



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

233rd Annual Convention Submitting Resolutions

To: Members of the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the 233rd Annual Convention
From: Diane Wilson, Secretary of Convention

The deadline for submitting resolutions for action by the 233rd Annual Convention is Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Resolutions submitted on time will be posted on the diocesan website no later than Wednesday, September 27, 2023, and will be available at pre-convention deanery meetings.

Late resolutions may be introduced at the first legislative session of the Convention on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

All timely resolutions and late resolutions accepted for consideration will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for study and report. The Resolutions Committee will report its recommendations for actions at the second legislative session of the Convention on Friday, November 3, 2023.

Please see the following Guidelines for Resolutions (on the next page) and submit resolutions in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) to convention@episcopalchurchsc.org. Receipt of all resolutions will be confirmed via email.

Resolution Format Guidelines 2023

The Resolutions Committee of the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina has revised the format of Resolutions that may come before the Convention. In the interest of expeditious handling of business before the Convention, this format will help delegates to focus on what is actually being voted upon as distinct from the reasons behind the proposed resolution.

The main change is that "Whereas clauses" that have typically preceded the actual resolution are eliminated. The explanatory information will follow the body of the Resolution proposed, and will be an explanatory paragraph rather than a string of formalistic phrases. Why? Because the only thing for debate and/ or vote is the text of the actual resolution. Putting the actual resolution first and explanations after will help focus on our business.

RESOLUTION FORMAT:

Resolved that the 233rd Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina establish a task force to examine moving hurricane season from its current position in the calendar to the season of Lent.

Explanation: While meteorologists claim that hurricane season is more or less immovable, some local theologians have determined that tropical storms are more suited to the penitential spirit of the season of Lent. Additionally, a firm end-date for hurricane season at the feast of Easter would make it easier to plan late-summer trips to the beach.

Please note: All who propose resolutions are asked to form their resolutions in this format. Submissions that do not follow this format will be returned to the proposer for re-drafting. If the Resolutions Committee reformats your resolution, errors in emphasis may occur. We will be glad to consult with any proposers to "perfect" the formation of your resolution.