

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Advocacy & Networking
DATE: October 8, 2009
RE: Hyatt Hotel Chain

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, October 5-8, directs the Executive Officers of General Convention and the Office of General Convention to refrain from using the Hyatt hotel chain for General Convention and its related bodies and staff, until housekeeping staff summarily fired from its Massachusetts hotels and replaced by contract workers are offered the opportunity to be restored to their original employment and work conditions and provided with back pay for time missed due to their fall 2009 layoffs; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council expresses its support for these long-term employees and their efforts to return to their work positions; and be it further

Resolved, That Council directs the Executive Officers to notify Hyatt of this decision; and be it further

Resolved, That we share this decision with our ecumenical partners and invite them to join us in this action, and be it further

Resolved, that the Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking for Mission request the General Convention Office to monitor the development of negotiations between Hyatt and the affected housekeeping staff and report to the Committee at the February 2010 meeting of Executive Council.

Explanation:

Three Hyatt hotels in Boston and Cambridge fired 98 veteran housekeeping staff on 31 August 2009 with less than a day's notice. These staff, who had received a livable wage and health benefits for as long as twenty years, were replaced overnight by outsourced workers being paid minimum wage without benefits.

The General Convention deputation of the Diocese of Massachusetts, lay, clerical, and episcopal, asks unanimously that General Convention and its related bodies boycott Hyatt hotels until this injustice is rectified. This boycott would be consistent with the Church's

faithful witness to economic justice and fair treatment for all workers.