

Top 17 for Parishes

- **THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE CULTURE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE (A159)** *recognizes the role of the church; directs us to work with Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church and community-based agencies to address and educate ourselves on these concerns.*
- **REVIEW AND REVISE POLICY ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ADDICTION, AND RECOVERY (A158)** *encourages congregations (and others) to update their policies on the use of alcohol and other substances. Resolution provides a list of policies to consider.*
- **QUESTION ORDINANDS ABOUT ADDICTION (D014)** *directs clergy and vestries (and others with authority) to explore directly with all applicants for ordination their use of and family history with alcohol and substance abuse.*

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- **PAROCHIAL REPORTS (A084)** *calls for several changes to the Parochial Report.*
- **SCOUTING (C037)** *commends the Boy Scouts of America for its recent change to a nondiscriminatory membership policy; recommends vestries and clergy to sponsor scouting units; urges parishes to make known the Episcopal Church's affirmation of qualified adult leaders regardless of sexual orientation.*
- **ADVOCACY AND PRAYER FOR SYRIA (D041)** *encourages faith communities to pray for peace in the Middle East and to work for an end to the humanitarian and refugee crisis in Syria.*

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- **UNITING FAMILIES (D077)** *urges congregations to develop programs and partnerships with local agencies that emphasize value of strong immigrant families and provide assistance to immigrant families.*
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM (A011)** *encourages each congregation to undertake at least one criminal justice reform initiative, and report back to the 78th General Convention. The resolution lists 14 possible ways to engage.*
- **INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE (C048)** *directs the Episcopal Church, at all levels, to engage in and advocate increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour or a living wage.*

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- **ONLINE CHRISTIAN FORMATION (A075)** *Episcopal Church to establish a prominent tab or link listing websites that provide suitable formation resources; asks congregations to share web links.*
- **AFFIRM CONFIRMATION (A080)** *requests Episcopal Church to convene representatives from 10 dioceses to engage in intentional conversation about intergenerational and congregation-wide processes to help us claim our baptismal identity; goal is to strengthen best practices regarding Rite of Confirmation.*
- **BOOK STUDY “THE NEW JIM CROW” (A183)** *asks us to study the issue of mass incarceration and recommends a church-wide book study; instructs Episcopal Church staff to create a tool kit for this kind of study.*

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- **MINISTRY TO PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND THEIR FAMILIES (C020)** *calls us to provide educational material to improve our understanding about mental illness and to improve our inclusion, support, and care for persons with mental illness and their families.*
- **RESPOND TO ALL FORMS OF RACIAL INJUSTICE (A182)** *urges the church at every level to increase dialogue about racial injustice, and to create and share resources on programs dedicated to reconciliation. Specific suggestions are included. Asks Standing Commission on Liturgy and Church Music to post online a set of prayers for racial reconciliation; mandates Executive Council to conduct an internal audit to assess racial injustice in our church.*

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- **ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR PRAYER BOOK REVISION (A169)** *requires the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Church Music to prepare a plan for the revision of the current Prayer Book and present the plan to the 79th General Convention.*
- **UPDATE THE SAFEGUARDING MATERIALS (A074)** *calls for the updating or supplementing of written and web-based materials used in the “Safeguarding God’s Children” and the “Safeguarding God’s People” programs to reflect the experience of the church in using these materials; and to cover topics such as social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, camp and conference center programs, and other overnight events, and the experiences of LGBTQ persons.*

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- **ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING (C045)** *calls upon the Investment Committee to divest from any current holdings, and refrain from purchasing new holdings, in fossil fuel companies. Also urges all dioceses and parishes of the Episcopal Church to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels.*