

Committee on Resolutions Report

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." The Convention may approve these "favored five" resolutions by a majority vote. By contrast, it 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provides that "[a]ny resolutions submitted to the Committee on Resolutions and not submitted to the Convention, unless withdrawn, shall be identified by the Committee in its report.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, eight resolutions were received. For the first time, the Resolutions Committee could request the Committee on Dispatch of Business to place resolutions on the Consent Calendar. Following discussions with the Deaneries, the Committee determined that Resolutions 2 and 5 were unlikely to draw a request from the floor of Convention for full parliamentary treatment, and thus asked for Consent Calendar placement for these resolutions, which was granted. The resolutions sent to Consent Calendar are:

Resolution 2, Laying the Groundwork for a Episcopal State Public Policy Network in California, proposed by Sarah Lawton, St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco; and

Resolution 5, Climate Change, proposed by Warren J. Wong, St. James, San Francisco

Of the remaining resolutions, two were on the general subject of Israel and Palestine. One was Resolution 7, Promoting Justice and Peace in Israel/Palestine, proposed by the Rev. Vicki Gray, Christ the Lord, Pinole, which was submitted to the Convention by the Committee. Not submitted was the second, Resolution 7A, Peace & Justice in Palestine-Israel: Selective Divestment Policy, proposed by Sarah Lawton, St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco, and Warren J. Wong, St. James, San Francisco.

The Committee's reason for not submitting Resolution 7A to the Convention was that the proposers of Resolutions 7 and 7A reached an agreement between themselves that Resolution 7A would be heard only if Resolution 7 failed of passage, and then only if it received a 2/3 vote to be heard. After a review of Robert's Rules and consultation with appropriate Convention officials, the Committee determined that this agreement was permissible, and it accepted it as the basis for proceeding.

— Respectfully submitted,
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