

Diocese of California

174th Annual Convention

2023 Resolutions

1. **Migration with Dignity:** A framework for advocacy for humane treatment of refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons
2. **Addressing Gun Violence to Safeguard our Youth:** Advocacy for safe and secure storage of firearms
3. **Legislative Themes for the 81st General Convention:** DioCal requests legislation on these themes as a Memorial (like a petition) to the next General Convention:
 - Justice Themes: Racial Justice & Reconciliation, LGBTQ Advocacy, Gender Justice, Climate Justice, Disability Justice, Economic Justice
 - Ministry Programs: Church Vitality, Congregational Development, New Pathways for Ministry Collaboration, Funding the Church of the Future, Lay Formation, Theological Education, Liturgy & Music
4. **Add Howard W. Thurman to the Episcopal Church Calendar:** Would designate an appropriate date on the Church Calendar as the annual celebration of the life and work of Howard W. Thurman—pastor, educator, theologian, and civil rights leader
5. **Access to Prison Ministries** (late submission): Would affirm The Episcopal Church's commitment to prison ministries consistent with our current values, particularly with regard to our nondiscrimination canons

Proposed amendments to governing documents of the Convention

A. Article VI: Lay members of Standing Committee and Executive Council as Delegates

- Would allow lay Convention representatives to the Executive Council and the Standing Committee to vote at Convention
- Would change wording from “shall” to “must”

B. Canons II & III: Requiring Anti-Racism Training and Certification for Clergy and Delegates

- Clergy and delegates would be required to complete Anti-Racism and Racial Reconciliation coursework every three years

C. Correct References to the Canons of The Episcopal Church

- Would correct out-of-date cross references; no changes to content

D. Special Rules of the Election of the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of California

- Rules were developed by the Standing Committee for the election in accordance with the Constitution and Canons

E. Ratifying and Approving Acts of the Convention Meeting Remotely

- Would reaffirm the validity of Convention actions which occurred remotely during the Covid-19 public health emergency

Assessment Formula

- Evaluated by our diocese in comparison of 19 similar dioceses
 - DioCal endowment income is below median; Finance Committee recommends prioritizing endowment growth to reduce burden on congregations
- Proposed 2024 assessment formula
 - 5% assessment on the first \$92,345 of parish operating income for 2022
 - 17% assessment on all such income above \$92,345
 - No parish shall have an increase of more than 50% or \$24,710—whichever is less

Proposed 2024 Budget

- **Inflation rate:** 2.9%
- **Canon for Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice:** Position funded by Expanding Horizons capital campaign
- **Bishop coadjutor:**
 - Bishop Marc will overlap with newly elected bishop for five months to allow for smooth transition
 - Also funded by Expanding Horizons