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Annual Meeting of Convention in the
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(2006) Resolutions from the 111th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles commit itself on behalf of the individuals, parishes and institutions we represent, to reducing the use of combustible fuels in 2007 by 10% from 2006 levels; and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles commit itself and them to monitor the consumption of combustible fuels from all sources, and to renew this commitment in subsequent years; and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles encourage the other Episcopal dioceses in the state of California and the LARC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic) partners of the Diocese of Los Angeles to make a similar commitment.

Resolution regarding Living Wage Revision

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles reaffirm the Resolution D047, "Justice, Respect, and a Living Wage," passed by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting in Columbus, Ohio in 2006, specifically that clause stating: "Resolved, that the Convention commit the Church at all levels to contract solely with union hotels in its meeting, or to obtain confirmation that local prevailing "living wages" are paid by all hotels the church use the Resolution on a Living Wage of the One Hundred Second Annual Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles; and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred eleventh Annual Meeting of Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles redefine the living wage standard established by the Living Wage Resolution of the One Hundred Second Annual Meeting of Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, as: 125% of the most recent federal poverty guideline for a family of four, adjusted and published annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, in the Federal Register (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/06poverty.html>); be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles follow this living wage standard and be the minimum compensation paid lay employees of all parishes, missions, and institutions of the Diocese.

Resolution regarding Response to B033

Resolved, that the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles voice protest and disagreement with Resolution B033 of the Seventy-Fifth General Convention of the Episcopal Church as inconsistent with both Title III, Canon 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our baptismal covenant to love and respect the dignity of every human being; and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles repent of the continuing discrimination against lesbian, gay,

bisexual and transgendered people that B033 encourages and authorizes and reaffirms the full inclusion of all sisters and brothers in Christ, regardless of sexual orientation, into all areas of the life of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles call upon the Bishops and Standing Committee of this Diocese to uphold canon law in both letter and spirit when considering consents to the consecrations of new bishops.

Resolution regarding Compensation Standards for Clergy

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles adopt the minimum standards of clergy compensation for full-time priests- in-charge, interims, vicars, and rectors to be \$5,000 over the minimum standards established by Diocesan Council at its meeting July 13, 2006; and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles establish that clergy minimum standards will increase by \$3,000 for every five years of service to a maximum of 30 years of service in ordained ministry as defined by the Church Pension Fund; be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles establish that the minimum standards of clergy compensation established by Diocesan Convention be implemented by parishes, missions, and institutions by the year 2009.

Resolution regarding FICA Payments for Clergy (actually SEA not FICA)

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles require that all parishes, missions, and institutions of the Diocese pay a minimum of 50% of FICA as part of clergy compensation by the year 2009.

Resolution regarding Establishment of a Compensation Committee

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles request that the Bishop establish a Commission to implement a Compensation Support Plan to assist congregations with clergy compensation as standards of clergy compensation increase.

(2007) Resolutions from the 112th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding the 2006 General Convention Resolution D046

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles affirm the 2006 General Convention Resolution D046 and the Covenant of Faith signed at Jamestown, VA in 1997, and designates the decade of 2007 to 2017 as the “Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation,” during which the Diocese will take such steps as are necessary to fully recognize and welcome Indigenous Peoples into congregational life; be intentional in our effort towards developing partnership relationships with Indigenous People living with our Diocesan boundaries, extend ourselves in outreach with Indigenous People throughout the Episcopal Church, celebrate culturally inclusive and reflective liturgy, and support the spiritual, cultural, and social values of Indigenous People.

Resolution regarding the Diocesan Companion Relationship with Jerusalem

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles renew our relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for an additional three-year cycle.

Resolution regarding the Millennium Development Goals

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles revise the existing Policy for Parental Leave from the Diocesan Policies, Procedures, and Protocols Manual, to provide parental leave of 12 weeks at full pay with the option of 4 additional weeks to be taken without pay. Accrued vacation could be used during this latter period. This policy would apply at either the birth or adoption of a child, and would apply to all full-time clergy and lay employees who have been working for the congregation for at least one full year.

Resolution regarding a Diocesan Policy for Parental Leave

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles commend the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to all parishioners, missions, and parishes within the Los Angeles Diocese as an important way to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant and to express the hunger of this Church for a far deeper communion with all of God’s beloved; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles formally adopts the MDGs as a mission priority and recommend all parishioners, missions, and parishes having not already done so to consider a commitment towards giving to the MDGs; and be it further

Resolved, that the Los Angeles Diocese encourage all parishioners, missions, and parishes to designate the Last Sunday after Pentecost, or such days as may be designated ecumenically for commendation of the MDGs, as special days of prayer, and giving toward global reconciliation and the MDGs.

Amendment to the 2008 Proposed Mission Share Fund Budget

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles increase Line 83 by \$40,000 in compensation for Diocesan and Cathedral Center staff who are paid \$60,000 per year or less.

Resolution from the Committee on the Bishop's Address (2007)

Resolution regarding the Walls of Separation

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles support Bishop J. Jon Bruno in identifying the sin implicit in Walls of Separation denying the dignity of every human being; and be it further

Resolved, that we support dismantling the walls built around Bethlehem and other Palestinian territories and all walls everywhere that separate God's children.

(2008) Resolutions from the 113th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding Socially Responsible Investing

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Los Angeles recommend that the Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust consider revising the first paragraph of the trust's Statement of Investment Objectives to read:

The primary investment objective of the Trust's Long-term Diversified Fund is to, in a socially responsible way, preserve and enhance capital through long-term growth in value, with reasonable liquidity and moderate volatility and risk. The secondary investment objective is to achieve a competitive total return measured against relevant market indices and funds with similar objectives and characteristics and, be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Los Angeles urge the Diocesan Investment Trust to include in its Annual Report information regarding socially responsible investments.

Resolution regarding Deployment

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Los Angeles request that our Bishop hold four regional forums for our Diocese prior to the 114th Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles to enable an open dialogue between (1) our Bishop and (2) his staff and (3) the Clergy and (4) lay leaders representing diocesan and congregational structures about deployment practices in our Diocese.

Resolution regarding Our Companion Relationship with the Anglican Diocese of El Salvador

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Los Angeles extend our companion relationship with the Anglican Diocese of El Salvador for an additional three year period, ending June 30, 2012.

Resolution regarding The Mission Share Fund Budget

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Los Angeles establish a policy wherein resolutions seeking to amend the Mission Share Fund budget as part of the debate during the Diocesan Convention must include in the resolution the sources of funding for any effort to increase the amount of the budget for any line item, or for any effort to add a line item; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese also establish the policy wherein resolutions seeking to change the Mission Share Fund budget after it has won the approval of the Diocesan Convention will be ruled out of order.

Resolution regarding the 2006 General Convention Resolution B033

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles call upon the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to abide by the canons of The Episcopal

Church; to respect the responsibility of each diocese to discern prayerfully the will of God in 2008 calling leaders; to refrain from restricting the potential field of candidates on the basis of gender and sexual orientation; and thus to retract General Convention 2006 Resolution B033.

Resolution regarding the Economic Justice for and with Lower Income People

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Los Angeles join with the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice in urging the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to accept the resolution on Economic Justice for and with lower income people.

Resolved, the House of concurring, that the 76th General Convention affirm and adopt the following as the policy and program for Economic Justice of The Episcopal Church during the next six years:

1. Each Episcopal congregation shall know where the marginalized of their community live and work, shall have a relationship with one or more poor families in their community, knowing people by their names, and shall form a local partnership with an agency that is working with low income people.
2. Episcopal congregations shall continue to engage in the traditional acts of mercy in which many congregations and Jubilee Centers participate: food pantries, clothes closets, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other opportunities for low income people.
3. The Episcopal Church, its dioceses and congregations, shall continue advocacy by the Church and its congregations (in concert with the Episcopal Public Policy Network) for legislation which provides adequate levels of support and opportunities for low income people.
4. The Episcopal dioceses and congregations shall promote and participate in church-based community organizing whereby people of the local community exercise the power of numbers and conviction to bring their needs to the attention and effective action of elected officials and governmental bodies.
5. The Episcopal Church, its dioceses and its congregations, shall support and participate in various models through which low income people and their co-workers can take control of their own lives and meet their own needs: models like community development corporations, housing corporations and co-ops, and small business development.
6. The Episcopal Church at every level shall be encouraged to make loans and deposits at a level of one to ten percent of its financial assets to community development financial institutions (community loan funds, community development banks and credit unions, and micro-loan business funds) to support local community development, and, where helpful and necessary, to create such a financial institution themselves.
7. The Episcopal Church shall develop at the national level a community development loan fund which is open to deposits from Episcopal dioceses, congregations, organizations, and members with a goal of becoming a \$24 million fund that will support the “community- controlled economic development programs of the disadvantaged” (quoted from the Economic Justice Resolution of the 1988 General Convention).
8. The Episcopal Church at the national level shall fund the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice at a level of \$100,000 per year for the coming triennium so that it can continue and increase its 2008 mission of supporting and assisting economic justice work at every level of the Church.

Resolutions from the Committee on the Bishop's Address 2008

Resolution regarding Election of Additional Bishops

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles discern the need for additional Bishops due to the extent of the diocesan work, and, therefore, consents to the election of two Bishops Suffragan to assist the Bishop Diocesan in the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention agree to hold the elections at the One Hundred Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles on Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5, 2009; and be it further

Resolved, that the Bishop Diocesan put into place a process for this election.

Resolution regarding the Support of the Work of the Bishop Diocesan

Resolved, that the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles embrace, encourage, and support the work of the Bishop Diocesan, as the Chief Missioner of the Diocese, his work with the Program Groups and Commissions, churches, and individuals, and in the work of the emerging expressions of worship in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

(2009) Resolutions from the 114th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding Progress on Clergy and Lay Compensation

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Los Angeles direct Diocesan Council to prepare a written and verbal report to the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocese on the extent of progress being made in meeting Convention's minimum standards for clergy and lay compensation; and be it further

Resolved, that this report will detail the financial gap between diocesan minimums and current compensation, and the number and percentage of clergy and lay employees currently being paid under existing standards by congregations, chaplaincies, and diocesan staff; and be it further

Resolved, that this report will present a comprehensive diocesan plan to help congregations, chaplaincies, and the diocese meet our compensation guidelines.

(2010) Resolutions from the 115th Diocesan Convention

Resolution Honoring Good Samaritan Hospital

WHEREAS in 1885 the Episcopal missionary Sister Mary Wood, a member of the Order of the Good Shepherd, established the Los Angeles Hospital and Home for Invalids, which was transferred in 1887 to St. Paul's Parish, Los Angeles, named St. Paul's Hospital and Home for Invalids, and located on Seventh Street west of Figueroa;

WHEREAS in 1895 the Diocese of Los Angeles was created out of the Diocese of California and in 1896 elected its first Bishop, Joseph H. Johnson, who renamed the facility the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, recognized it as an institution of the Diocese, and worked tirelessly, until his death in 1928, in securing a foundation of financial and community support for the Hospital's well-being;

WHEREAS in 1912 the Hospital came to its present location in the Orange Heights district having taken over the property of the Columbia Hospital Association, beginning expansion that included completion of a landmark building in 1926 with the Chapel of All Souls configured as a scale replica of St. Paul's Cathedral on Figueroa north of Wilshire Boulevard;

WHEREAS in 1929, with the endorsement of Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens, the Hospital honored Bishop Johnson by renaming its nursing school – which graduated its first class in 1898 and continued through 1961 – the Bishop Johnson College of Nursing; and, thereafter, launched further building expansion completed in 1953 with the support of Bishop F. Eric Bloy and donors including the Hospital Auxiliary;

WHEREAS in 1968 the Hospital cared for the mortally wounded Senator Robert F. Kennedy, receiving his family and bier in All Souls' Chapel;

WHEREAS in 1976 the Hospital opened its Witmer Street complex with the design of its Chapel of St. Raphael guided by Bishop Robert C. Rusack, who further commended the Hospital's accomplishments in developing state-of-the-art cardiac and neonatal care units, among others, together with ongoing excellence in chaplaincy and pastoral care;

WHEREAS in 1990 the Hospital welcomed Anglican Archbishop and Nobel Laureate Desmond Tutu during the years that it also housed offices of the diocesan HIV/AIDS ministries;

WHEREAS in 1995 the Hospital joined Bishop Frederick H. Borsch in celebrating the centennial of the Diocese of Los Angeles, the 1994 completion of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, and the continuing the 1899 Diocesan Convention resolution that the Thanksgiving Day offerings of all congregations are designated for the mission of Good Samaritan Hospital;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this third day of December, 2010, Bishop J. Jon Bruno and the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles salute with gratitude Good Samaritan Hospital for 125 years of outstanding service, recognizing Good Samaritan's ranking from 2007 to the present as one of America's top 50 hospitals, and looking forward to future achievements and collaboration.

Resolution regarding our Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles extend our Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for a three-year period ending June 30, 2014.

Resolution regarding Missioners on Behalf of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles deepen our ongoing Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem by encouraging laypersons and clergy to become active on behalf of this Companion Diocese through the Missioner Program of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ).

Resolution regarding Missioners on Behalf of the Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles deepen our ongoing Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador by encouraging congregations and individuals to become active on behalf of this Companion Diocese through the Missioner Program of the Cristosal Foundation.

Resolution regarding Recommitment to Being Anti Racists for the Next Three Triennia (until 2018)

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles recommit and declare itself to be dedicated to the continuance of all work against the sin of racism; and be it further

Resolved, that lay and ordained leaders (clergy, professional staff, and elected or appointed leaders on committees, commissions, agencies, and boards) receive anti- racism training (if they have not already done so) or renew training that has been previously taken over five years ago; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocesan Council and Bishops, as funds become available, support the development and delivery of program and ministries to dismantle and eradicate structures of racism, both internally and externally, and integrate the practices of anti-racism in our ongoing life; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocesan Council, once the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council has developed a monitoring and reporting process for the dioceses, survey the congregations and ministries of the Diocese and make an annual report to the Diocesan Convention and the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council regarding the process of this work in the Diocese.

Resolution regarding Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles follow the lead of Resolution A178 (Mission) passed by the 176th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2009 regarding the establishment of the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles dedicate the First Sunday in Lent (or another Sunday in Lent if it is more appropriate) as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday, and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief and Development's life-saving work on that day through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

Resolution regarding Tri-Annual Recognition of the Diocesan Health Ministries and Institutions

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles recognize the Diocesan Health Ministries and Institutions each triennium when the Gospel of the Good Samaritan is read (Proper 10, Year C; Luke 10:25-37); and be it further

Resolved, that this date be henceforth known as “Good Samaritan Sunday” in recognition of these Ministries and Institutions and the valuable work these modern- day Good Samaritans do in extending their Healing Hands to the broader community in need.

Resolution regarding Health Care Coverage for All

Resolved, that the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, in response to General Convention Resolution C071, call on the congregations of this Diocese to undertake discussions of health care coverage in the United States, including: (a) recognition that health is multi-dimensional, with spiritual, social, environmental, and mental elements, as well as physical; (b) reminder of personal responsibility for healthy life choices and concern for maintaining one’s own health; (c) proclaiming the Gospel message of concern for others which extends to concern for their physical health as well as spiritual well-being; (d) responsibility as a parish to attend to the needs (including health-related needs) of others, both other members of the parish family and those of the wider community, the nation, and the world; and (e) recognition that there are limits to what the healthcare system can and should provide and thus that some uncomfortable and difficult choices may have to be made if we are to limit healthcare costs; and be it further

Resolved, that The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles urge its members to contact elected federal, state and territorial officials encouraging them to: (a) create, with the assistance of experts in related fields, a comprehensive definition of “basic healthcare” to which our nation’s citizens have a right; (b) establish a system to provide basic healthcare to all; (c) create an oversight mechanism, separate from the immediate political arena, to audit the delivery of that “basic healthcare;” (d) educate our citizens in the need for limitations on what each person can be expected to receive in the way of medical care under a universal coverage program in order to make the program sustainable financially; and (e) educate our citizens in the role of personal responsibility in promoting good health.

(2011) Resolutions from the 116th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding expanding the Program Group on Ministry in Higher Education Mission to Community Colleges

Resolved, that the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles submit the following resolution to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

WHEREAS, the House of Bishops, concurring, the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to the Episcopal Church Strategic Planning Survey Report's statement that "The Church needs to see campus ministry and young adult ministry as the most important evangelism and mission area there is. It is where our culture is the most dynamic, most committed, most culturally diverse;" and

WHEREAS, The Episcopal Church recognizes the increasing importance of community colleges as critical places for evangelism and Christian formation, particularly among racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse populations;

BE IT RESOLVED, that to respond to this pastoral need, the General Convention support the creation of two new campus ministries at community colleges in each of the nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church, and provide training for local leaders of these mission activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center, in cooperation with the Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry, to oversee a process for application for and allocation of grants to fund these new missions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$760,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Resolution regarding Our Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador

Resolved, that the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles extend our Companion Relationship with the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador for a three-year period, ending June 30, 2015.

Resolution regarding the 12% Standard of Giving

Resolved, that the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles recommit itself to the 12% standard of giving for parishes agreed to at the 1996 Special Convention and continues to work toward the goal of 15%; and be it further

Resolved, that this meeting acknowledge and affirm the commitment of Mission Churches to 10% of pledge and plate that together we uphold these standards in our covenant relationship with the Diocese to support the ministry of the Diocese and larger Church; and be it further

Resolved, that to aid the parishes making progress toward living into the commitment, parishes not able to pledge at the 12% level will be asked to meet with the Diocesan Council to secure help in creating a plan to meet this goal.

Resolution regarding the Sacredness of Water and Environmental Sustainability

Resolved, that the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles affirm Resolution 2009—A156 (Sacred Acts for Sacred Water) which reaffirms Resolutions 1979—D029 (Give Priority to Educating Congregations on Energy and the Environment), 1988—D126 (Request a Statement of Policy and Plan for Environmental Stewardship), 1991—D041 (Implement 1988 Lambeth Resolution #40 on the Environment), and 2003—D046 (Urge Stewardship of Water Resources), and 2003—D070 (Work for Clean Water Policy); and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles ask that during calendar year 2012 each congregation participate in a diocesan-wide study of the book, *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water*, by Charles Fishman (2011) to learn why our supplies of cheap, safe and abundant water is about to change unless we learn how to use, share and value it; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles strongly encourage that during calendar year 2013 each congregation study the theology of Creation and the place of water in Creation; the entire cycle of water sourcing, storage and transport; use and wastewater treatment and disposal; and further study the ethical issues associated with individual, local, regional, national and international water-related decisions; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles strongly encourage that during calendar year 2014 each congregation undertake a transformational project that will increase its awareness of the need for water conservation and environmental sustainability.

Resolution regarding Middle East Peace

Resolved, the Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles directs that the following resolution be filed with the Secretary of the General Convention for consideration by the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the General Convention, together with the 116th Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, urge President Barack Obama and the Administration to bring stronger and more resolute American diplomatic leadership to the cause of Peace with Justice between Israel and Palestine and to the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Bishop Suheil Dawani, to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and to its clergy and lay people for their ongoing witness and dedication to reconciliation and peace; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention acknowledges the tragic histories of the Jewish and Palestinian people as victims of injustice, wars, dispersion and exile, the existential fear and insecurity this has created for both peoples and the distress their conflict has caused throughout the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention respects the profound commitment of Israelis and Palestinians to the land as their homeland; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls upon Israelis and Palestinians to recognize one another's right to statehood, economic viability, and security and that all other nations do likewise; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for the cessation of violence by all Palestinians and Israelis, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls on the Government of the United States of America to practice financial transparency in all of its aid to the Palestinians and Israelis; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for an end of the air, water and land blockade of the Gaza Strip thereby permitting free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance, for educational, reconstruction and development materials and for ordinary trade; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for a just resolution for Palestinian refugees; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for an end to the on-going confiscation of Palestinian land, demolition of housing, and the displacement of people; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for the creation of two states, with Jerusalem as their capital, and with permanent Palestinian borders with Israel, Jordan and Egypt, and permanent Israeli borders with Palestine, based on the 1967 line, subject to mutually agreed upon swaps, so that secure and recognized borders are established for both sides.

Resolution regarding the Pursuit of a Just Peace in the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict

Resolved, that the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles hereby petitions the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to adopt the attached Resolution on support for Palestinian Christians; and be it further

Resolved, that between now and the 2012 General Convention, the Diocese of Los Angeles implement its own study of the Holy Land with the resources mentioned in the attached resolution.

The following would be the wording of the Resolution to be presented to the 77th General Convention:

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention, mindful of the impasse in reaching a just resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, calls on the Executive Council (using appropriate staff) to develop and implement a strategy of advocacy and education in the Church during the next triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and resources, including but not limited to the following:

- A robust use of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church policies in our nation's capital
- Participating in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that do business in illegal Israeli settlements or contribute to the infrastructure of the Occupation
- Identifying a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the economic infrastructure of the Territories
- Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed consumer choices
- an examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and human rights; and be it further

Resolved, that Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December 2009 by Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of Jewish-

Israeli citizens, and be it further

Resolved, that the Council further consider using as a resource for this study plan an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the Presbyterian original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and be it further

Resolved, that the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, and be it further

Resolved, that all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, the Right Reverend Suheil Duwani, including through the sterling work of the Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering, and be it further

Resolved, that Convention provide a budget of \$5,000 to Council and staff in assisting with this work.

Resolution from the Committee on the Bishop's Address 2011

Resolution regarding Middle East Peace

Resolved, the Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles directs that the following resolution be filed with the Secretary of the General Convention for consideration by the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the General Convention, together with the 116th Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, urge President Barack Obama and the Administration to bring stronger and more resolute American diplomatic leadership to the cause of Peace with Justice between Israel and Palestine and to the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Bishop Suheil Dawani, to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and to its clergy and lay people for their ongoing witness and dedication to reconciliation and peace; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention acknowledges the tragic histories of the Jewish and Palestinian people as victims of injustice, wars, dispersion and exile, the existential fear and insecurity this has created for both peoples and the distress their conflict has caused throughout the Middle East; and be it further Resolved, that this Convention respects the profound commitment of Israelis and Palestinians to the land as their homeland; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls upon Israelis and Palestinians to recognize one another's right to statehood, economic viability, and security and that all other nations do likewise; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for the cessation of violence by all Palestinians and Israelis, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls on the Government of the United States of America to practice financial transparency in all of its aid to the Palestinians and Israelis; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for an end of the air, water and land blockade of the Gaza Strip thereby permitting free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance, for educational, reconstruction and development materials and for ordinary trade; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for a just resolution for Palestinian refugees; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for an end to the on-going confiscation of Palestinian land, demolition of housing, and the displacement of people; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls for the creation of two states, with Jerusalem as their capital, and with permanent Palestinian borders with Israel, Jordan and Egypt, and permanent Israeli borders with Palestine, based on the 1967 line, subject to mutually agreed upon swaps, so that secure and recognized borders are established for both sides.

(2012) Resolutions from the 117th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding Reconciliation in the Middle East

Resolved, that the One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles express its heartfelt desire to be peacemakers and reconcilers in the complex and tragic conflict among the children of Abraham in the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, that we express our deep concern for the plight of Christians in the Holy Land who are being squeezed out by two competing visions for the future of the Middle East; Zionism and radical Islam; and be it further

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves to tangible support to our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem by praying for them, by developing congregational partnerships and supporting diocesan institutions; and be it further

Resolved, that we honor our bishop, the Right Reverend J. Jon Bruno, for his faithfulness, leadership, generosity and presence in our companion relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; and his efforts both in Southern California and in the Middle East to be a friend to both the Jewish and Arab communities; and be it further

Resolved, that we commend the work of Canon Sandy Smock and Canon Sue Smock, and others who have been faithful advocates for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; and be it further

Resolved, that we honor the efforts of the Middle East Task Force of the Diocese of Los Angeles to be zealous advocates for Palestinians in their aspirations for justice and a homeland alongside the Jewish homeland; and that we encourage them to work constructively with different voices in the Diocese of Los Angeles; and be it further

Resolved, that we lift our voices in concern at the treatment of the Palestinian people in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza by Israeli authorities and security services; especially the unjust appropriation of land, security barriers and checkpoints that separate Palestinians from their own land and continued building of Jewish settlements on Palestinian land, and be it further

Resolved, that we lift our voices in concern by a system that grants Israeli citizenship to Jews that are not native to the land and yet treats those who are born in the land as foreigners and aliens with regard to visas, travel and residence permits, and be it further

Resolved, that we express our concern toward militant Islamic Movements whose vision of the Holy Land of the future excludes both Christians and Jews except in a subordinate position; and that we also express our profound concern toward militant Jewish movements whose vision of the Holy Land of the future excludes both Christians and Muslims; and that we also express our profound concern toward militant Christian movements such as Christian Zionism whose apocalyptic vision of the Middle East leads to uncritical support of unjust Israeli policies; and be it further

Resolved, that we encourage proactive investment in the future of the Palestinian people to provide meaningful jobs for young people; and that we strongly encourage those who oversee the diocesan investment portfolio to give priorities to companies that are making investments in the Palestinian economy and the future of its people.

Resolution regarding the Inclusion of the Reverend Peter Williams and Ms Annie Besset Cassey in the Church Calendar

Resolved, that the One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles set aside April 16 in the Diocesan calendar as a feast day commemorating the life and witness of the Reverend Peter Williams Cassey, deacon, abolitionist, social reformer, educator, church planter and pastor and Ms Annie Besset Cassey, community organizer, educator and foster mother of many children, commending all congregations to celebrate their lives through the appointed prayers and readings; and be it further

Resolved, that they are placed on the calendar as deacon and companion who represent pioneers in justice, compassion and cultural diversity in their own time; and be it further

Resolved, that this Diocese will allow for their names to go forward to other dioceses and submit the their names for nomination to be included in the Calendar of the Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention in Utah in 2015.

(2013) Resolutions from the 118th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding Our Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Church of the Diocese of Los Angeles extend our Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for a three-year period.

Resolution regarding Full Inclusion of Persons with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles take up the work begun at the 2012 General Convention by concurring with Resolution D068 (“Move Toward Full Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities”) by aggregating accessible resources for clergy, vestries, and Sunday School teachers, which will help explain the various types of these disabilities, and suggest books, DVDs, and other resources to educate and better enable congregations to fully include this population and their families in the communal life of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the Program Group on Disabilities will assemble and maintain a downloadable list and bibliography of these resources, which will be made available on the Diocesan website.

Resolution regarding Decreasing Gun Violence

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles hereby petition the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to adopt the attached Resolution to decrease gun violence in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles adopt these petitions as its own, and encourage people in the Diocese to advocate with their legislators towards these goals; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention encourage congregations to respond to General Convention Resolution D-003 and “requests every parish and every diocesan place of work to declare their establishments as Gun Free Zones.”

Suggested General Convention Resolution:

Resolved, the House of concurring, that the 78th General Convention urge all legislators at federal, state, and local levels to help decrease gun violence by implementing laws that

1. require criminal background checks for every gun purchase, including those made at gun shows;
2. ban the sale, transfer, importation, and manufacture of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines;
3. ban the importation and manufacture of kits that convert ammunition feeding devices into large capacity magazines (magazines capable of using over 10 rounds);
4. tighten the laws against gun trafficking;
5. add additional taxes to all sales of guns and ammunition, and use the proceeds to develop educational campaigns on the dangers of guns and to fund programs for mental health;
6. give a personal Income Tax credit to those who surrender their firearms in gun buyback programs;

7. prohibit persons from receiving guns through sales or other means without a valid Handgun Safety Certificate and safe handling demonstration; and
8. promote funding for research into the causes and prevention of gun violence.

Resolution from the Committee on the Bishop's Address 2013

Resolution regarding a Diocesan Policy on Food

Resolved, that the One Hundred Eighteenth annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles create a Diocesan policy on the production, distribution, and commitment to food; and be it further

Resolved, that the churches, schools, and other institutions of the Diocese commit to fully use all of their resources, or offer them up to community partners for use, for food production and distribution to our neighbors in need; and be it further

Resolved, that the churches, schools, and other institutions of the Diocese commit to refrain from serving or distributing food or beverages with little or no nutritional value that contribute to obesity and poor health.

(2014) Resolutions from the 119th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding the 800th Anniversary of the Signing of the Magna Carta

Resolved, that the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles suggest the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta on June 15, 2015, be celebrated from the pulpit on or around this anniversary date; especially remembering how the clergy and laity of the Church in this immortal instrument extorted from the tyrant King John the rights and freedoms which enabled the Church to continue its mission.

Resolution regarding Disaster Preparedness

Resolved, that the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles encourage all congregations, schools, diocesan institutions, and offices within the Diocese of Los Angeles to have current disaster preparedness plans; and be it further

Resolved, that all such congregations, schools, institutions, and offices may call upon the Diocesan Disaster Coordinators to assist in developing such plans, and annually collect information regarding the status of the disaster preparedness plan for each congregation, school, diocesan institution, and office within the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Resolution regarding Diocesan Partnership in the Charter for Compassion

Resolved, that the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles authorize the Program Group on Ecumenical and Interreligious Life to register the Diocese of Los Angeles as a Charter for Compassion Partner; and be it further

Resolved, that the Program Group enlist the Diocese of Los Angeles as an endorsing organization of “Compassionate California,” as a means of promoting compassionate action throughout the State of California; and be it further

Resolved, that congregations throughout the Diocese encourage efforts in each of their cities to become a City of Compassion; and be it further

Resolved, that congregations encourage their members to sign the Charter of Compassion; and be it further

Resolved, that the Program Group on Ecumenical and Interreligious Life research and promote actions that spread the message of the Charter for Compassion throughout the Diocese and beyond.

Resolution regarding Divestment

Resolved, that the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles strongly encourages all congregations and institutions of the Diocese to make a commitment to the divestment of fossil fuel companies from their portfolios held directly or commingled and to refrain from any future such investments; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese actively work for full divestment by the end of the year 2021, with annual reporting at each Diocesan convention as to progress toward that goal; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles urge the Seventy-Eighth General Convention to adopt a policy of divesting from its portfolio any and all securities, equities, debt, or other property held directly or commingled in fossil fuel companies and to refrain from making any new investments in fossil fuel companies and that General Convention strongly encourage all Dioceses, Diocesan institutions, and congregations to do the same.

Resolution regarding Marriage Equality

Resolved, that the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles direct that the following resolution be filed with the Secretary of the General Convention for consideration by the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

Resolved, the Diocese of Los Angeles urges the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to take any and all steps necessary to make the Rite of Holy Matrimony available to same-sex couples throughout The Episcopal Church immediately.

Resolution regarding Repairers of the Breach

(Offered through Rule 19 on issues of magnitude arising during the seventy-day period prior to Convention)

Resolved, that the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles call upon Episcopalians to be “repairers of the breach” and “makers of streets safe to walk in” by:

- engaging in dialogue and cooperation with their local police about policing strategies that value all lives equally;
- continuing the work of dismantling systems of prejudice that make some members of our human family particularly vulnerable to police violence and to receiving unequal treatment in the justice system;
- standing with those members of the law enforcement community who are committed to overcoming structural racism and making liberty and justice for all a reality in our cities, our streets and our communities;
- working against the militarization of our police forces.

Resolution from the Committee on the Bishop’s Address 2014

Resolution regarding Mandatory Retirement for Clergy

Resolved, that the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles acknowledge The Episcopal Church canons setting forth mandatory retirement for ordained ministers of the Church upon reaching the age of seventy two years; and since the Right Reverend Joseph Jon Bruno, Sixth Bishop of Los Angeles, will attain the age of seventy two on November 17, 2018; and since the Right Reverend Joseph Jon Bruno, in his address to the members of this meeting has announced his intended retirement in 2018 and the appointment in January 2015 of a Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee, be it further

Resolved, that the Right Reverend Joseph Jon Bruno, has requested the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Los Angeles to call for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor at the One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles and that this meeting of Convention concur; and be it further

Resolved, that the duties of the newly elected Bishop Coadjutor will, at the Bishop Diocesan's direction, include becoming familiar with the people and the diverse and expansive ministries of this Diocese, as well as the executive and episcopal responsibilities required of the Bishop Diocesan; and be it further

Resolved, that the members of this meeting express their deeply held regard and thanks for our Bishop Diocesan as he graciously leads us into a transition of our episcopal leadership, and we ask for God's blessing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the upcoming work of the Search Committee for the seventh Bishop of the Diocese.

(2015) Resolutions from the 120th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding a Companion Relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles enter into a Companion Relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Resuelto que en la Junta Annual numero 120 de la Diocesis de los Angeles, entramos en una relacion de compañerismo con la Diocesis Anglicana de Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Resolution regarding Accompanying our Episcopal Sisters and Brothers in the Holy Land

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, through its prayers and actions, support the peoples of the Holy Land, especially the Living Stones of our faith, the thousands of Christians who have resided in these sacred lands from the time of the birth of Christ and live there still, among whom are our Palestinian sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, by implementing the following points in the Resolution C018 passed by the 78th General Convention in June of 2015, which reads:

That the Convention affirm the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in healing, education, and pastoral care;

Affirm the work of Christians engaged in relationship building, interfaith dialogue, non-violent training, and advocacy rights for the Palestinians; and Urge Episcopalians to demonstrate our solidarity by making pilgrimage to Israel and Occupied Palestine and learning from our fellow Christians in the region.

and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles implement resolution C018 of the 78th General Convention by:

1. encouraging members, parishes, and deaneries of the Diocese of Los Angeles to find ways to support the humanitarian work of the Diocese of Jerusalem through the raising of funds to be sent through American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem or other organizations that support the work of that Diocese; and
2. urging members and parishes to study the issues facing the peoples of the Holy Land, particularly those of our Episcopal brothers and sisters; and
3. encouraging the Diocese of Los Angeles, its youth ministries, and its parishes to consider pilgrimages to the Holy Land; and
4. participating in the Presiding Bishop's Good Friday Offering, which provides financial support for Anglican ministries throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Resolution regarding Israeli Settlements

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles go on record vigorously oppose any further expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles urges our government to cut off further funding to Israel until all settlement construction ceases; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles urges its members to refrain from purchasing products produced in such illegal settlements or investing in companies doing business in these settlements; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles urges both parties to return to the negotiating table and resume talks on all outstanding issues, including, but not limited to, establishment of borders, the end of the occupation, allocation of natural resources, the “right of return,” and the status of Jerusalem, that in time there may be true reconciliation and cooperation to the mutual benefit of both Palestinians and Israelis; and be it

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles urges the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church to pursue these resolves on a national level until the time of the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Archbishop of Jerusalem, the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and all Members of Congress who represent the areas encompassed by this Diocese.

Resolutions from the Committee on the Bishop’s Address 2015

Resolution supporting Refugees

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles rejects calls from state and national political figures to slow or halt the processing of refugees and immigrants, regardless of point of departure.

and be it further

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles commits to act in support of refugees and immigrants by

1. Encouraging congregations within the Diocese of Los Angeles to support the work of the IRIS with financial assistance and by sponsoring refugees and immigrants in their communities, and
2. Supporting the Episcopal Church in continuing to take a strong public stand in favor of welcoming the stranger in our midst and calling for increased funding for Episcopal Migration Ministries, and
3. Challenging our Local, State and National elected officials to support, streamline and expand efforts to move refugees and immigrants through the screening process and provide a welcoming environment for these new arrivals to our nation, and
4. Instructing the Secretary of Convention to send a copy of this resolution to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and all Members of Congress who represent the areas encompassed by this Diocese.

Resolution on Gun Violence Prevention

Whereas the United States is averaging one mass shooting a day, according to the ShootingTracker website, which notes incidents of four or more people shot;

Whereas the December 3, 2015, attack in San Bernardino occurred within the Diocese of Los Angeles, where mass shootings have also brought tragedy in Isla Vista (2014) and Santa Monica (2013) -- communities in which Bishop J. Jon Bruno has conducted regional disaster-preparedness workshops);

Whereas since 2011 more fatalities in the United States have occurred from guns (one death, including suicides and accidents, every 16 minutes) than total deaths of Americans in the Korean conflict and the Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq wars combined;

Whereas gun-related deaths represent a public health crisis;

Whereas people of most political parties, including 85 percent approve of universal background checks, according to a 2015 poll;

Whereas Harvard research indicates that some 40 percent of guns in the United States are acquired without background checks, and more than 2,000 terrorism suspects purchased guns in the United States between 2004 and 2014 per the Government Accountability Office and The Washington Post's Wonkblog.

Therefore, be it resolved that the 120th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles directs its Gun Violence Prevention Task Force to:

Widen its membership to become a joint body including counterparts in the Southwest California Synod of then Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;

Accelerate its ongoing advocacy efforts, including continuing efforts to support and encourage our neighboring dioceses in California, the Province and the greater Episcopal Church in the collective work to end gun violence in our communities;

Partner with Bishop Bruno's Hands in Healing initiative to increase outreach;

And further calls upon individuals and congregations to:

Advocate with local lawmakers for implementation of universal background checks for any person seeking to acquire a gun;

Observe the annual gun violence prevention sabbaths, December 9-14 this year;

Partner with local police departments to encourage safe local gun buy-back events.

(Diocesan Convention acknowledges that inspiration and statistics prompting this resolution come from New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/03/opinion/onguns-were-not-even-trying.html>)

Resolution Honoring and Thanking Bishop Glasspool for her service in the Diocese of Los Angeles

Resolved, that One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles conveys its gratitude to the Right Reverend Mary Douglas Glasspool for her years of ministry in the Diocese of Los Angeles and wishes her and her spouse all the best in the years ahead in the Diocese of New York.

(2016) Resolutions from the 121st Diocesan Convention

Resolution: Substitution for the 2015 postponed resolution regarding Property to be Transferred from Corporation Sole to the Corporation of the Diocese and subsequent motion

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles affirms the action of the Diocesan Council at its November 10, 2016, meeting regarding Corporation Sole (as reported in the “Episcopal News” update, 11/11/16) and commends the work of the Special Committee concerning Corporation Sole, a panel formed by Convention action in 2015.

Resolution regarding Becoming an Abolitionist Diocese

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles declares the Diocese of Los Angeles an Abolitionist Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles supports the struggle against human trafficking through education of its members, the use of its treasure, consumer choices, and leadership within the broader Church and local community; and be it further

Resolved, that the congregations and institutions of the Diocese of Los Angeles be asked to consider becoming Abolitionist Congregations and Abolitionist Institutions, make appointments, and direct action in furtherance of this resolution as is deemed appropriate to the mission of each congregation and institution.

Resolution regarding Appreciation for the Right Reverend J. Jon Bruno

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles expresses grateful appreciation to the Right Reverend J. Jon Bruno for all of the ways in which our Diocese has been enriched by his anointed leadership.

Resolution regarding Becoming a Sanctuary Diocese

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles declares the Diocese of Los Angeles to be a Sanctuary Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledges to resist the stated policy proposals of the newly elected Trump administration to target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants, and to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that has granted temporary relief for thousands of young people in our communities and families; and be it further

Resolved, that the congregations and institutions of the Diocese of Los Angeles consider becoming Sanctuary Congregations and Institutions, serving as places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for those targeted by hate due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference, and that we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles connect with other local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, and other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety and security of the undocumented community; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles assist in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in such work, appropriate to local contexts, capacity, and discernment.

Resolution from the Committee on the Bishop's Address 2016

Regarding Our Companion Relationship with Jerusalem

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles renew our relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East for an additional three-year cycle ending July 31, 2019.

(2017) Resolutions from the 122nd Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding the Reorganization of Corporation Sole

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles affirm the work of the Special Committee on Corporation Sole as outlined in its joint statement with Bishop Coadjutor John H. Taylor to the Diocese of Los Angeles dated August 21, 2017 (included in The Journal) and that it endorse the Key Principles, Vision for the Future, and Proposed Implementation and Timeline detailed therein; and it be further

Resolved, that the Special Committee on Corporation Sole monitor the implementation process, working in collaboration with Bishop Taylor, and bring the One Hundred and Twentythird Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles a report including such canonical changes as may be necessary to ensure that Corporation Sole continues to operate in a manner consistent with the Key Principles outlined in the August 21, 2017 Statement Regarding Corporation Sole.

(Substitute) Resolution regarding Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles declare a period of self-evaluation in youth and young adults— assessing church communities, their ministries, and their commitments associated with youth, (defined as young people age 12-18) and young adults, (defined as individuals age 19-35), ministries in an effort to identify a path forward for engaging and supporting youth and young adult ministry throughout the Diocese; developing and planning for Diocesan Resources to support those ministries; and identifying opportunities for the church at the Diocesan level to provide support for youth and young adult ministries to individual parishes; and be it further

Resolved, that Bishop John H. Taylor call together a committee comprised of lay and ordained leaders, including members from the Program Group on Youth and Young Adult Ministries, charged with assessing, and visioning the future of collaborative ministry with youth and young adults in the Diocese of Los Angeles. As a part of this work the committee should engage a survey of each community and the diocese as a whole over a period of one year, the results of which will be shared at by the One Hundred Twenty- third Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles; and be it further

Resolved, that the Survey Committee will work in communion with the Program Group on Youth and Young Adult Ministries throughout the process.

Resolution Regarding the Title IV Process

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles ask that the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Constitutions and Canons, to collect information on the operation and effects of confidentiality provisions of Title IV; and the effects of the lack of pastoral care directed to the diocese, parish, or mission in the Title IV proceeding when not a respondent or complainant; and make a report and recommendations on changes to Title IV to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary of this Convention forward a copy of this Resolution to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, to the Standing Committee on Structure, Governance, Constitutions and Canons, and to the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution submitted by the Committee on the Bishop's Address 2017

Regarding Our Companion Relationship with the Māori Anglican Diocese of Tairāwhiti in Aotearoa-New Zealand

Resolved, that the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles approves a Companion Relationship with the Māori Anglican Diocese of Tairāwhiti, Aotearoa- New Zealand, for a three-year period ending December 1, 2020.

(2018) Resolutions from the 123rd Diocesan Convention

Resolutions from the Committee on the Bishop's Address 2018

Resolution Regarding the Diocesan Companion Relationship with Jerusalem

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles renew our relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for an additional three-year cycle, commencing with this Convention and spanning the years 2019 to 2021.

Resolution Reaffirming Accompanying our Episcopal Sisters and Brothers in the Holy Land

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-third Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, through its prayers and actions, supports the people of the Holy Land, especially the Living Stones of our faith, the thousands of Christians who have resided in these sacred lands from the time of the birth of Christ and live there still, among whom are our Palestinian sisters and brothers of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, informed by actions of the 79th General Convention in July 2018, and continuing to implement the following points in the resolution CO18 passed by the 78th General Convention in June of 2015, which reads:

- That the Convention affirm the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in healing, education and pastoral care;
- Affirm the work of Christians engaged in relationship building, interfaith dialogue, nonviolent training and advocacy rights for the Palestinians; and
- Urge Episcopalians to demonstrate solidarity by making pilgrimages to Israel and Occupied Palestine and learning from our fellow Christians in the region.

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles continues to implement CO18 of the 78th General Convention by:

1. Offering forums, pilgrimages, and other means of teaching and conversation, to invite the diocese to a deeper understanding of the history, culture and politics of the region, and to advocate discerningly for peace and justice.
2. Leveraging Diocesan resources to support those who are building up the de facto Palestinian state, especially when it comes to increasing economic opportunity for the Palestinian people.
3. Working closely with the Diocese of Jerusalem and its hospitals, schools, and other institutions, and advocating strenuously for the rights and safety of the region's girls and women.
4. Fundraising through individual fundraisers and the Presiding Bishop's Good Friday Offering thereby providing financial support for Anglican ministries throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Resolution Regarding Reaffirmation and Recommitment to Support the Work of Sanctuary-Sacred Resistance

Resolved, that since the Diocese of Los Angeles voted in 2016 to become a sanctuary diocese, our government's inhospitality has deepened toward the refugee, asylum seeker, and immigrant worker, and it has failed to adopt humane, common-sense immigration reform;

Resolved, that no nation can have secure borders without humane, common-sense immigration laws;

Resolved, that the Diocese reaffirms its commitment to the principle of sacred resistance to any government policies and actions that grieve Jesus Christ's heart of justice and compassion;

Resolved, that as an institution in Southern California – close to the U.S.-Mexico border, with the Adelanto Detention Center residing within our diocesan boundaries as well as congregants and neighbors who are at risk from overly aggressive law enforcement – we have an opportunity and obligation to engage in these issues incarnationally;

Resolved, that while every individual and institution hears the call to Christ's justice in their own way, they all do hear it;

Therefore the 123rd Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles calls on the Sanctuary Task Force to develop and promulgate options for involvement designed to engage the broadest possible audience in education, advocacy, service, and action on behalf of any among us who find themselves scapegoated, marginalized, or abused by the policies of our government;

And it further Commends all in the Diocese to engagement with these issues in whatever way their prayerful discernment leads so long as it is in keeping with the gospel commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

(2019) Resolutions from the 124th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding the Recommitment to being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia (Until 2027) with Revision and Reminder of Anti-Racism Training Requirement

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles acknowledge that the work of dismantling racism is an essential part of spiritual formation and recommit itself to be dedicated to the continuance of all work against the sin of racism as declared by the 2010 Diocesan Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that we reaffirm that lay and ordained leaders (clergy, professional staff, and elected or appointed leaders on committees, commissions, agencies, and boards) receive anti-racism training (if they have not already done so) or renew training that has been previously taken over five years ago; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocesan Council and Bishops, as funds become available, support the development and delivery of program and ministries to dismantle and eradicate structures of racism, both internally and externally, and integrate the practices of anti-racism in our ongoing life; and be it further

Resolved, that the lay and ordained leadership of the Diocese of Los Angeles engage in ongoing spiritual formation and education focused on racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as part of our Church's commitment to Becoming Beloved Community as called forth by Resolution C019 (Establish Response to Systemic Injustice) adopted by the 78th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocesan Council, survey the congregations and ministries of the Diocese and make an annual report to the Diocesan Convention and the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council regarding the process of this work in the Diocese, to include how many people have participated in training and what other Becoming Beloved Community formation opportunities have been offered.

(2021) Resolutions from the 126th Diocesan Convention

Resolution regarding Compensation and Benefits

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles expresses its gratitude to the parishes, missions, schools, and other affiliated institutions that completed the Committee on Compensation and Benefits's extensive survey of Compensation and Benefits; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese reaffirms its commitment to just compensation and benefits for all lay and ordained employees of parishes, missions, schools, and other affiliated institutions; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese encourages all parishes, missions, schools, and other affiliated institutions to work diligently toward parity, equity, and justice in the ways in which their employees are recruited, hired, compensated, retained, and/or terminated; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese empowers the Compensation and Benefits Committee formed in 2019 to extend its work to study and make recommendations concerning lay and ordained compensation and benefits, with thanks for the particular efforts of committee members over the past year despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution regarding the Diocesan Companion Relationship with Jerusalem

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles renew our relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for an additional three-year cycle, commencing with this Convention and spanning the years 2022 to 2024.

Resolution regarding Commemorating Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris in the Church Calendar

Resolved, that the 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles submit the following resolution to the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in 2022:

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 80th General Convention include and enter Barbara Clementine Harris, Bishop to the Lesser Feasts & Fasts Calendar of the Church Year to be celebrated on March 13.

Resolution regarding Recognition of Juneteenth as a Diocesan Feast Day and to include Juneteenth in the Lesser Feasts & Fasts Calendar

Resolved, that the 126th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles recognizes the historic significance of the Emancipation Proclamation, which, though signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, did not reach Texas until June 19, 1865, leaving slavery in existence there for more than two years longer than sanctioned by the United States;

Resolved, that this Convention directs the Liturgy Committee to act in conjunction with the H. Belfield Hannibal Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) in creating and implementing a Juneteenth liturgy and series of Juneteenth celebratory events beginning June 19, 2022;

Resolved, that this Convention urges the Bishop to establish a diocesan local observance (Feast Day) and holiday for Juneteenth commencing June 19, 2022;

Resolved, that this Convention urges the Bishop, working with our Deputation at the 80th General Convention, and acting through resolution or other appropriate means, to work toward the inclusion of the Juneteenth Feast Day in Lesser Feasts and Fasts with the appropriate proper to be prepared by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.