

Report of the Resolution Committee  
231<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention  
November 4, 2021

Resolution #1 – Lower Age of Eligible Delegates

*Resolved that the Convention permits all confirmed individuals ages 16 and 17 inclusive to be eligible to be elected as delegates and alternates to this Convention.*

Explanation: The canonical definition of a confirmed adult in the Episcopal Church who has seat, voice, and vote at parish meetings is 16. The Diocese of South Carolina should enable and empower our older youth to have equal participation that their contemporaries in other dioceses may and do enjoy. We who by our baptismal covenant promise to raise those baptized as infants or children in the Christian doctrine, discipline, and worship should entrust them with the sacred responsibility as canonical adults and permit them all the privileges that convey as the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church allows.

This resolution was initially passed by the 230<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention during the Second Business Session on Saturday, November 21, 2020. As this resolution would change the Constitution and Canons of the diocese, it must be passed in the exact same form, at two consecutive diocesan conventions. The first reading passed unanimously, though only required majority approval. For the second reading and second vote, the resolution must pass by a two-thirds vote of both orders present.

*The Resolution Committee recommends approval of this resolution.*