



# THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

### **231st Annual Convention Submitting Resolutions**

To: Members of the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the 231st Annual Convention  
From: The Rev. Robertson Donehue, President of the Standing Committee

The deadline for submitting resolutions for action by the 231st Annual Convention is Thursday, September 27, 2021. Resolutions submitted on time will be posted on the diocesan website no later than Tuesday, October 5, 2021, and will be available at pre-convention deanery meetings.

Late resolutions may be introduced at the first legislative session of the Convention on Friday, November 12, 2021.

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 Saturday, November 13, 2021.

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

## Resolution Format Guidelines 2021

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 it will help the 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.

### OLD EXAMPLE:

Whereas the weather is changing, and  
Whereas the woolly bears have extremely heavy coats this fall, and  
Whereas this is a year of the El Niño maritime effect, and  
Whereas many churches in our Diocese will be negatively affected by unusually cold weather, therefore be it resolved that:

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina in its 230th Annual Convention held in Pawleys Island, SC urges members to dress more warmly on Sundays when it is cold.

### NEW FORMAT:

Resolved that the Convention urge all who attend services on unusually cold Sundays to wear warmer than usual clothing.

Explanation: Natural and scientific weather forecasters suggest this will be a very cold winter. Many churches are not prepared for unusual cold, so it would help for attendees to wear warmer than usual clothing on those really cold Sundays.

**Please note:** All who propose resolutions are asked to form their resolutions in the "resolution first, explanations second" 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.

Please help the committee by presenting what you want to propose in the "contemporary" format. Thank you. We will be glad to consult with any proposers to "perfect" the formation of your resolution.