

80th

General
Convention
of the
Episcopal
Church

*Baltimore, Maryland
July 8-11, 2022*

What is the General Convention (GC)?

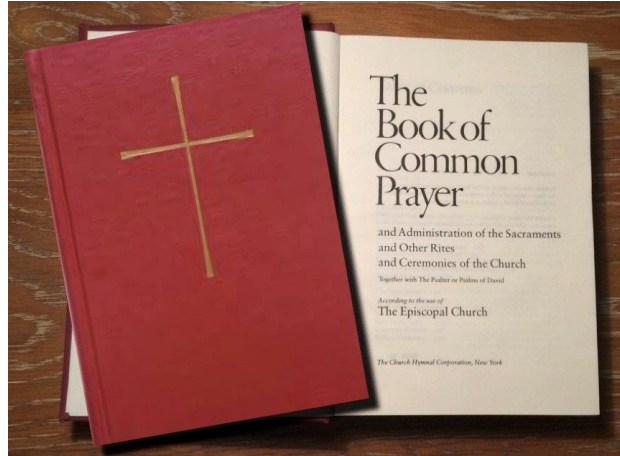
- The **ultimate temporal authority** (*Worldly Governing Body*) of the Episcopal Church.
- **Bicameral Legislature** – meets every three (3) years. (*Except in pandemics*)
- Composed of deputies (**House of Deputies**) and bishops (**House of Bishops**) from each diocese; each house has a presiding officer.
- **850** deputies and **all** bishops, retired or not.
- Legislation needs to **pass both houses** to become actionable.



GC makes the initiatives of dioceses and churches – what's happening on the ground level – official and actionable across the denomination.



Why does it matter? What do you love?



What happened in Baltimore?

Legislation

Resolutions' Areas of Focus:

- Racial Reconciliation
- Prayer Book/Liturgy
- Creation Care
- Life of the Church
- Church Governance
- Social Justice

431/414



Elections



Julia Ayala Harris elected as new **President** of the House of Deputies to succeed Gay Clark Jennings.

The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton elected as new **Vice-President** of the House of Deputies.

Budget

A228 –
Establishes a
\$100M
Biennium Budget



Why does it matter?

GC80 Resolutions - highlights

RACIAL RECONCILIATION:

A125 – Establishment of Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equality and Justice /
Specifies a 1/10 draw to fund efforts.

A127 – Telling the Truth about The Episcopal Church's History with Indigenous Boarding Schools.

A126 – Review and correction of the Prayer Book for colonial and racist language.

A129 – Forensic audit to better understand the historical origins of Church assets.



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GC80 Resolutions - highlights

PRAYER BOOK/LITURGY:

D025 – Queen Lili‘uokalani, Lesser Feasts & Fasts; referred to interim body.

CREATION CARE:

A087 – Calls the Episcopal Church to commit to a goal of net carbon neutrality by 2030.



SOCIAL JUSTICE:

D083 – Affirms all Episcopalians should be able to access abortion services and birth control with no restriction.

A003 – Urges all dioceses to adopt a uniform paid family leave policy.

CHURCH GOVERNANCE:

A138 – Allowed for Legislative Committee meetings to occur before General Convention.



Resolution D025 –

Queen Lili'uokalani, Lesser Feasts & Fasts

“Nothing affects us with such particularity as this.”

Lesser
Feasts and
Fasts • 2018

HOLY
BIBLE

The
Book of
Common
Prayer

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COLLECT:

Almighty God, we praise your Name for Queen Lili'uokalani, who, in the midst of great adversity remained steadfast in her commitment to peace, forgiveness and of service to you. Accept, we pray, our gratitude for her perseverance, her gift of song, and her love for her people. All this we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A087 — Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030 (*Net Zero*)

CONTEXT:

- Renewable Energy
- 70% by 2030
- Incentives / New Federal Climate Law





WORSHIP

House of Deputies

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We humbly acknowledge the traditional ancestral and contemporary homelands of Indigenous peoples on which we worship and meet today and the days to come. **We recognize** Baltimore is located on unceded lands of the Piscataway and Susquehannock peoples, and that Baltimore is called home by the Cedarville Band of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe. As we gather from places across this country and the globe, **we honor and recognize** the Indigenous peoples of the places we call home. **We recognize** the church's part in the colonialism and oppression of Native peoples, and **we commit to take action and build our awareness of** our historical and current participation.



How can you **be involved?**

Did you know any person in our church can use the channel of our diocesan convention to introduce legislation?

- Good Standing.
- Church delegation may sponsor.
- Diocesan Convention passes resolution → goes to General Convention (GC).
- At GC given to relevant committee; **if passed**, it **moves to** House of Bishops or House of Deputies, **depending** on legislation type.
- **If passes** one house, **must then pass** in the sister house.

Passes = what began as a grassroots resolution in a congregation, becomes legislation of The Episcopal Church.

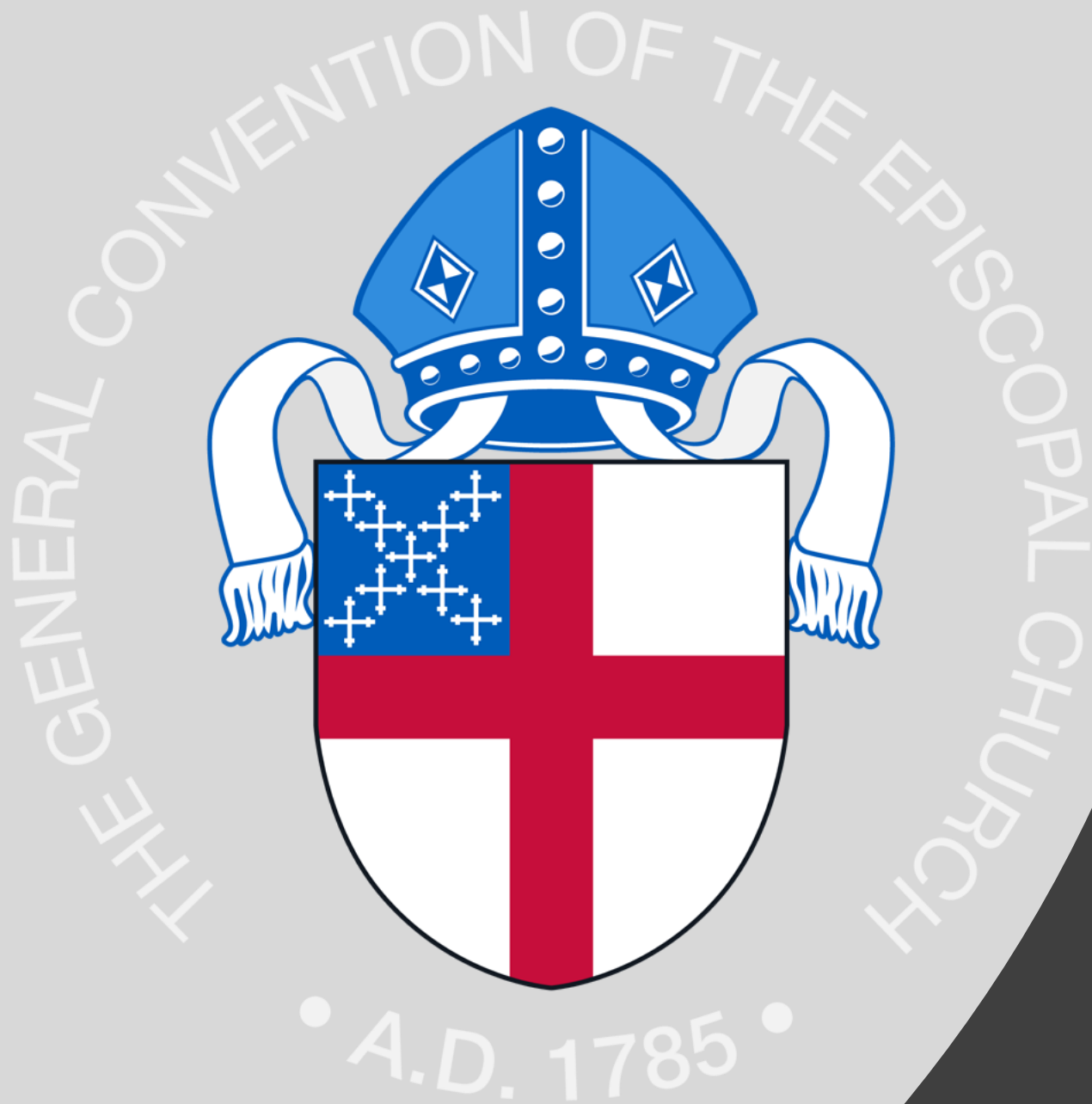


Your Voice Can Be Heard.

How can you **be involved?**

- V-Binder: vbinder.net
- General Convention Connection – *The Hawaiian Church Chronicle*
- **GC Forum** – Deputies to answer questions “all about GC” – Thursday, November 3, from 6:00p – 7:30p **on zoom**





*Louisville,
Kentucky*
2024

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