

Committee on Resolutions Report 2013

Under Rule 1.4 of the Convention's Rules of Order, the Committee on Resolutions is directed to “submit no more than five (5) resolutions to the Convention for its consideration.” Convention may approve these “favored five” resolutions by a majority vote. By contrast, Convention may hear any resolutions that are not submitted by the Resolutions Committee only if the Convention votes by a 2/3 majority to consider them.

Rule 1.7 provides that “[a]ny resolutions submitted to the Committee on Resolutions and not submitted to the Convention, unless withdrawn, shall be identified by the Committee in its report. The report shall include the name or subject of each resolution, the name(s) of the proposer(s), and the reason it was not submitted to the Convention.”

This year, the Committee received three more resolutions than the number it was able to submit to the Convention. The Committee decided that, with one exception, it would follow a neutral “first come, first served” model — that is, the earliest to be received would be given preference. The one exception was the final resolution received, which related to establishing a diocesan feast day for Peter and Ana Cassey, and which also, if adopted, would ask the General Convention and related organizations to consider adding them to *Holy Women, Holy Men*. This resolution was given preference because it dealt with very specific church business that is within the particular competence of diocesan convention, specifically, whether we should conform to the current practice of our sister diocese of El Camino Real in celebrating the feast, and whether we should urge Episcopal Church recognition of these local exemplars of the Faith after more than a century of insufficient acknowledgment of their contributions.

The three resolutions not submitted by the Committee to the Convention were filed as a group with the Committee, and are as follows:

Resolution on Promoting Justice and Peace in Israel/ Palestine, submitted by the Rev. Vicki Gray, delegate, Christ the Lord, Pinole; the Rev. Susan Champion, delegate, Christ the Lord, Pinole; the Rev. Joe Pummill, ret.; and the Rev. Nancy Bryan, St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco

Resolution on Guantanamo, submitted by the Rev. Vicki Gray, Christ the Lord, Pinole; the Rev. Susan Champion, Christ the Lord, Pinole; the Rev. Joe Pummill, ret.; and the Rev. Nancy Bryan, St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco

Resolution on Immigration, submitted by the Rev. Vicki Gray, delegate, Christ the Lord, Pinole; the Rev. Susan Champion, delegate, Christ the Lord, Pinole; the Rev. Joe Pummill, ret.; Mr. Alan Aw, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; and the Rev. Nancy Bryan, St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco

As noted, the reason that the Committee decided not to submit these resolutions to Convention is that they were the last to be filed, except for the Cassey resolution, which we believed deserved special treatment.

The Committee made itself available to work with the sponsors of these last three resolutions to the same extent as it made itself available to work with sponsors of all the others in order to craft language that would have the greatest likelihood of being accepted by Convention, and encouraged the sponsors to present all their resolutions at the deanery convocations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Luther, Chair