

## Summary of 79th General Convention Actions – Prayer Book & Liturgy

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### Prayer Book

A068 – Rather than actually start the process of Prayer Book revision, this creates a Task Force on Liturgical & Prayer Book Revision (TFLPBR) to study the possibility of prayer book revision over the next triennium, and report back to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention. Also, memorializes the 1979 BCP, such that even when we have a new prayer book, it is still authorized for continued use. Asks bishops to engage with their congregations to experiment and create alternative texts to share with the wider Church, as well as for diocesan liturgical commissions to report to TFLPBR about their experiences. Requires that current BCP & EOW series be translated into Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, using dynamic equivalence, and requires that no new liturgical texts be released to the church without this same translation.

D078 – Authorizes expansive language versions of Eucharistic Prayers A, B & D for trial use, while directing SCLM to study Prayer C for possible future revision. Directs SCLM to make these versions available electronically at no cost, and to have them translated using dynamic equivalence into Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole. Trial use for these liturgies to last until the next comprehensive revision of the BCP is completed.

A016 – Suggests that Baptismal Covenant be revised to include language regarding our responsibility for care of creation. Was referred to TFLPBR for further study/work over this next triennium.

A017 – Requests that future prayer book revision include creation-focused liturgies that recognize our responsibility to care for creation, and our failings to do so. Was referred to TFLPBR for further study/work over this next triennium.

C030 – Redundant to A016 (and referred to same interim body).

A070 – Requires that translation of the BCP into Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole be undertaken by the Task Force for Translations, and dictates the makeup of that body.

B010 – Substitutes the word “preferred” for “principal” in the first sentence of the introduction of the current BCP, so that it reads: “The Holy Eucharist, the preferred act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in this Book, are the regular services appointed for public worship in this Church.”

**No further action** - D101 – Would have directed SCLM to study the practice of open communion, in preparation for the next revision of the prayer book.

## Lesser Feasts & Fasts/Sanctoral Calendar

A065 – Authorizes the continued use of Lesser Feasts & Fasts 2006, commends the availability of Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015 for the next triennium, and authorizes Lesser Feasts & Fasts 2018 for trial use. Also requires the SCLM provide the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention with a clear plan for a single calendar.

A066 – Adds Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi to Lesser Feasts & Fasts 2018.

A067 – Asks the SCLM to research the possibility of adding additional fast days to Lesser Feasts & Fasts for optional use, with recommendations to be made to 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.

C012 – Recommends that SCLM consider the addition of Origen of Alexandria to the calendar of saints.

C027 – Adds Dorothy Day to the calendar in Lesser Feasts & Fasts.

C046 – Creates a feast day for the Deaconesses of the Appleton Church Home (known as the Order of St. Katharine).

C055 – Urges SCLM to add Fr. Paul Wattson to the calendar of commemorations.

C058 – Adds The Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. to Lesser Feasts & Fasts 2018.

C065 – Adds The Rev. John Edwin Culmer to Lesser Feasts & Fasts 2018.

D012 – Recommends inclusion of the Four Chaplains of USAT Dorchester on the calendar in Lesser Feasts & Fasts.

Book of Occasional Services, Enriching Our Worship & additional liturgical resources

**No further action** - A064 – Would have authorized a new Book of Occasional Services (last revised 2003).

A218 – Authorizes several services (and amendments to services) from the proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018, directing the SCLM to make those services widely available to the church, while obtaining feedback on their use.

A219 – Refers several sections of the proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018 back to SCLM for more work before the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.

A283 – Approves two services from the proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018, Las Posadas and El Día de los Muertos, while directing SCLM to begin working with the Dept. of Ethnic Ministries to provide additional liturgies, such as (but not limited to) Quinceañera and Presentación, as well as seeking feedback on the use of these liturgies.

B023 – Requests that SCLM consider a rite adapted from the Armenian Orthodox Church for Holy Cross Day, and report on it to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.

C003 – Directs that a “Way of Light” liturgy be included in the next revised edition of the Book of Occasional Services (whenever that may be).

A054 – Authorizes the multi-cultural ministry staff of the Episcopal Church to create a collection of prayer, liturgy, and music that reflects the prayer of their various communities by 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.

D046 – Authorizes the continued use of Enriching Our Worship 1-5. Also directs SCLM to develop principles for the use of inclusive and expansive language in liturgical texts, to report these principles to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention, and to use these principles when creating any new liturgies. Encourages each diocese to identify an individual or group “to encourage the development of liturgical texts to provide expansive language resources, particularly resources that reflect the breadth of cultures, languages, and ancestral contexts already represented in The Episcopal Church; and to report on their work to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for inclusion in its report to the 80th General Convention”.

A063 – First reading of an amendment to the Constitution to: “Authorize for use throughout this Church, as provided by Canon, alternative and additional liturgies to supplement those provided in the Book of Common Prayer.”

C024 – Directs SCLM to propose a plan to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention for the translation of EOW, BOS, and other authorized liturgical resources into the primary languages in use across the church. (Translation of EOW already required by A068.)

### Miscellaneous Other

C028 – Adds a paragraph to the Episcopal Church Canons that allows the use of any book of prayer/worship authorized anywhere in the Anglican Communion for local use, with the permission of the diocesan bishop.

D065 – Authorizes the use of the St. Helena Psalter, and the Psalter for the Christian People, for use with the permission of the diocesan bishop.

A217 – Directs SCLM to consider the Consultation on Common Text's RCL Daily Readings, and report back to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.

A195 – Establishes a staff person for Liturgy & Music on the Presiding Bishop's staff. This person is charged with supporting the work of SCLM, as well as serving as a church-wide resource.

D040 – Directs SCLM to study the status of women musicians throughout the Episcopal Church, and report back to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.