

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2017

[Please leave this language on your form:] In order that debate may be directed toward the resolution and not toward its justification, only the "RESOLVED..." will be moved. The explanation of the resolution will, however, be distributed to delegates. Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the Diocese, a Vestry, A Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a Diocesan Committee.

TOPIC: Amend Appendix VI. Rule 6.0 Resolutions and Debates by providing for the treatment of resolutions with funding implications, and to provide that any motion from the floor proposing a resolution for which no resolution was timely filed shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee per Canon 5.2.4.

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2 **VI. RESOLUTIONS AND DEBATES**
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4 **6.0** Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee,
5 Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a
6 delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the
7 Diocese, a Vestry, a Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a
8 Diocesan Committee. Resolutions received by the filing deadline of sixty (60) days prior to
9 the opening of Convention, as prescribed by Canon 6.1, shall be published by electronic
10 means. Resolutions filed after that date shall be referred to the Diocesan Council unless
11 placed on the Calendar of the Convention upon a two-thirds majority vote. Blank forms
12 for resolutions and proposed amendments to resolutions shall be available on the
13 Convention website and through the Secretary of Convention. All resolutions filed by the
14 filing deadline shall be promptly reviewed by the appropriate committees, groups or persons
15 vested with the authority for resolution oversight. The sponsors of any resolution filed
16 timely but found to be in improper form or outside the General or Diocesan Canons or
17 Constitution will be advised in writing or electronically of such deficiencies no later than

- 18 thirty (30) days prior to the opening of Convention.
- 19 a. Resolutions requesting funding adopted by Convention are still subject to funding in the
20 final approved budget. Requests for funding during the current fiscal year and therefore
21 requiring amendment of the existing budget by Diocesan Council are referred to Diocesan
22 Council for consideration. Funding requests for a future fiscal year are referred to Diocesan
23 Council for consideration during the budget development process.
- 24 b. In resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution or Canons, the resolution
25 shall present the proposed change in legislative format, with proposed new text underlined
26 and deleted text being stricken through.
- 27 c. All resolutions shall include an explanatory comment and a fiscal note, describing the
28 extent to which funding is required for implementation and the proposed source of any
29 such funding.
- 30 d. For any resolution filed with the Secretary less than ten (10) days prior to the opening of
31 the Convention, the proponent must submit 250 copies to the Secretary for distribution to
32 the Convention.
- 33 e. In the event of any inconsistency or other deficiency, the Committee shall promptly
34 notify the resolution sponsor and endeavor to mutually achieve a resolution to cure the
35 inconsistency or deficiency, or to recognize that the resolution seeks to change or amend
36 the existing provisions or policy.
- 37 f. Any proposed amendment to a resolution on the Calendar of Convention shall be
38 submitted in writing to the Secretary at the time the amendment is made on the floor so it
39 may be projected. The proposed amendment to any Constitutional or Canonical resolution
40 shall be submitted in legislative format. If the proposed amendment has budgetary
41 implications, the proposed amendment must include a fiscal note.

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g. Any motion from the floor proposing a resolution of the Convention for which no resolution has been filed in accordance with these Rules shall be referred by the President to the Resolutions Committee pursuant to Canon 5.2.4.

Date: _____

Moved by Standing Committee

Congregation/Organization: Diocese

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EXPLANATION: This is to address the circumstances and implications of Convention resolutions that have fiscal implications, given that the Convention itself does not approve the budget or have explicit authority to amend the budget. It is intended to coordinate such actions of the Convention with Diocesan Council, for either consideration of an amendment to a current budget or for consideration in the development of the following year's budget. The further amendment is intended to clarify a parliamentary reality regarding substantive motions that are actually properly to be received and considered as resolutions, and processed in accordance with the rules for vetting and publishing of all resolutions from the Convention to assure constitutional, canonical and legal consistency, and evaluation of any fiscal impacts on the Diocese or on the congregations.

Fiscal Note: There are no fiscal implications arising from this amendment.