



# THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

### Report of the Resolution Committee 229<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention

#### **Proposed Resolution # 1**

Resolved that this convention instruct the South Carolina deputation to the next General Convention of The Episcopal Church to request the General Convention to act officially to establish a task force to do all of the following:

- investigate and gather the learnings in each diocese where breakaway divisions have occurred
- publish the findings for the whole church
- develop recommendations for canonical and/or policy changes for the consideration of the Committee on the State of the Church (or other appropriate committee designated by General Convention)
- assign responsibility prior to the next following General Convention for the implementation of actions to preclude further divisive efforts

#### Explanation

South Carolina is one of a number of dioceses experiencing the rending impact of breakaway efforts and lawsuits now long known to have occurred in The Episcopal Church and known to result from a carefully crafted, documented plan of attack originated in ultra-conservative elements of the Anglican Communion. Given the apparent lack of any proactive defensive strategy to date, failing to develop and implement a strategic action plan to counter breakaway efforts, especially legal efforts, would be a serious lapse of fiduciary responsibility and trusteeship. This resolution seeks to prompt meaningful action without further delay.

#### *Resolution Committee:*

*The Rev. Pam Fahrner, Chair*

*The Rev. Sr. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe*

*Mr. Wayne Helmy*

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