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237th Annual Convention
The Episcopal Church in Delaware

Resolutions

submitted by deadline and
amended at Open Hearings meeting

RESOLUTION 236.02

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| Date/Time | September 18, 2020 2:28 PM |
| Title of Resolution | Revisions to diocesan Canon 19 (Ecclesiastical Discipline) |
| Submitted by | Margaret Pumphrey |
| Submitted on behalf of | <p>Thomas Crowley, chair, Constitution and Canons Committee</p> <p>Margaret Pumphrey, president, Disciplinary Board</p> <p>Paul Hurdle, member, Disciplinary Board and Constitutions and Canons Committee</p> |
| Authorized representative to respond to questions, at convention, concerning this resolution | Paul Hurdle |
| RESOLVED | <p>RESOLVED, that the 236th Annual Convention retains Subsection 2.01 without amendment and amends Subsections 2.02 and 2.03 of Section 2 of diocesan Canon 19 to read as follows:</p> <p>Section 2.01 Disciplinary Board. The board shall consist of not less than seven persons, four of whom are members of the clergy, and three of whom are laity.</p> <p>Section 2.02 Clergy Members. The clergy members of the board must be canonically and geographically resident within the diocese.</p> <p>Section 2.03 Lay Members. The lay members of the board shall be adult communicants in good standing, and geographically in the diocese.</p> |
| EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION | <p>This amendment allows a member of the Standing Committee to simultaneously serve on the Disciplinary Board, in order to clarify existing uncertainty and ambiguity about such dual service. The amendment eliminates the geographical residence requirement for both clergy and lay members of the Disciplinary Board in order to increase flexibility and to include eligibility for clergy and laity who are active in parishes in the Diocese of Delaware but reside in neighboring states.</p> |

RESOLUTION #237-01

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| Date/Time | September 21, 2021, 9:09 p.m. |
| Title of Resolution | Endorsing Resolutions Proposed by the Union of Black Episcopalians for Adoption by the 80 th General Convention |
| Submitted by | Diane-Louise Casson |
| Submitted on behalf of | The Union of Black Episcopalians |
| Authorized representative to respond to questions, at convention, concerning this resolution | Diane-Louise Casson |
| RESOLVED | <p>Resolved, the 237th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Delaware affirm the work of resolutions endorses the following as prepared by the Union of Black Episcopalians and urges robust consideration of their resolutions at adoption by the 80th General Convention. and hereby directs the secretary of this convention to forward this resolution to the secretary of General Convention of The Episcopal Church as a duly authorized resolution from this diocese; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the secretary of this convention be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Resolutions Committee of Province III for consideration at their next Provincial Synod in 2022.</p> |
| EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION | <p>The resolutions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Funding for Funding of the Chaplaincies at the HBCUs 2) Promote Equity and Reduce Differences in Health Care Outcomes 3) The Creation of a Clergy Retirement Contribution Fund 4) Continued Funding of the Beloved Community 5) The Funding of the Implementation of the Internalized Oppression Curriculum |

- 6) Establishing Equity in the Awarding of TEC Grants
- 7) Address the Issue of Voter Suppression
- 8) Address the Issue of Mass Incarceration
- 9) Address the Issue of Private Prisons
- 10) Inclusion of a Hymn in Honor of Dr. Artemisia Bowden
- 11) To Direct the Removal of the Name of the Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar
- 12) To Include Barbara Clementine Harris on the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar
- 13) To Establish Lift Every Voice and Sing as the National Hymn
- 14) To Encourage the Usage of the Sacred Ground Curriculum
- 15) To Adopt the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act
- 16) Requiring Action in Response to TEC's Racial Audit
- 17) Regarding the Inclusion of Juneteenth in the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar

"Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" These familiar words from our Baptismal Covenant introduce the recent Racial Justice Audit of Episcopalians by The Episcopal Church nationally. The audit is but one part of Becoming Beloved Community efforts across The Episcopal Church.

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) has considered the principles of Becoming Beloved Community and how to "respond to racial injustice *not so much [with] a set of programs as a journey, a set of interrelated commitments around which Episcopalians may organize our many efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers.*" In response, they developed seventeen resolutions which will be submitted to the 80th General Convention in Baltimore (July 2022) by UBE. To read the resolutions and explanations, go to

<https://www.ube.org/Resources/black-deputies.html>

At the time when our own efforts in Becoming Beloved Community in Delaware include the work of The Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission (RJRC), it is appropriate for our convention to respond to a request from the UBE leadership. *At its 53rd Annual Business Meeting this past July, UBE leadership called upon local chapters to take their part in impacting the diocesan and national church direction by using the UBE resolutions as a model for legislation that can be written for consideration by diocesan conventions.*

From the preamble of the RJRC: *The Church cannot turn away from the events we have witnessed and the ugly truths that they reveal about racism in our country, our church, and ourselves. We will strive within ourselves and our church to recognize, understand, and confront our racism and to change to better reflect the love of God for each and all of us. We will strive to internalize our Baptismal Covenant so that our thoughts, words, and actions reflexively proclaim the good news of the Gospel. When we fall short in this work, which we will, we will have the courage to repent and try again. This is our work as disciples of Jesus. We in the Episcopal Church in Delaware commit ourselves and our resources to do this Holy work with God's help.*

Each individual resolution can be seen in full, along with the rationale supporting it, by visiting the UBE website as shown above.