as the standard for the Anglican tradition of worship. Also approved are the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and the 2003 Book of Occasional Services. All other liturgies shall require the express approval by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.