The Episcopal Diocese of SOUTH CAROLINA

236th Annual Diocesan Convention
Submitting Resolutions

To: Members of the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the 236th Diocesan Convention
From: Diane Wilson, Secretary of Convention

The deadline for submitting resolutions for action by the 236th Diocesan Convention is **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**. Resolutions submitted on time will be posted on the diocesan website by October 8 and will be available at pre-convention deanery meetings.

Late resolutions may be introduced at the first legislative session of the Convention on Thursday, October 29, 2026.

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, October 30, 2026.

Please see the following 2026 Resolution Format Guidelines and submit resolutions in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) to convention@episcopalchurchsc.org. Receipt of all resolutions will be confirmed via email.

2026 Resolution Format Guidelines

In 2023, the Resolutions Committee of the Diocesan Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina revised the format of Resolutions that may come before the Convention. In the interest of expeditious handling of business before the Convention, the new 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 236th 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.
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> 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 re-formats your resolution, errors in emphasis may occur. We will be glad to consult with any proposers to "perfect" the formation of your resolution.