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Year	Resolution Name	Text of Resolution
2009	Funding Program of the Diocese	[1] Resolved, That Canon 18, FUNDING PROGRAM OF THE DIOCESE , be amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows (new language in bold and italic, deleted language stricken)--See the 2009 Journal of Convention.
2009	Budget	[2] Resolved, That the 2010 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
2009	Budget	[3] Resolved, That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 18, each congregation's share of the 2010 budget of \$10,015,000. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2010; and be it further
2009	Budget	[4] Resolved, That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 2010.
2009	Trustees of Estate & Property	[5] Resolved, That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2015: Paul R. Ainslie, Karen Metcalf and Peter Dannenbaum.
2009	Canon 35 Electronic Communications	[6] Resolved, That the Canons of the Diocese be amended by adding a Part X, Canon 35 as follows: Canon 35 - Electronic Communications
2009	Canon 35 Electronic Communications	under these Canons may be sent by electronic means, as well as any other means provided hereunder, except for: (1) certifications under Canon 2, (2) printings and mailings of the Calendar of Business under Canon 5, Sec. 2 (3) transmittals of copies of the Journal of Convention under Canon 6, Sec. 1, (4) submissions under Canon 28, Sec. 2 and (5) communications under Canons 32 and 33.
2009	Canon 35 Electronic Communications	Any communications by electronic means permitted hereunder may be sent to the electronic address or telecopier number of the recipient as set forth in the Secretary's or Bishop's books and records from time to time. In addition to the foregoing, all publications of notices in a newspaper of record for the Diocese may, in lieu of such publication, be sent via electronic means to any affected persons or posted on the website of the Diocese.
2008	Budget	[1] Resolved, That the 2009 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further

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- 2008 Budget [2] Resolved, That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 18, each congregation's share of the 2009 budget of \$13,314,144. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2009; and be it further
- 2008 Budget [3] Resolved, That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 2009
- 2008 Trustees of Estate & Property [4] Resolved, That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2011: Chris Cummins, Christ Church Rye; Henry Mcvey, Heavenly Rest, Manhattan; David Willmott, St. Luke in the Fields, Manhattan.
- 2008 Minimum Compensation Guidelines [5] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York adopt the following Minimum Compensation Guidelines for Priests of the Diocese of New York, as prepared by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese of New York. (see convention journal for details)
- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State Explanation: The General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1976 affirmed in Resolution A-71 that "homosexual persons are entitled to equal protection of the laws with all other citizens, and calls upon our society to see that such protection is provided in actuality."
- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State Explanation: Discrimination in marriage is one of the remaining barriers to full civil rights for same-sex couples.
- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State Explanation: The legal recognition of civil marriage grants families over 1,000 rights, benefits and protections under the law --both state and federal. These include survivor benefits, hospital visitation rights, and family and medical leave. Domestic partnerships and civil unions do not provide the same level of rights, benefits or protections.
- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State Explanation: Many religious communities welcome same-sex couples; others do not. Religious institutions will always be able to define marriage as they see fit; however, the state should treat all people and families equally under the law.

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- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State Explanation: Legislation allowing marriage for same-sex couples passed the State Assembly and will come before the State Senate. Governor David Patterson has indicated he will support and sign such legislation.
- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State Explanation: We propose this resolution to show the Episcopal Diocese of New York's support for a civil marriage law for same-sex couples in New York State.
- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State [6] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, in keeping with Resolution 15 of the 217th Convention of the Diocese, which made "known to the President of the United States, to the United States Senate and House of Representatives our support of full civil rights for all American citizens irrespec-tive of sexual orientation," calls upon the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New York to ensure civil marriage equality in this state by enacting the necessary legislation to permit same-sex couples to marrv: and be it further
- 2008 Civil Marriage Equality in New York State [7] Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York.
- 2008 Choice of Lectionary Explanation: The 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Columbus, Ohio in 2006, directed that "the Revised Common Lectionary shall be the Lectionary of this Church, amending the Lectionary on pp. 889-921 of The Book of Common Prayer, effective the First Sunday of Advent, 2007." The Convention also made provision for "continued use of the previous Lectionary for purposes of orderly transition, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, until the First Sunday of Advent 2010."
- 2008 Choice of Lectionary Explanation: There is not a broadly-based consensus in the Diocese of New York that favors the Revised Common Lectionary over the Lectionary found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Rather, since the adoption of the Revised Common Lectionary in 2007, it has become clear that well-reasoned preferences for both lectionaries are found among the churches and clergy of this diocese

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- 2008 Choice of Lectionary Explanation: The Right Reverend Mark Sisk, Bishop of New York, while accepting the action of General Convention, and the new place of the Revised Common Lectionary in the Episcopal Church, has asked that the 1979 Lectionary be used at all occasions of his own Episcopal visitations to churches in the Diocese of New York, and has issued blanket permission for any and all churches in his diocese to continue to use the 1979 Lectionary through the First Sunday of Advent 2010. Many churches in the diocese, so permitted, have thus chosen not to introduce the Revised Common Lectionary into their worship, while many others have.
- 2008 Choice of Lectionary Explanation: It is the desire of the Bishop of New York, supported by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, that both the 1979 Lectionary and the Revised Common Lectionary remain as equally acceptable choices for liturgical use in the Episcopal Church.
- 2008 Choice of Lectionary [8] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York petition the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music to move a resolution to the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in 2009, to authorize the Ecclesiastical Authority of the dioceses of the Episcopal Church to grant permission for the use of the Lectionary found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer beyond the First Sunday of Advent 2010, indefinitely, or until further action of General Convention; that the Lectionary found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Revised Common Lectionary continue as equal choices for the worship of this church.
- 2008 Endorsement of the Earth Charter Explanation: The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental ethical principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century (www.earthcharter.org). It developed from the grass roots, not the U.N. or NGOs and is the result of the most inclusive and participatory worldwide process ever associated with the drafting of an international declaration
- 2008 Endorsement of the Earth Charter Explanation: The Earth Charter seeks to inspire in all people a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well-being of the whole human family, the greater community of life and future generations. It is a blueprint for local and global ministry, a vision of hope and a call to action. Our Diocesan Council and Social Concerns Commission have joined hundreds of religious organizations and leaders in endorsing the Charter.

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- 2008 Endorsement of the Earth Charter Explanation: Now is a critical moment in the history of God's creation, a time when we must choose our future. Our common destiny calls us to seek a new beginning, a fundamental change of heart and mind, a clear recognition of global interdependence and universal responsibility. We must act now to achieve sustainability, justice and peace
- 2008 Endorsement of the Earth Charter Explanation: A copy of the Earth Charter follows (see convention journal).
- 2008 Endorsement of the Earth Charter [9] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York endorse the Earth Charter as a declaration of global ethics consistent with the social, political, environmental and economic justice principles of the Diocese of New York and the Episcopal Church, further
- 2008 Endorsement of the Earth Charter [10] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York call upon the Council of the Diocese and the Social Concerns Commission to develop action steps that the diocese, parishes and individuals may take to implement the principles of the Earth Charter locally, nationally and internationally, and further
- 2008 Endorsement of the Earth Charter [11] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York request the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church to endorse the Earth Charter and recommend action steps for dioceses, parishes and individuals to implement its principles, locally, nationally and internationally.
- 2008 Carpenter's Kids [12] RESOLVED, that the Diocese of New York hereby encourages 100% participation by the parishes of the Diocese, and be it further
- 2008 Carpenter's Kids [13] RESOLVED, that participation may be defined in terms of the level of support possible by each individual parish: 1 child up to 50 children.
- 2008 Continuing Conversations on Slavery [14] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York urge the 2009 General Convention to encourage each diocese to continue over the next six years a process that uses study modules to gather information on (1) the complicity of the Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery, (2) the Episcopal Church's history of segregation and discrimination and (3) the economic benefits derived by the Episcopal Church from the transatlantic slave trade: and be it further
- 2008 Continuing Conversations on Slavery [15] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York request the 2009 General Convention to use the study of modules referred to above and require that all participating groups report their results to the 2015 General Convention.

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- 2008 Vails Gate Property [16] RESOLVED, by the Mid-Hudson Regional Council that:
- 2008 Vails Gate Property Efforts should be made and supported to determine the feasibility of acquisitions of the Convent property and buildings by the Episcopal Diocese of New York and, if needed, take the appropriate steps toward acquisition;
- 2008 Vails Gate Property Demand for use of such facility should be evaluated by parishes, deaneries, inter-parish councils, and other subdivisions of the Episcopal Diocese of New York to establish the best possible future use of the property;
- 2008 Vails Gate Property Specific uses of the Vails gate property to be considered should include that of a region-al office for the Episcopal Diocese of New York and that of a retreat center for diocesan and other gatherings; and finally,
- 2008 Vails Gate Property Be it resolved that following passage of this resolution by the Mid-Hudson Regional Council, and recognizing that the deadline for resolutions for Convention has passed we respectfully ask the Bishop to mention this possibility in his address in order that it might be considered at Diocesan Convention.
- 2008 Status For Haitian Immigrants [17] Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New York petition USCIS to grant such a temporary protected status and worker status for immigrant Haitians in the United States, and send copies of those resolution to the President and President-elect of the United States and to the Governor of New York.
- 2007 Budget [1] Resolved, That the 2008 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
- 2007 Budget [2] Resolved, That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 18, each congregation's share of the 2008 budget of \$12,433,990. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2008; and be it further
- 2007 Budget [3] Resolved, That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 2008.

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- 2007 Trustees of Estate & Property [4] Resolved, That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2011: Sarah Cogan, Grace, Manhattan; Judy Ball Moral, Heavenly Rest, Manhattan; and Kevin Putt, St. James', Manhattan
- 2007 Torture is a Moral Issue [5] Resolved, That the 231st Convention of the Diocese of New York join with over 15,000 citizens of the United States following their religious call and endorse the Statement of Conscience of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture "Torture is a Moral Issue."
- 2007 Health Care and Health Insurance is a Right [6] Resolved, That the Diocese call upon the Economic Justice Committee (EJC) to research different forms of organization that assist the payments for health care of uninsured and underinsured families, and present a plan at next convention that would harness the resources of the diocese most effectively in advocating for and promoting greater *access* to health care and further
- 2007 Health Care and Health Insurance is a Right [7] Resolved, That the Diocese advocate through appropriate interfaith and ecumenical organizations at the state level for stronger health insurance for the uninsured and underinsured.
- 2007 Pledge of Support for the New Sanctuary Movement [8] Resolved, That the Episcopal Diocese of New York , acknowledge that the large-scale immigration of workers and their families to the United States is a complex historical, global and economic phenomenon that has many causes and does not lend itself to simplistic or purely reactive public policy solutions.
- That we stand together in our faith that everyone, regardless of national origin, has basic common rights, including but not limited to: 1) livelihood; 2) family unity; and 3) physical and emotional safety. We witness the violation of these rights under current immigration policy, particularly in the separation of children from their parents due to unjust deportations, and in the exploitation of immigrant workers. We are deeply grieved by the violence done to families through immigration raids. We cannot in good conscience ignore such suffering and injustice
- 2007 Pledge of Support for the New Sanctuary Movement [9] Resolved, That we in the Episcopal Diocese of New York, commit ourselves to:
1. Support the New Sanctuary Movement and;
 2. Promote the New Sanctuary Movement within our Denomination, congregations and among our other allies.

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- 2007 Episcopal Charities of N. Y. Sunday [10] Resolved, That the Diocese of New York, hereby perpetually designates the first Sunday of June as "Episcopal Charities Sunday," commencing on June 1, 2008, and be it further
- 2007 Episcopal Charities of N. Y. Sunday [11] Resolved, That on "Episcopal Charities Sunday" parishes and missions take a special collection to be donated to Episcopal Charities of New York to support feeding programs which receive funding from Episcopal Charities of New York. ENSURING QUALITY SCHOOLS
- 2007 For All Our Children [12] Resolved, That every parish is encouraged to work with its community and youth to develop a partnership with a local public school that can ensure every youth has access to a high-quality education.
- 2007 For All Our Children [13] Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church for its consideration.
- 2006 Budget [1] Resolved, That the 2007 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 2006 Budget [2] Resolved, That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec.1(2) of Canon 18, each congregation's share of the 2007 budget of \$11,922.572. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2007; and be it further
- 2006 Budget [3] Resolved, That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 2007
- 2006 Trustees of Estate & Property [4] Resolved, That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2010: Paul R. Ainslie, Karen Metcalf, Peter Dannenbaum.
- 2006 Marine Corp Birthday [5] Resolved, That the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York takes note that November 10, 2006 is the 231st Birthday of the United States Marine Corps.
- 2006 Marine Corp Birthday [6] Resolved, That on this anniversary of the formation of the United States Marine Corps, the Convention offers a word of thanks to all those men and women, past and present, who have proudly earned the title MARINE.

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- 2006 Marine Corp Birthday [7] Resolved, That any former or current member of the United States Marine Corps present at this convention be invited to stand, be recognized and receive the Convention's greeting.
- 2006 Marine Corp Birthday [8] Resolved, That word of this resolution be forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps with our hope that he would distribute word of this Resolution to all men and women currently serving on Active or Reserve duty with the United States Marine Corps.
- 2006 Commemoration of John Jay [9] Resolved, That the 230th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York requests that the Bishop authorize the commemoration of John Jay on May 17, using a proper to be developed by the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese.
- 2006 Response to Prisoners Being Released from State & City Prisons [10] Resolved, That this 230th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York call upon all congregations of the Diocese to assure all the men and women leaving prison each year that we welcome them back into society and we will pray, study and act on their behalf to reduce recidivism.
- 2006 Census Campaign Support Millenium Development Goals [11] Resolved, That this 230th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York call upon all of the congregations in the Diocese to support "The Census Campaign," to take place during Lent 2007, whereby each and every member give a special collection of one dollar to support global mission projects related to the Millennium Development Goals.
- 2006 Commission Name Change [12] Resolved, That Canon 16, Section 6 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 6. Organization of Council: There shall be the following Standing Commissions of Council: Christian Formation Commission, Congregational Development Commission, Congregational Life for Mission Commission, Social Concerns Commission and Leadership Development Commission.
- 2006 Affirming EDNY Candidates for Bishop be Chosen w/o Regard to Sexual Orientation [13] Resolved, That the Diocese of New York reaffirms its earlier positions that "all baptized, believing, and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ," [1999] and that "the Standing Committee and Commission on Ministry ought not raise the issue [of the sexual preference of a candidate for ordination] in their consideration of a candidate's fitness." [1978]

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- 2006 Support for Full Religious Freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey [15] Resolved, That the Episcopal Diocese of New York urges the government of Turkey to allow the Eastern Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople to re-open immediately its theological seminary at the Monastery of the Holy Trinity on Halki Island for the training of orthodox clergy; recognize the Patriarch's title of Ecumenical Patriarch, the honorary title for him recognized and used by all Christian churches since the 6th century; restore all properties confiscated from the patriarchate in Turkey, in particular, the Orthodox orphanage on Halki; establish clearly the status of the patriarchate in the context of Turkish civil law. These were all issues raised by the Patriarch with us in May.
- 2005 Budget (1) Resolved, That the 2006 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 2005 Budget (2) Resolved, That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 18, each congregation's share of the 2006 budget of \$11,393,114. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2006; and be it further
- 2005 Budget (3) Resolved, That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the Calendar year 2004.
- 2005 Trustees of Estate and Property (4) Resolved, That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2008: William T. Nolan, Kenneth R. Page, Esq.; David A. Willmott
- 2005 Minimum Compensation Guidelines for Priests (5) Resolved, That the 229th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts Minimum Compensation Guidelines for Priests for the Diocese of New York, as prepared by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese of New York
- 2005 Creation of a Task Force to Study the Development of a Diocesan Conference Center (6) Resolved, That the 229th Convention of the Diocese of New York recommends that the Bishop establish a task force to explore the desirability and feasibility of the establishment of a Diocesan Retreat and Conference Center.

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- 2005 Creation of a Task Force to Study the Development of a Diocesan Conference Center Explanation: The Bishop has on several occasions noted the importance of providing retreat space for the nurture and leadership development of our youth. In addition many congregations and organizations within the Diocese often look for convenient and affordable retreat space for their Vestries, committees etc. This Task Force would explore the needs and opportunities of the Diocese and report back to the 230th Convention
- 2005 The Episcopal Response to Hunger (7) Resolved, That this 229th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York reaffirm our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons through its continued commitment to the elimination of hunger in the United States; and be it further
- 2005 The Episcopal Response to Hunger (8) Resolved, That this Convention urges all individuals and congregations to broaden their response to hunger by: (1) Volunteering time, facilities, food and money to meet the needs of the hungry; (2) educating people about and enrolling them in federal, state and local programs (e.g. Food Stamps, WIG, school meals, and other hunger and nutrition programs) that alleviate hunger;
- 2005 The Episcopal Response to Hunger (8) Resolved continued, (3) creating partnerships with ecumenical and interfaith partners with similar commitments to eliminating hunger; and (4) by being educated about and active in opposing any proposed cuts in the federal nutrition assistance safety net as well as supporting the creation of innovative new efforts to give people the opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty.
- 2005 The Episcopal Response to Hunger Explanation: For many, the face of the Episcopal Church is that of a person providing a bag of groceries or serving a hot meal. Ninety-six percent of all Episcopal congregations nationally either host or contribute to food programs in their communities, through a weekly, monthly or holiday soup kitchen, food pantry, or food drive. Most programs are very small; the majority depend on dedicated volunteers and have few paid staff. Often, volunteers and staff, many of whom have low incomes themselves, use their own money to buy food for their programs
- 2005 The Episcopal Response to Hunger Explanation: Despite these ongoing efforts, the number of hungry Americans continues to grow. One in 10 Americans suffer from or are at risk of hunger including 13 million children. While the Food Stamp Program is the nation's first line of defense against hunger, in 2002 only 54% of eligible people received Food Stamps.
- 2005 The Episcopal Response to Hunger Explanation: This resolution calls on our churches and their parishioners to not only feed those in need but to 'feed the solution' to hunger by actively advocating for programs and funding as well as other efforts on the federal, state and local level that will strike at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

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- 2005 Promoting a Culture of Nonviolence (9) Resolved, That in response to our baptismal vow to work for peace and justice, the Diocese of New York commits itself to recognizing and dealing with forms of violence within ourselves and in our society; these include not only physical, verbal and emotional dehumanization, but also societal and ecclesiastical structures of racism, sexism, armed conflict, ecological devastation and economic exploitation: and be it further
- 2005 Promoting a Culture of Nonviolence (10) Resolved, That the Diocese also commends to congregations and inter-parish councils the Creative Peace Making program of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.
- 2005 Promoting a Culture of Nonviolence Explanation: The Episcopal Church has a record of challenging its congregations and members to promote a culture of non-violence which values love, compassion, and justice, and rejects violence as a means of solving problems' (General Convention's Resolution No. D 022): The 2003 General Convention subsequently called for curricula in non-violence awareness and training for use in dioceses and congregations (General Convention's Resolution No. D031).
- 2005 Promoting a Culture of Nonviolence Explanation: The Episcopal Peace Fellowship's Creative Peace Making training program is a response to those directives. The program already has a successful track record among young adults and others in the Diocese of New York. A typical three-day retreat guides participants in a highly participatory style through an exploration of five major themes: Violence in our lives and culture, Nonviolent social change, Active nonviolence, Community-building, Action or project planning
- 2005 Promoting a Culture of Nonviolence Explanation: At its February, 2005 meeting the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church commended this program 'to the whole church', and urged dioceses and congregations 'to consider how such training might help Episcopalians address the culture of violence in their homes, their workplaces, their congregations and our society at large.'
- 2005 The Study of the History of Slavery in the Episcopal Church (11) Resolved, That the 229th Convention of the Diocese of New York call upon the 75th General Convention to establish a commission to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop to research the history of any complicity of the Episcopal Church and its several dioceses in slavery as well as the continuing legacy of any complicity; and be it further
- 2005 The Study of the History of Slavery in the Episcopal Church (12) Resolved, That this said commission report back to the 75th General Convention its findings and any necessary steps to make reparations; and be it further

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- 2005 The Study of the History of Slavery in the Episcopal Church (13) Resolved, That the 229th Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby establish a commission to be appointed by the Bishop of New York to be called “The Reparations Committee” to continue consideration of the issue and impact of reparations including: the history of any complicity of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and its parishes and organizations in slavery as well as the continuing legacy of any complicity; and be it further
- 2005 The Study of the History of Slavery in the Episcopal Church (14) Resolved, That this said commission of the Diocese report back to the 230th Convention its findings and to propose any necessary steps to make reparations.
- 2005 The Study of the History of Slavery in the Episcopal Church Explanation: One of the topics of the 74th General Convention was a resolution calling for the study of the history of the complicity of the United States in the system of slavery. Because of technical errors in presentation, this resolution failed to be approved by the 74th General Convention.
- 2005 The Study of the History of Slavery in the Episcopal Church Expanation: Upon the return from General Convention and with Bp. Sisk’s support, a resolution was submitted to the 227th Convention of the Diocese of New York calling for a diocesan task group to study the topic of reparations. This resolution is a result of their two-year study.
- 2005 Creating a Parish-to-Parish Relationship in Tanzania Resolved, That relationships between the dioceses and congregations in different parts of the world on issues of common concern strengthen the bonds of affection among the provinces of the Anglican Communion; and be it further
- 2005 Creating a Parish-to-Parish Relationship in Tanzania Resolved, That this 229th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York supports the emerging relationship between parishes in this Diocese and the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika in Tanzania to care for the educational and nutritional needs of HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children between the ages of six and twelve and; and be it further
- 2005 Creating a Parish-to-Parish Relationship in Tanzania Resolved, That this Convention encourages congregations to create a mutual relationship with a congregation in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika of prayer, communication and support including financial support of \$50.00 per year per child for providing school uniforms, shoes, books, pencils, and breakfast.
- 2005 Creating a Parish-to-Parish Relationship in Tanzania Explanation: Tanzania is a country of thirty-seven million people on the eastern coast of Africa. An active partner of the Episcopal Church USA, the Diocese of Central Tanganyika (DCT) is based in the nation’s administrative capital, Dodoma with two hundred parishes in the central region of the country.

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- 2005 Creating a Parish-to-Parish Relationship in Tanzania Explanation: There are more than 205 million AIDS orphans in Tanzania - children who are missing at least one parent struck down by the disease and who live without visible means of support. There are an estimated 30,000 HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. A leader in public health and education sponsoring health clinics, schools and AIDS prevention programs, the Diocese of Central Tanganyika simply needs the resources to extend its work.
- 2005 Creating a Parish-to-Parish Relationship in Tanzania Explanation: The Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Right Reverend Mdimi Mhogolo, invited the Right Reverend Catherine S. Roskam, Bishop Suffragan, to visit his diocese this summer. In July Bishop Roskam led a delegation from the Episcopal Diocese of New York to see the diocese's diversity of ministries; participate in ordination and confirmation services; and launch this partnership to ensure that Tanzanian children have the opportunity to build their own future. In October a second delegation, led by Companion Diocese Committee Chair Donald Bookal and Congregational Life and Global Mission Commission Chair Yvonne O'Neal visited schools and congregations in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.
- 2004 Budget [1] That the 2005 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 2004 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 18, each congregation's share of the 2005 budget of \$10,764,370. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July, and October 2005; and be it further
- 2004 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the Calendar year 2003
- 2004 Trustees of Estate and Property [4] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York. for terms expiring 2007: Sarah E. Cogan; Mary W. Hayes; Jefferson E. Hughes, Jr.
- 2004 Prison Ministry [5] That the Diocese of New York will encourage all parishes to celebrate and hold a Prison Ministry Sunday each year
- 2004 Prison Ministry [6] That the Diocese of New York will encourage parishes to seek out and structure partnerships with people in prison and their families; and
- 2004 Prison Ministry [7] That this resolution will be presented to the General Convention

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- 2004 Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Civil Rights [8] That this 228th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York urges the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or expression as well as sexual orientation, so that all members of the lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender community will be equally protected from discrimination. Be it further
- 2004 Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Civil Rights [9] That the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly and the New York representatives in the U.S. Senate and Congress
- 2004 The School of the Americas [10] That as part of our baptismal vow to work for peace and justice:
- 2004 The School of the Americas [11] That Congress be urged to deny funding for the continuation of the WHISC (Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation of the U. S. Army);
- 2004 The School of the Americas [12] That Congress be urged to establish a commission to study, report and advise the Congress regarding whether or under what circumstances the training of soldiers and police of other nations by members of representations of the U.S. Armed Forces is constitutionally permissible or advisable from a military political or ethical standpoint:
- 2004 The School of the Americas [13] That the Social Concerns Commission be authorized to continue fostering dialogue and research concerning this vital issue and begin to organize dialogue with federal officials who represent districts in the Diocese regarding their participation in support of these efforts
- 2004 Credit Union [14] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York seeks to transform the lives of individuals who seek credit to harness better their human and financial capital. Be it further
- 2004 Credit Union [15] That the Diocese shall establish a Community Development Low-Income credit union, upon the approval of the trustees of the diocese.
- 2004 Express Concern to Israel [16] That this Convention expresses its concern to the government of Israel over the forceful arrests, early in November 10th, 2004, of Mardach Vannvau, by the 30 heavily armed Israeli police personnel, thereby violating the sanctity of St. George's Cathedral, East Jerusalem. We also express our sympathy and solidarity with the Bishop of Jerusalem, and our sisters and brothers there and their distress of the actions

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- 2003 Budget [1] That the 2004 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 2003 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 18, each congregation's share of the 2004 budget of \$10,542,613. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2004; and be it further
- 2003 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the Calendar year 2002
- 2003 Trustees of Estate and property [4] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2006: Gary W. Glynn, John A. Grammer, Jr., William H. Wright, II.
- 2003 Revision of Canon 18.1.1 [5] That Canon 18.1.1 be revised as proposed by the Canons Committee.
- Current Text: The Trustees of the Diocese shall have the power to adjust the budget between Conventions if they determine that the funds to be received subsequently will be insufficient to meet the budget approved by the Convention or if the Trustees determine that the funds appropriated in the budget for any purposes are in excess of the amount required to accomplish the purposes of the appropriation, provided, however, that all such adjustments shall be reported to Convention at its next annual meeting.
- Proposed Text: When in the course of their duties in managing the finances of the Diocese, the Trustees determine that the diocesan budget needs to be materially adjusted between Conventions, they shall present the adjustment to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Council. That Committee shall review the proposed adjustment and present its recommendation thereon to the Council and, unless the Council objects at its next meeting, the adjustment shall take place.
- 2003 Sacred Sanctuaries For Day Laborers [6] That this 227th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York encourage congregations to be sacred sanctuaries for day laborers; and be it further

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- 2003 Sacred Sanctuaries For Day Laborers [7] That congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of New York include in their liturgies prayers for and testimonies by day laborers; and be it further
- 2003 Sacred Sanctuaries For Day Laborers [8] That congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of New York include outreach to day laborers as a part of their ministry, open the doors of their space and offer hospitality and the necessary resources; and be it further
- 2003 Sacred Sanctuaries For Day Laborers [9] That this 227th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York commend the congregations that are currently offering their spaces as sacred sanctuaries to day laborers.
- 2003 The United Nations Millennium Development Goals [10] That this 227th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York affirm and embrace the achievement of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that pledge to: (1) eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; (2) achieve universal primary education; (3) promote gender equality and empower women; (4) reduce child mortality; (5) improve maternal health; (6) combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; (7) ensure environmental stability; and (8) develop a global partnership for development; and be it further
- 2003 The United Nations Millennium Development Goals [11] That this Convention, recognizing that funding for nutritional, education, health care, and development programs is essential to achieve not only the Millennium Development Goals, but also for recognizing the dignity of all human beings, reaffirm the 73rd General Convention's Resolutions A001 and D033, and resolution D006 of the 74th General Convention, challenging all dioceses and congregations to contribute 0.7% of their annual budgets to fund international development programs: and be it further
- 2003 The United Nations Millennium Development Goals [12] That the United States government, as one of the 191 national signatories to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, be encouraged to provide appropriate leadership and resources toward international efforts to implement these and other internationally agreed development goals and that the United States government fulfill its commitment to funding international development aid at 0.7% of US. Gross National Product (GNP); and be it further
- 2003 The United Nations Millennium Development Goals [13] That the Secretary of this Convention convey the above resolutions to the appropriate government officials, and that individual Episcopalians contact their elected representatives, urging them to support the United States government's fulfillment of its commitment to funding international development aid at 0.7% of U.S. GNP.

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- 2003 Credit Union [14] That this 227th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York call for the creation of a task force to research the steps necessary to create a credit union and make a recommendation to the Trustees of the Diocese.
- 2003 The School of the Americas [15] That this 227th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York designate a committee to research all available information regarding the School of the Americas - Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (SOA-WHISC), to disseminate this information to the Diocese, to foster education and deliberation on this vital issue at the parish level, and to draft a resolution concerning the SOA-WHISC for consideration at the Diocesan Convention in 2004.
- 2003 Congregational Response to Immigrants [16] That in witness to the Gospel imperative to welcome the stranger, this 227th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York call upon all of the congregations of the Diocese to raise up the concerns of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers in their communities, and seek to respond locally and regionally to the legal, social and pastoral needs of these unique and diverse populations. Amendment: And be it further resolved that this 227th convention delegate the Commission on Social Concerns to raise \$22,000 to 1) Conduct a thorough assessment of a) Existing parish and Diocesan based programs where immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, particularly the undocumented are served and b) The unaddressed needs of said persons and 2) To provide interim assistance to those parishes needing help with immigration issues and 3) To report back to the 228th convention
- 2003 Support Endorsement of Earth Charter by General Convention [17] That the Episcopal Diocese of New York hereby call on the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to consider recommending the adoption by the next General Convention of a resolution endorsing the Earth Charter as a declaration of global ethics consistent with the principles of social and economic justice of the Episcopal Church (tabled to 2004).

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- 2003 Urge Study of Reparations to African Americans [18] That pursuant to our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and to respect the dignity of every human being,” as well as to our Diocese’s expressed commitment through this body to support issues of human rights and equality, that this 227th convention of the Diocese of New York call for the establishment of a diocesan appointed task force charged with conducting a two-year diocesan-wide discussion on the issue of restitution to African Americans whose ancestors were enslaved on this soil during the 246 years in which this assault on human dignity was instituted, maintained and supported, in order that the task force formulate and present to the 229th convention an acceptable model of repentance, reparation and reconciliation for our diocese and our Church to adopt
- 2002 Budget [1] That the 2003 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 2002 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 18. each congregation’s share of the 2003 budget of \$10,013,451. According to Canon 18, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2003; and be it further
- 2002 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 2002
- 2002 Trustees of Estate and Property [4] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2005: William T. Nolan, Edward D. Pardoe III, and Mary B. Schinke
- 2002 Revision to the Constitution [5] That the Constitution of the Diocese be amended as proposed by the Canons Committee and as resolved by the 225th Convention in June, 2001
- 2002 Revision of Canon 18; the Funding Program of EDNY [6] That Canon 18 be revised as proposed by the Trustees of the Diocese
- 2002 Revisions of Canon 7, 15, and 18 [7] That Canons 7, 15, and 18 be revised as proposed by the Trustees of the Diocese and the Canons Committee

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- 2002 Adopt Clergy Compensation Guidelines [8] That the 226th Convention of the Diocese on New York adopts the following Clergy Compensation Guidelines for the Diocese of New York. as prepared by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese of New York.
- 2002 Boy Scouts of America: Policy on Homosexuals [9] That this 226th Convention of the Diocese of New York, mindful of Resolution C021 of the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church (2000). recommends that all clergy in charge of congregations and vestries of this Diocese:
- Inform the local Boy Scouts of America council and other organizations of The Episcopal Church’s policy adopted at the 65th General Convention (1976) that “homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and cam of the Church”;
- Encourage the Boy Scouts of America to allow membership to youth and adult leaders irrespective of their sexual orientation;
- Open a dialogue with unit leaders, scouts and their parents regarding discrimination against youth and leaders on the basis of sexual orientation;
- Engage in educational programs within their churches to inform members and others about these issues.
- 2002 Commemoration in Lesser Feasts and Fasts of Tikhon, Bishop of Alaska, California and New York; Patriarch of Moscow [10] That since he served faithfully as Russian Orthodox Bishop of Alaska and California and then Bishop of New York, as a close friend of the Episcopal Church, and finally as Patriarch of Moscow, the Diocese of New York petition the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to move a resolution to the General Convention of 2003 commemorating Tikhon on April 7th in the Episcopal Church’s Lesser Feasts and Fasts and the calendar of the Book of Common Prayer
- 2002 Renewing the Companion Diocese relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Klerksdorp South Africa [11] That this 226th Convention of the Epissopal Diocese of New York extend, as one of our global mission partnerships, the Companion Diocese relationship between the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the Anglican Diocese of Klerksdorp of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa for a further five (5) year period from 2002 through 2007, unless terminated sooner by mutual consent

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- 2002 On the Church's Ethnic Desks and 2020 [12] That the Episcopal Diocese of New York encourage the National Church to seek new, creative ways of welcoming and incorporating people of diverse ethnic backgrounds into its fold by the year 2020 and be it further
- 2002 On the Church's Ethnic Desks and 2020 [13] That the Presiding Bishop. The Executive Council and General Convention retain the Asiamerica Ministries. Black Ministries. Hispanic Ministries and Native American Ministries desks of the National Church as they were originally chartered, in order to function as an integral part of the Church's work to double its baptized membership by the year 2020, and be it further
- 2002 On the Church's Ethnic Desks and 2020 [14] That this resolution be sent to the 2003 General Convention for action
- 2002 On "Cultural Competence" in the Diocese of New York [15] That the Episcopal Diocese of New York increase diversity in hiring and volunteer staffing, in order to promote cultural competence and multi-cultural and racial sensitivity, by using tools such as multicultural and anti-racism training and systematic consultation with ethnic and language commissions, ministries and leadership
- 2002 Proposal for Liturgical Commemoration of King Charles the Martyr [16] That the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York request the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to propose that the next General Convention of the Episcopal Church add to the Calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts of this Church, a commemoration on January 30, of Charles 1, King of England and Scotland (1649). commonly called King Charles the Martyr
- 2002 Concerning the Change in Ordination Policy by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [17] That since the August 2001 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted a By-Law change (No. 7.13.17) proposed by the Executive Council of that Church which regularizes the ordination of ELCA pastors without the participation of a bishop of that Church "in unusual circumstances," which is generally taken to mean, 'to meet conscientious objections of clergy candidates,' to the requirement of ordination by a bishop, the Diocese of New York requests the House of Bishops to establish a committee to examine the question of whether the ELCA has unilaterally withdrawn from the provisions of Called to Common Mission, that agreement which establishes full Communion between the Episcopal Church and the ELCA, and report its findings to the 2003 General Convention.
- 2001 Budget [1] That the 2002 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further

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- 2001 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 2002 assessment of \$9,312,644. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2002; and be it further
- 2001 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 2001
- 2001 Trustees of Estate and property [4] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2004: Melinda Lloyd, Jefferson E. Hughes, Jr., and Mary Watson Temple
- 2001 Revision to the Constitution of the Diocese [5] That the Constitution of the Diocese be amended as proposed by the Canons Committee
- 2001 Revision of the Canons of the Diocese [6] That the Canons of the Diocese be revised as proposed by the Canons Committee
- 2001 Admittance of the Metropolitan Community Churches into Full Membership in the National Council of Churches [7] That this 225th Convention of the Diocese of New York urges the National Council of Churches to admit the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches to full membership in the National Council of Churches
- 2001 Opposition to so-called "Reparative" or "Conversion" Therapy [8] That this 225th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York opposes any religious, spiritual, psychological or psychiatric treatment, such as so-called "reparative" or "conversion" therapy, based on assumptions that homosexuality is a mental, spiritual, religious or ethical disorder and that gay or lesbian persons should change their sexual orientations; and be it further
- 2001 Opposition to so-called "Reparative" or "Conversion" Therapy [9] That the Diocesan deputation to General Convention be urged to support similar initiatives to be presented there.

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- 2001 Equal Benefits Protection [10] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York supports legislative action in the New York City Council to provide equal benefits protection for domestic partners employed by firms that do business with New York City; and be it further
- 2001 Equal Benefits Protection [11] That the Diocese supports this plan to stand for decency and fairness for Gay and Lesbian New Yorkers and pledges to work to make this legislation the standard of business in our city
- 2001 Support for "For Whom The Bell Tolls" - A Criminal Justice Project [12] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York supports the efforts of a criminal justice reform project of the Citizens' United for the Rehabilitation of Errants entitled For Whom the Bell Tolls, and urges each parish to ring their church bell for two minutes each day a person is executed in the United States (or to drape the church doors in black if there is no bell to ring) and to make this a time of prayer: and be it further
- 2001 Support for "For Whom The Bell Tolls" - A Criminal Justice Project [13] That as members of the Episcopal Church we pray for those who are executed, for those who undertake these executions, for the victims of violent crime, and for the families of all involved. We also urge members of our congregations to talk with other Christian churches in their area and with members of other faiths and encourage them to support these efforts as well.
- 2001 Change in Compensation Guidelines for Clergy [14] That the Compensation Guidelines for Clergy be amended as follows:
The first sentence of Section A.4. Health Benefits be changed from:
"Congregations shall pay 100% of the premium costs for adequate medical and dental coverage for their clergy and dependents"
To
"Congregations shall pay 100% of the premium costs for adequate medical and dental coverage for their clergy, spouses, same-sex partners, and eligible dependent children."
- 2000 Budget [1] That the 2001 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 2000 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 2001 assessment of \$9,180,501. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4). this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2001; and be it further

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- 2000 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1999
- 2000 Trustees of Estate and Property [4] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2003: Gary A. Glynn, John A. Grammar, Jr., and William H. Wright II
- 2000 Required Anti-Racism Training (as amended) [5] That all ordained members of the Diocese of New York be required an appointed or elected diocesan and congregation leaders, including church school teachers and congregational staff, be strongly urged to take anti-racism training and be so certified
- 2000 Recruitment to Ministry of People of Color [6] That the Diocese of New York take immediate steps to foster more vocations to ordained ministry among people of color. And be it further
- 2000 Recruitment to Ministry of People of Color [7] That all ordained persons of color be afforded equal opportunity with regard to placement in parishes throughout the Diocese of New York
- 2000 10th Anniversary Salute to Diocese of Klerksdorp [8] That, cognizant of its heroic accomplishments the Convention of the Diocese of New York salutes the Diocese of Klerksdorp, Bishop David Nkwe, its clergy and people, assuring them of its good wishes, and those of all the people of the Diocese of New York on the occasion of this great milestone in its life. And be it further
- 2000 10th Anniversary Salute to Diocese of Klerksdorp [9] That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Bishop Nkwe
- 2000 Opposition to Casino Gambling in Sullivan County [10] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York states its opposition to casino gambling in Sullivan County and any expansion of existing gaming facilities in the New York area. And be it further
- 2000 Opposition to Casino Gambling in Sullivan County [11] That the Secretary of Convention forward to the Secretary of the Interior, Governor Pataki, and the State Assembly a statement of the Convention's opposition to any further gaming activity in New York State.
- 2000 Killing / Persecution of Igbo Christians in Nigeria [12] That it is the mind of this Convention that the killing and persecution of Igbo Christians in Nigeria through the imposition of Islamic Sharia Law be stopped. And be it further

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- 2000 Killing / Persecution of Igbo Christians in Nigeria [13] That the Bishop of New York should inform the Anglican Global Relations Department of the National Church that this Convention supports the Anglican Bishops in the Church of Nigeria in this effort.
- 2000 Kosovo [14] That recognizing the wholesale and deliberate destruction of hundreds of churches and ancient monasteries of the Serbian Orthodox Church during the present time of NATO peace-keeping, and acknowledging earlier and similar violation of mosques, this Convention affirms the interfaith principle agreed in Istanbul in 1994 known as the Bosphorus Declaration: "A crime committed in the name of religion is a crime against religion." And be it further
- 2000 Kosovo [15] That this Convention condemns the continuing and unchecked devastation of Orthodox religious sites and all other places of worship in Kosovo. And be it further
- 2000 Kosovo [16] That this Convention commits itself to pray regularly along with those for whom the restoration of peace in this troubled area is a profound spiritual imperative. And be it further
- 2000 Kosovo [17] That this Convention affirms the right of refugees to return to their homes in safety and with honor and when there to be able to practice their faith without fear and with dignity. And be it further
- 2000 Kosovo [18] That this Convention urges the Bishop of New York to make known our views to the Secretary of State, to the Anglican Observer to the United Nations, to the Patriarch of Serbia, and to religious leaders in Kosovo including Muslim authorities
- 1999 Budget [1] That the 2000 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1999 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 2000 assessment of \$8,183,738. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 2000; and be it further
- 1999 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1998.

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- 1999 Trustees of Estate and Property [4] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2002: Sherrill L. Blalock, Kenneth R. Page and Edward D. Pardoe, III
- 1999 Clergy Compensation Guidelines [5] That the 223rd Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the following Clergy Compensation Guidelines for the Diocese of New York, as prepared by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese of New York
- 1999 Lay Compensation Guidelines [6] That the 223rd Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the following Lay Compensation Guidelines for the Diocese of New York, as prepared by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese of New York
- Note: the 1999 resolutions skip the numbers 7 and 8 in their listing in the Journal of Convention
- 1999 Urge Parishes to Celebrate the Millennium Year [9] That this 223rd Convention of the Diocese of New York urge all parishes take part in a Diocese-wide observation and celebration of the Millennium Year, "A Place to Begin, A Time to Renew: The Episcopal Church Welcomes You," beginning on Advent Sunday 1999 and culminating on Easter Day 2001; and be it further
- 1999 Urge Parishes to Celebrate the Millennium Year [10] That parishes be encouraged to offer at least one service or event on New Year's Eve 1999, cooperating with other parishes when possible, as a concrete way of extending the welcome of the church
- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles by which to pursue disagreements within the Church [11] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York, recognizing the many areas of disagreement on vital issues within the Church, endorses the principles of the Common Ground Initiative, founded by the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago, by which disagreements may be pursued in a true spirit of dialogue. These principles, drawn from statements of the Common Ground Initiative, are as follows
- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles • We recognize that no single group or viewpoint in the Church has a complete monopoly on the truth. Solutions to the Church's problems will almost inevitably emerge from a variety of sources.
- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles • We should not envision ourselves or any one part of the Church as a saving remnant. No group within the Church should judge itself alone to be possessed of enlightenment
- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles • We should test all proposals for their pastoral realism and potential impact on living individuals as well as for their theological truth.

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- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles • We should presume that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith. They deserve civility, charity, and a good-faith effort to understand their concerns. We should not substitute labels, abstractions, or blanketing terms for living, complicated realities
- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles • We should put the best possible construction on differing positions, addressing their strongest points rather than seizing upon the most vulnerable aspects in order to discredit them. We should detect the valid insights and legitimate worries that may underlie even questionable arguments.
- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles • We should be cautious in ascribing motives. We should not impugn another's love of the Church and loyalty to it. We should not rush to interpret disagreements as conflicts of starkly opposing principles rather than as differences in degree or in prudential pastoral judgments about the relevant facts.
- 1999 "Common Ground" Principles • We should bring the Church to engage the realities of contemporary culture, not by simple defiance or by naive acquiescence, but acknowledging both our culture's valid achievements and real dangers
- 1999 Diocesan Youth Council [12] That the Council of the Diocese of New York hereby constitute the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) as part of the Parish/Mission Program Support (PMPS) Commission of the Diocese of New York. The DYC Chair and Diocesan Youth Program Coordinator be invited to attend PMPS Commission meetings to coordinate area program development, resource sharing, budget planning and evaluation with the other committee chairs assigned to this program commission: and be it further
- 1999 Diocesan Youth Council [13] That the Diocesan Youth Council be formed with representatives from each of the three planning areas of the diocese; including (but not restricted to) two adults and three youth from each area (Mid-Hudson, Region II and NYC) and two adults and three youth representatives of Hispanic youth ministry in the diocese. Terms of representation and appointed service will be for three years and alternates may be identified to maximize area planning participation
- 1999 Response to Lambeth 1998, Resolution 1.15, "International Debt and Economic Justice" [14] That the 223rd Convention of the Diocese of New York, ECUSA, endorses in its entirety Resolution 1.15 of the Lambeth Conference 1998, entitled "International Debt and Economic Justice." And be it further

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- 1999 Response to Lambeth [15] That the Convention declares:
1998, Resolution
1.15, "International
Debt and Economic
Justice" its communion and unity with all the peoples of the world in matters of economic justice, noting in particular the existence around the world of communities burdened by debt, and, in particular its concerns for people burdened by debt incurred without their approval and/or without their participation in the decision process, its serious objections where debt encumbered funds have been used to make purchases unrelated to the economic needs of local peoples. And be it further,
- 1999 Response to Lambeth [16] That the 223rd Convention of the Diocese of New York, ECUSA, calls
1998, Resolution
1.15, "International
Debt and Economic
Justice" upon the Bishop of the Diocese of New York to appoint a special commission with the charge of preparing a document explicating the position of the Diocese of New York regarding Lambeth 1.15, to be presented to the 224th Convention of the Diocese of New York, the General Convention of ECUSA, and, through the good offices of the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations, to the Archbishop of Canterbury. And be it further
- 1999 Response to Lambeth [17] That the intent of this document would be to demonstrate the will of the
1998, Resolution
1.15, "International
Debt and Economic
Justice" Diocese of New York that the spirit of Lambeth Resolution 1.15 be honored where applicable within this diocese and around the world, and that the various negotiations called for by the Lambeth Resolution (specifically in items f, g and h) be initiated and concluded within the year 2000. And be it further
- 1999 Response to Lambeth [18] That the Commission be provided with diocesan support for the purpose
1998, Resolution
1.15, "International
Debt and Economic
Justice" of conducting its work and reporting its results to the members of Convention. And be it further
- 1999 Response to Lambeth [19] That the Commission shall, (1) begin its work on July 1, 1999, and (2)
1998, Resolution
1.15, "International
Debt and Economic
Justice" issue its final report to the 224th Convention convening on or about June 2-3, 2000

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- 1999 Opposition to Racial Profiling [20] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the following statements:
1. The Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York deplores the unconscionable use of excessive force on the part of police officers of the City of New York which led to the death of Amadou Diallo, a young African immigrant, and the failure of the City Administration to acknowledge the seriousness of the breach of public trust this incident has engendered.
- 1999 Opposition to Racial Profiling 2. The Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York believes that racial profiling, as manifested in the Diallo case, whether explicitly sanctioned by officials or implicitly accepted, is an example of institutional racism and is all too often involved in the interactions between law enforcement officials and persons of color, and we protest the failure of City officials to acknowledge the existence of this practice
- 1999 Opposition to Racial Profiling 3. The Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York calls on the New York City Police Department formally to adopt strong policies and procedures that prohibit racial profiling and to work closely with its personnel and community leaders to eradicate race as the basis for interventions by police
- 1999 Regarding the Lambeth Resolution on Sexuality [21] That the 1999 Convention of the Diocese of New York affirms Section (c) of Resolution 1.10, passed at the 13th Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops, that “recognizes that there are among us persons who experience themselves as having a homosexual orientation,” and that states, “We commit ourselves to listen to the experience of homosexual persons and we wish to assure them that they are loved by God and that all baptized, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ,” and be it further
- 1999 Regarding the Lambeth Resolution on Sexuality [22] That this Convention affirms the traditional understanding of the Anglican Communion that Scripture, tradition, and reason together provide the basis for our discernment of God’s will in our lives. In light of this, this Convention rejects that portion of Section (d) “rejecting homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture.”

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- 1999 Support for
Legislation
Deploring Hate
Crimes
- [26] Whereas, That the New York Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Now York Chapter of Integrity having called upon the 223rd Convention of the Diocese of New York to support current legislative efforts deploring hate crimes in our country and urging passage of legislation that will render such crimes illegal.
That the Convention of the Diocese of New York conveyed to City, State and Federal governmental authorities our request that their agencies implement a plan of action which includes orientation and ongoing training of all police officers, corrections officers, state troopers and federal law enforcement authorities and that the objective of the training program must mandate the need for equal treatment of all persons regardless of race, creed, gender, age, sexual orientation or disability. And be it further,
- 1999 Support for
Legislation
Deploring Hate
Crimes
- [27] That governmental authorities who cannot adhere to the concept of equal rights for all, not be permitted to function as police officers, corrections officers, state troopers or federal law enforcement officers. And be it further
- 1999 Support for
Legislation
Deploring Hate
Crimes
- [28] That this resolution be submitted to the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church
- 1999 Episcopal Charities
Liaison Group
- [29] That in order to inform Episcopal Charities of the needs of communities in the Diocese,
- to promote effective community outreach programs supported by Episcopal Charities in congregations throughout the Diocese of New York, and
 - to communicate information about the work and needs of Episcopal Charities.
- Each congregation in the Diocese is strongly encouraged to appoint a person from the congregation to serve as liaison between Episcopal Charities and the congregation
- 1999 Opposing the
Rockefeller Drug
Laws
- [30] That the 223rd Convention of the Diocese of New York stand in opposition to continuing the Rockefeller Drug Laws. They should be repealed or radically revised as, in thirty years, they have failed to curb illegal drug use and deter drug related crime. They have succeeded only in incarcerating thousands of nonviolent, often chemically dependent offenders for years without providing significant drug treatment. And be it further

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- 1999 Opposing the
Rockefeller Drug
Laws [31] That the faithful people of this Diocese promote a more cost effective and humane route of treatment in the community, and, if the offender should be incarcerated, ensure that adequate treatment is available.
- 1998 Budget [1] That the 1999 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1998 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1999 assessment of \$7,679,195. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1999; and be it further
- 1998 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1997
- 1998 Amend Canon 15,
Section 1. [4] That Canon 15, Section 1 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. The Council: There shall be an executive council to be known as the Council of the Diocese of New York which shall implement the Resolutions and directives of the Diocesan Convention and shall make a report to the next Diocesan Convention regarding specific actions they have taken. The Council of the Diocese may also adopt emergency Resolutions to express the position of the Diocese between Diocesan Conventions. Such Resolutions shall be referred to the next ensuing Diocesan Convention and shall lapse as Diocesan position statements unless adopted by that next ensuing Diocesan Convention.
- 1998 Amend Canon 22,
Section 2.A. [5] That Canon 22, Section 2(a) be amended to read as follows:
(a) by March 1 of each year the Parochial report required by the Canons of General Convention, with such additional information as the Diocese may reasonably require from time to time; and
- 1998 Trustees of Estate
and Property [6] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, for terms expiring 2001:
N. Kurt Barnes, Winthrop B. Conrad, Jr., and Melinda Lloyd
- 1998 Support for Official
Presence in Gay
Pride Parade [7] That this 222nd Convention of the Diocese of New York commends those individuals and organizations from the Diocese, especially Integrity, who have over the years participated in the Religious and Spiritual Contingent of the Annual New York City Gay Pride Parade; and be it further

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- 1998 Support for Official Presence in Gay Pride Parade [8] That this Convention supports an official presence of the Diocese in the Parade, and urges parishioners from the Diocese to participate in the Parade and in the liturgical events incidental to it, as an indication that the motto, “The Episcopal Church Welcomes You” applies to absolutely everyone
- 1998 Inequity in Compensation [9] That the Diocese of New York assume a moral and prophetic leadership to eliminate the growing and tremendous disparity in employee compensation within the institutions of the global economy, and be it further
- 1998 Inequity in Compensation [10] That the Diocese of New York, and all its member Congregations and Affiliated Institutions, be and hereby are urged to review their compensation arrangements, both lay and clerical, with a view toward eliminating gross disparities between the highest- and lowest-paid workers, and be it further
- 1998 Inequity in Compensation [11] That all members of this Church in this Diocese who are officers, directors, or stockholders of business corporations, be and hereby are urged to take actions leading to reviews of the compensation arrangements in those businesses, toward the end of achieving greater social equity; and be it further
- 1998 Inequity in Compensation [12] That studies and actions taken in pursuance of this Resolution be reported to the Diocese through its Economic Justice Committee, so that they may be appropriately noted and publicized
- 1998 Oppose replacement of Striking Workers [13] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York believes that accepting employment as a permanent replacement for striking workers is a form of theft, and therefore wrong. Be it further
- 1998 Oppose replacement of Striking Workers [14] That the Diocese believes that hiring, or threatening to hire, permanent replacement workers violates the employer’s duty to bargain in good faith. Be it further
- 1998 Oppose replacement of Striking Workers [15] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York directs the Trustees of the Diocese; as well as requests the Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust to communicate to all companies in their investment portfolios the Diocese’s moral objections to hiring, or threatening to hire, permanent replacements for striking workers
- 1998 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [16] That the Diocese of New York join in celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, set for December 1998; and be it further

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- 1998 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [17] That this Convention requests the Bishop to issue a proclamation in support of the Declaration and to circulate a pastoral letter to all congregations commending the Declaration for study and discussion in Church and community
- 1998 Decline participation in NYC WEP Program (workfare) [18] That the Diocese of New York, its parishes, and its related institutions are urged to decline participation in New York City’s Work Experience Program (WEP), popularly known as “workfare,” or any such program in other municipalities; and be it further
- 1998 Decline participation in NYC WEP Program (workfare) [19] That the Diocese of New York join our sister Churches in signing the WEP Pledge of Resistance; and be it further
- 1998 Decline participation in NYC WEP Program (workfare) [20] That the Diocese of New York express its opposition to the revival of slavery by insisting that programs intended to provide alternatives to welfare must:
a) provide remuneration sufficient to lift the recipients above the federal poverty line,
b) include the right to collective bargaining over the terms and conditions of employment, and
c) include skills-development training and assessment
- 1998 Capital Campaign: Gratitude to Bishop Grein Whereas: The Right Reverend Richard F. Grein, Ordinary of the Diocese of New York, has undertaken the demanding task of raising funds for the future of our diocesan life and apostolate; and
Whereas: Bishop Grein has thus far managed to secure \$7.6 million for our Capital Campaign; therefore be it resolved
- [21] That this 222nd Convention record its gratitude to Bishop Grein for this outstanding effort and pledge its dedication to responsible stewardship of this exceptional achievement

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- 1998 Bishop Dennis' Retirement
Whereas: The Right Reverend Walter Decoster Dennis has served this Diocese as priest and Bishop for thirty-seven years; and
Whereas: Bishop Dennis is much beloved by the people of this Diocese; and
Whereas: Bishop Dennis is highly respected throughout the Anglican Communion for his outstanding prophetic witness, his intellectual gifts, his Episcopal ministry, and his personal grace; and
Whereas: It is deeply hoped that in spite of his imminent retirement he will nevertheless return often to this his family in God; therefore be it
[22] Resolved: That this 222nd Convention of the Diocese of New York express its profound gratitude, its deep affection, and its heartfelt praise to Bishop Walter for what he has given to us and for what he has been for us; and be it further
- 1998 Bishop Dennis' Retirement
[23] Resolved, That this Convention mandate the formation of a Committee to plan for the celebration of Bishop Walter's episcopate on the anniversary of his Consecration this October, and that the sum of \$5,000 be allocated from contingency funds to facilitate the preparation of this historic event.
- 1998 Capital Campaign: Thanks to Contributors
Whereas: The Gospel commends to the Church the example of those who manifest generosity in their charity and teaches the Church that those who have should share with those in need; and
Whereas: The parishes of Christ the Redeemer, Pelham; St. James, Manhattan; St. Thomas, Manhattan; Trinity Church, Manhattan; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie; and Heavenly Rest, Manhattan, have assisted greatly by contributing to the Diocesan Capital Campaign, and
Whereas: Many individuals and foundations have also generously made contributions; therefore, be it resolved
[24] That this 222nd Convention of the Diocese of New York express its most sincere gratitude to these parishes and all who have contributed and strongly encourages all congregations and congregants to continue their support of this important effort.
- 1997 Budget
[1] That the 1998 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1997 Budget
[2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1998 assessment of \$5,734,416. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1998; and be it further

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- 1997 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1996
- 1997 Amend Canon 25 [5] That Canon 25; Sec. 1 be amended by adding the following sentence: Every Congregation in union with the Convention having lay employees on its staff shall provide these employees with compensation and benefits not less than the minimum guidelines for lay employees set forth in the Compensation Guidelines of the Diocese of New York most recently adopted by the Convention of the Diocese.
- 1997 Trustees of Estate and Property [6] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York:
For terms expiring in 2000: G. William Haas, Antoinette Geyelin Hoar, and Roosevelt Rawlins
- 1997 On Religious Persecution [7] That the 1997 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York commend the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church on its resolution of February 9, 1996 expressing concern about the growth in worldwide religious persecution. While religious persecution is not confined to Christian believers, many millions of Christians are today imperiled in the free practice of their faith and it is fitting that Christians in free countries take up the defense of their brothers and sisters throughout the world, as well as the defense of the rights of all persons to follow the dictates of their conscience. We agree with the leaders of our national church that this matter should be placed on the agendas of the United States government, of the United Nations, and of the national and international church bodies to which the Episcopal Church belongs. We urge parishes in the Diocese to call this international human rights scandal to the attention of their parishioners and to encourage them to communicate their concern to their elected representatives.
- 1997 Extension of Companion Diocese relationship with Klerksdorp [8] That this 221st Convention of the Diocese of New York extend the Companion Diocese relationship between the Diocese of New York and the Anglican Diocese of Klerksdorp of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa for a further five (5) year period from 1997 through 2002, unless terminated sooner by mutual consent
- 1997 Youth Representation [9] That every Committee of the Diocese which deals with issues of concern to youth have at least one youth representative on said Committee

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- 1997 Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation [10] That the 221st Convention of the Diocese of New York recognize the work of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and Province II in establishing the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Committee. This Convention also recognizes and supports the creation of a local Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee in the Social Concerns Commission of the Diocese of New York which will implement this work in our diocese as well as to network and support similar work with other dioceses. This local committee will host an opening assembly, “Visions for Justice and Creation” in the season after Epiphany 1998 to gather persons working in the areas of anti-racism, economic justice, environmental stewardship, global peace and justice, and Jubilee Ministries and other social justice concerns interested in building a broad-based coalition to support our work.
- 1997 Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation [10 cont] This local committee will host an opening assembly, “Visions for Justice and Creation” in the season after Epiphany 1998 to gather persons working in the areas of anti-racism, economic justice, environmental stewardship, global peace and justice, and Jubilee Ministries and other social justice concerns interested in building a broad-based coalition to support our work. This Convention also supports the work of the Province II JPIC in the work of the New York State Episcopal Public Policy Network, working in Albany and throughout the state on the issues of welfare reform, prison ministry, immigration, public education, anti-racism, environmental justice, and domestic violence
- 1997 Adopt Lay Compensation Guidelines [11] That the 221st Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the following Lay Compensation Guidelines for the Diocese of New York, as prepared by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese of New York
- 1997 Reaffirmation of Capital Campaign [12] That this 221st Convention of the Diocese of New York
- 1) appreciates that just financial stewardship is essential to carrying out the Church’s mission;
 - 2) reaffirms the Capital Campaign as an indispensable part of this stewardship of our Church into the next century;
 - 3) honors all donors and volunteers for their dedication and contributions to this cause;
 - 4) thanks the Bishop of New York for his dedication and accomplishments to date; and
 - 5) encourages all congregations and congregants to continue their support of this important effort.

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- 1996 Budget [1] That the 1997 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1996 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1997 assessment of \$5,681,072. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1997; and be it further
- 1996 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1995
- 1996 Amend Canon 8 [4] That the last two paragraphs of Canon 8 of the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended as follows:
- The Bishop may, from time to time, upon request of the Chancellor, appoint one or more Vice-Chancellors of like qualifications, to assist the Chancellor, such Vice-Chancellors to hold office during the pleasure of the Bishop.
- Neither the Chancellor nor any Vice-Chancellor shall receive any compensation for such service
- 1996 Amend Canon 31 (Second Reading) [5] That Diocesan Canon 31 (*Trial of a Presbyter or Deacon*) be replaced in its entirety with the following (see the journal).

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- 1996 Youth Inclusion at Convention [6] Resolved, That each Interparish Council (IPC) shall be permitted to send two nonvoting youth members to the Annual Convention. To accomplish, this the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese are amended, as follows:
- 1) Addition to Canon 16, Section 1: “(6) Elect two Youth Members to attend Diocesan Convention.”
 - 2) Amend Article IV. paragraph one to read: “The Convention shall consist of the Bishop, the Bishops Coadjutor and Suffragan. if any, and of Clerical, Lay and nonvoting Youth Members.”
 - 3) Addition to Article IV, new paragraph 6: “The Youth Members shall be those persons delegated by the Interparish Councils.”
Amend Article IV, last paragraph: “... Questions with respect to the qualifications of Clerical, and Lay, and Youth Members shall be determined by the Convention.”
 - 4) Amend Article IX, paragraph one to read: “In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the Clerical, Lay, and Youth Members shall deliberate in one body. . . Youth Members shall not have the right to vote.”
 - 5) Addition to Part I (see journal)
- 1996 Trustees of Estate and Property [7] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York; For terms expiring in 1999: Sherrill L. Blalock, Marie B. Kelly, Kenneth R. Page
- 1996 Adopt Clergy Compensation Guidelines [8] That the 220th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the following Clergy Compensation Guidelines for the Diocese of New York, as prepared by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese of New York.
- 1996 Domestic Partnership Benefits [9] That this 220th Convention of the Diocese of New York direct the diocesan administration to seek the means to extend all financial benefits, for which the Diocese has administrative responsibility and which pertain to the spouses of married employees, to same-sex partners of single employees; and be it further
- 1996 Domestic Partnership Benefits [10] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York direct its delegation to the 1997 General Convention to present the above resolution to the National Church
- 1996 Laborers in the Vineyard [11] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York proclaim a year of reflection with the theme “Laborers in the Vineyard” to examine how our individual and institutional economic decisions affirm the dignity of human labor, assure the adequacy of wages, promote equity within the compensation system, and secure the stability of our economic life; and be it further

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- 1996 Laborers in the Vineyard [12] That the Trustees of the Diocese shall report to the 1997 Convention on the ways in which the Diocese, as employer and investor, serves these values within the Church, the community, and the world, and that the Trustees of the Diocese encourage vestries and trustees of Diocesan organizations, and Diocesan-related organizations, to incorporate similar reflection into their annual reports.
- 1996 Oppose Lifting the Ban on Assault Weapons, and Weapons Parts [13] That this Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York affirms and supports the continued ban on sales and importation of assault weapons, parts, and ammunition. Importation, sales, and use of these weapons presents an enormous threat to the human community and the ability of communities to sustain themselves as places of nurture and trust safe from the danger imposed by the unlimited presence and availability of assault weapons. As Christians and Episcopalians we are called by our Baptismal Covenant to renounce the evil powers of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God, and are called to engage the structures of our society in order to strive for justice and peace among all people. And be it further
- 1996 Oppose Lifting the Ban on Assault Weapons, and Weapons Parts [14] That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, appropriate members of the Congress and other appropriate government entities in order to make clear our opposition to any legislation lifting the ban on assault weapons
- 1996 Reorganization of the Jubilee Ministry [15] That the Annual Convention of the New York Diocese of the Episcopal Church calls upon the ECUSA to consider a resolution at its General Convention in August 1997 reconstituting the National Office of Jubilee Ministry as a separately organized, not-for-profit foundation (or similar entity) which would be free to engage in fund raising for the purpose of carrying out its ministry.
- 1996 Support for Outreach Ministries [16] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York directs Diocesan Council. upon the designation of the participating congregations in the Congregational Support Plan for 1997, to grant all unbudgeted monies in the 1997 budget line item for "Support for Congregations in the Plan" to 1996 Block Grant recipients that were not eligible for support through the Congregational Support Plan: and be it further
- 1996 Support for Outreach Ministries [17] That Council designate these monies within one month of the deadline for congregations to apply for participation in the Congregational Support Plan

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- 1996 Condemnation of Church Arson [18] That the Diocese of New York strongly condemns the burning of churches that has occurred recently throughout the United States, and be it further
- 1996 Condemnation of Church Arson [19] That the Diocese of New York will commit to provide funding and ecumenical support for such churches, by working in cooperation with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greensboro, Alabama, to help rebuild the Rising Star Baptist Church of the same town, which was burned in April of this year
- 1995 Budget [1] That the 1996 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1995 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1996 assessment of \$5,535,000. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1996; and be it further
- 1995 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1994
- 1995 Amend Canons 2.3, 4, 5, 11.1, 11.3 [4] That the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended as follows:
(a) Sentence I of Canon 2, Sec. 3, to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Clerk of each Congregation in union with the Convention immediately after the appointment of Lay Members, and at least sixty days prior to the meeting of Convention
(b) Sentence 2 of Canon 4 to read as follows: "Such notice shall be mailed at least ninety days prior to the date of holding the Convention...
(c) Sentence 4 of Canon 5 to read as follows: "The Secretary shall cause the Calendar of Business to be printed and mailed not less than thirty days prior to the opening of the Annual Convention...
(d) Sentence 2 of Canon 5 to read as follows: "He/she shall prepare a Calendar of Business in which shall be included all such matters as shall have been so filed at least sixty days prior to the opening of the Annual Convention...
(e) Sentence I of Canon 11, Sec. 1, to read as follows: "Not less than ninety days before the meeting of the Convention..."
- 1995 Amend Canon 11.2 [5] That Canon II, Sec 2 of the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended as follows (*see journal*)

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- 1995 Amend Canon 11.3 [6] That the first sentence of Canon 11, Sec. 3 of the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended as follows:
- Sec. 3. Nominating by Convention Members: Any Convention Member may make nominations for the Standing Committee, for Clerical and Lay Deputies and Provisional Deputies to the General Convention and to the Provincial Synod of the Second Province, for Trustees of the diocese, and for any other committees, commissions and boards (not including trustees of funds or the Ecclesiastical Trial Court) to be elected by the Convention, provided such nominations are in writing, are signed by such Member and four other Members of the Convention, and are delivered to the Secretary at least forty-five days before the opening of the Convention.
- 1995 Amend Canon 11.5 [7] That Canon II, Sec. 5 of the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended as follows:
The voter shall place a mark beside the name of each person for whom he/she votes
- 1995 Amend Canon 18.1 [8] That Canon 18, Sec. I of the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended by inserting the following new sentence after the second sentence:
Any Person so elected shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee if he/she fails to attend three meetings of the Committee during any twelve month period
- 1995 Amend Canon 23.2(2) [9] That Canon 23, Section. 2(2) of the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended as follows:
(2) Recruiting and selecting persons for holy orders and in guiding and examining postulants and candidates for orders.
- 1995 Amend Canon 31 (First Reading) [10] That Diocesan Canon 31 be replaced in its entirety with the following (*see journal*).
- 1995 Trustees of Estate and Property [13] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York:
For terms expiring in 1998: N. Kurt Barnes, Winthrop B. Conrad, Jr., Paul A. Legvold

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- 1995 Amend Compensation Guidelines [14] That section 3.b. of the Compensation Guidelines be amended from:
b. Life insurance. The Church Pension Fund provides a \$50,000 life insurance benefit for all active clergy. Congregations may provide additional life insurance coverage through the Church Pension Fund or any other insurance carrier. To:
b. Life insurance, The Church Pension Fund provides for life insurance coverage at two times current compensation with maximum coverage of \$50,000 and a minimum of \$5,000 for all clergy currently active and enrolled in the Church Pension Fund. "Current Compensation" includes "salary housing, utilities, social security allowance, and any other current compensation as reported to the Fund for purposes of pension assessments. Congregations may provide additional life insurance coverage through the Church Pension Fund or any other insurance carrier.
- 1995 On Clergy Wholeness [15] That this 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York establish a Task force on Clergy Wholeness which is charged with the study of the challenges inherent therein and instructed to report back to the 220th Convention with appropriate recommendations
- 1995 Pray and Study Concordat Agreement (Evangelical Lutheran Church) [15a] That the 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York call upon all its members and congregations to:
a) Pray regularly and fervently for the unity which Christ wills for the church; and more particularly, for divine guidance concerning the proposal to enter into full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as set forth in the Concordat of Agreement and its accompanying theological document, Toward Full Communion.
b) Encourage study of the Concordat of Agreement, with particular attention to how full communion may enable the mission of the church, and with sensitivity to areas of dissent and concerns;
c) Engage whenever possible in common study and partnerships in mission with synods and parishes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 1995 Economic Justice [19] The Diocese of New York shall broaden the application requirements mandated by the 1990 Convention for economic justice beyond the original five areas (Community land trusts, Worker cooperatives, Housing cooperatives, Community development credit unions & Advocacy) and include Community development programs.
- 1995 Commitment to Economic Justice [20] As members of the Diocese of New York we affirm economic justice as a cornerstone of our faith as we seek to be stewards of God's resources. Be it further

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- 1995 Commitment to Economic Justice [21] We decry those efforts and attitudes which seek to reduce programs that provide educational opportunities, health care, and food to the most vulnerable in our society, especially the poor, children, and the elderly. Be it further
- 1995 Commitment to Economic Justice [22] We commit ourselves to seek the fair and equitable distribution of God's resources, and we strive toward an equality of opportunity that ensures the basic human needs of all are met
- 1995 Prohibition of Discrimination in Companies Held by the DIT [23] The Convention of the Diocese of New York ask the Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust to formally request of each company in its portfolio to:
a) prohibit employment discrimination based on marital status and sexual orientation,
b) inform its employees of this prohibition, and
c) provide anti-discrimination training to its personnel Officers, and be it further
- 1995 Prohibition of Discrimination in Companies Held by the DIT [24] That the Convention ask the Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust to file shareholder resolutions to this effect in all companies which refuse or fail to respond to a request for voluntary action
- 1995 Commend Bishop Grein for Articulating the Church's Position on Capital Punishment [25] We applaud the stand of the Bishop of New York, Richard Grein, in his pastoral letter of January 3, 1995 in response to New York becoming the 38th state in the United States to sanction the use of the death penalty. We appreciate Bishop Grein's leadership in showing this Church that we must resist the demonic temptation to find quick and easy solutions to the difficult problems we face in society. We are thankful that Bishop Grein calls us back to Gospel roots in the consideration of a proper response to the issues of crime and violence. for this courageous stand and for his ability to articulate this message for the Diocese of New York, we give thanks to God and encouragement to our Bishop Richard

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- 1995 Protest Cuts in Social Service Programs [26] That the 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York deplore the adverse effects on the least among us, especially children, created by the cuts in social programs being made by our national, state, and city governments. Though recognizing the need to reform current welfare programs, we believe that it is wrong to punish children for the actions of their parents. Specifically, we believe that it is wrong to deprive children of a federal lunch program and to deprive unmarried mothers of aid for their young families. Instead, we support programs that make proper prenatal care available and also provide nutrition for pregnant women, infants, and children. Such programs, along with a sound education, give young people a better chance of becoming productive adults. We call on national, state and city governments to restore programs that help those in need, particularly children, and urge religious leaders and organizations to lend their support to these efforts.
- 1995 250th Anniversary of Absalom Jones [30] That the 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York actively support, through its leadership, its organizations, its clergy and parish laity, in each and every diocese proclamations designating the month of February 1996 as Absalom Jones Month with appropriate programs and media announcements to celebrate the 250th year of the birth of Absalom Jones
- 1995 The Delany Sisters' Proclamation [31] That the 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York declare Saturday June 10, 1995 as Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delany Day, in honor and recognition of the strong Christian witness and courageous stand of these two sisters against all forms of hate and oppression for over 100 years; and be it further
- 1995 The Delany Sisters' Proclamation [32] That their lives be held up as examples of the kind of Christian faith and commitment which allows the human spirit to overcome the sorrows of this life and to triumph over adversity; and that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Delany Sisters
- 1995 Amendment of New York State Anti-Discrimination Laws [33] That the 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York supports the passage of an amendment to the New York State Anti-Discrimination Laws that would outlaw discrimination against persons on the basis of their sexual orientation; and be it further
- 1995 Amendment of New York State Anti-Discrimination Laws [34] That this support be communicated to the Governor of the State of New York, the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, and the chairpersons of the New York State Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees

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- 1995 The Koinonia Statement [35] That the 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York, acknowledging a reality that already exists in our Diocese, affirms the Koinonia Statement presented to the House of Bishops at the last General Convention, and be it further
- 1995 The Koinonia Statement [36] That this affirmation be communicated to the Presiding Bishop, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and the President of the House of Deputies
- 1995 Congregations with Landmark Buildings [37] That the delegates of the 219th Convention authorize the Bishop, Trustees, and the Council, to establish a committee to study the unique ministry and mission opportunities and problems of congregations with landmark buildings. Be it further
- 1995 Congregations with Landmark Buildings [38] That said committee shall elect a chair and shall be composed of two (2) representatives from each Region, elected by the Council; and two (2) elected trustees; also the Bishop and/or his designee. The committee shall report to the 1996 regular meeting of Diocesan Convention with its findings, recommendations, and proposed resolutions.
- 1994 Amend Canon 17 [1] That Canon 17 (Funding Program of the Diocese) be amended to read (*see journal*)
- 1994 Budget [2] That the 1995 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1994 Budget [3] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1995 assessment of \$5,526,352. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1995; and be it further
- 1994 Budget [4] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1993
- 1994 Amend Canon 25 [5] That Canon 25 (Clergy and Lay Compensation) be amended to read (*see journal*)

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- 1994 Pension Assessments [6] That this 218th Convention hereby directs the Board of Managers to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July I, 1994, the pension assessments imposed:
- a. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends; and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1994 Trustees of Estate and Property [7] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York:
For terms expiring in 1997: Antoinette R. Geyelin, William Haas, Roosevelt E. Rawlins
- 1994 Initiate Process for Suffragan Bishop for Region Two [8] That the 218th Convention of the Diocese of New York, acting pursuant to a resolution of the Assembly of Region Two passed June 11, 1994, calls upon the Bishop of New York to initiate the process for election of a Suffragan Bishop to be assigned to Region Two, as provided in Canon 16, Section 5, of the diocesan canons
- 1994 Economic Justice Grants Program [9] That the 218th Convention of the Diocese of New York directs the Budget Committee to designate a sum of money to be determined in the 1996 Diocesan Assessment Budget for the development of an economic justice grants program following the guidelines established by the 1988 General Convention, including funding for cooperative housing, advocacy, land trusts, employee-owned businesses. and community development banking.
- 1994 National Health Insurance Plan [10] That the Diocese of New York urge the development of a truly universal national health-care security system to provide to all people high quality, cost-effective, irrevocable health care which will include preventative medicine; which will address the physiological, spiritual, psychological, and social components of care for the whole person; and which will assure a balanced distribution of resources so that no region of the country is under-served; and be it further
- 1994 National Health Insurance Plan [11] That the Secretary of Convention be directed to inform the Senators and Representatives from New York State of our position on this important national issue, and that the Economic Justice Committee be directed to work with other churches and religious bodies within the area of the Diocese of New York to support equal access to health care

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- 1994 Justice for Farm Workers [12] That the Diocese of New York deplores those laws and regulations which deny farm workers the same rights, benefits, and compensation afforded other laborers, and that the Secretary of Convention be directed to urge the New York State Commissioner of Health and both the United States Department of Labor and the New York State Department of Labor that such unjust disparities be eliminated
- 1994 Creating Open Congregations [13] That the 218th Convention of the Diocese of New York ask that at least one parish in every Inter-Parish Council commits itself to becoming an open congregation, that is, a congregation committed to becoming as accessible as possible to those with disabilities, both in terms of architectures and attitude toward the disabled
- 1994 Inclusion of Disability Related Issues in Seminary Training [14] That the 218th Convention of the Diocese of New York recommend that the Board for Theological education of our Church ask that the seminaries associated with this Church include in their pastoral theology curricula comprehensive training in ministry with persons with disabilities and their families, and that post-ordination training of clergy contain a similar emphasis upon ministry with the disabled
- 1994 Cathedral Access For All [15] That the 218th Convention of the Diocese of New York recommend to the Trustees of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine that a plan be drawn and funds be allocated for making the Cathedral Church totally accessible to people with disabilities and that the Cathedral's progress toward this goal be included in its report to the 219th Convention of the Diocese
- 1994 Children's Advocacy as a Mission Priority [16] That the 218th Convention of the Diocese of New York recognizes that advocacy for children is essential to our Diocesan mission priority of effective Church presence in poor communities, and that to further this essential mission, we commit our Diocese, through its staff, Council, commissions, committees, and congregations, to:
a. Investigate and support legislative proposals which address the critical needs of children; and
b. Incorporate into our mission and ministry supportive programs for children at risk.
- 1994 Support For Literacy [17] That the Diocese of New York deplores the rise of illiteracy and its impact upon children; and be it further

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- 1994 Support For Literacy [18] That the Diocese of New York accepts the challenge proposed by the New York State Department of Education's "A New Compact for Learning" to engage in a partnership with schools; and be it further
- 1994 Support For Literacy [19] That the Diocese of New York urges its congregations to support programs to foster and support family and community literacy, including parish-centered literacy programs for the entire family; advocacy of those federal, state, and local programs which foster literacy; and support of those legislative programs which provide funding for individual, family, and community literacy
- 1994 Support for New York City Food Programs [20] That this Convention call upon the Mayor and City Council of the city of New York to preserve the Office of Food Programs including the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Food for Survival Food Bank, and the Food Stamp Outreach Office which provide support for many soup kitchens and food pantries sponsored by churches of this diocese in their gospel mandate to feed the hungry; and be it further
- 1994 Support for New York City Food Programs [21] That the Secretary of Convention be instructed to communicate this resolution and the appended list of supportive signatures to Mayor Giuliani and the speaker of the City Council of the City of New York
- 1993 Budget [1] That the 1994 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1993 Budget § At the Diocesan Convention, the following resolution was moved, seconded and passed: "Resolved, That the 1994 Assessment Budget be amended to restore \$15,000 to line 68—Salary, housing and fringe benefits (College Work Coordinator), and refer to Council the task of reallocating funds from other areas sufficient to cover the increase." Council will not meet until November 20, 1993, so this budget does not reflect the impact of the resolution
- 1993 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1994 assessment of \$5,677,000. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1994; and be it further
- 1993 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1992

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- 1993 Pension Assessments [4] That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July I, 1993, the pension assessments imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends; and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1993 Trustees of Estate and Property [5] That the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York:
For the balance of a term expiring in 1994: Roosevelt E. Rawlins
For terms expiring in 1996: Alan F Blanchard, Joan W. Farr, Sidney Stires
- 1993 Election of Trustees of the Diocese (second reading) [6] That Canon 11 be amended so that Sections 3 and 4 thereof include nominations for Trustee of the Diocese; and be it further
- 1993 Election of Trustees of the Diocese (second reading) [7] That Canon 11 be amended to add the following Sec. 6 (*see journal*)
- 1993 Amend Canon 7 Sec. 2 and 3 [8] That Canon 7, Secs. 2 and 3 be changed from:
Sec. 2. In case of a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, or in case of her/his disability, the Standing Committee shall appoint a Treasurer, and the person so appointed shall continue to act until Convention shall elect a Treasurer.
Sec. 3. There shall be a Controller of Convention who shall be appointed by the Council of the Diocese and who shall, under the general supervision of the Treasurer, serve as the administrative financial officer of the Diocese and principal agent for the receipts and disbursements of the monies collected under the authority of Convention.

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- 1993 Amend Canon 7 Sec. 2 and 3 to Sec. 2. In case of a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer; or in case of her/his disability, the Trustees of the Diocese shall appoint a Treasurer; and the person so appointed shall continue to act until Convention shall elect a Treasurer
Sec. 3. There shall be a Controller of Convention who shall be appointed by the Trustees of the Diocese and who shall, under the general supervision of the Treasurer; serve as the administrative financial officer of the Diocese and principal agent for the receipts and disbursements of the monies collected under the authority of Convention
- 1993 Nomination of Diocesan Trustees That the Diocesan Convention directs the Diocesan Council to continue their established processes and procedures in nominating the Diocesan Trustees to be elected by Convention. The Council will forward their nominations to the Convention Nominating Committee. The manner in which members of Convention may take nominations by petition, Canon 11, Section 3. will not be changed by this resolution.
- 1993 Rescind South Africa Sanctions That this 217th Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby rescinds all resolutions on sanctions South Africa and disinvestment in South Africa passed by all previous Conventions. The provisions of this resolution shall not apply to those sensitive areas such as military and police equipment as outlined by Archbishop Tutu, until and unless Archbishop Tutu calls for their removal
- 1993 Approve Office of Assistant Bishop That the Bishop of New York, having received unanimous consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York, pursuant to Canon III Section 25 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, to ask the 217th Convention of the Diocese of New York to approve the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop, and to authorize the Bishop to appoint a Bishop to the position with the consent of the Standing Committee. The 217th Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby grants its approval for the creation of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of New York, and authorizes the Bishop of New York to appoint a Bishop to such position with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York, under such terms as the Bishop of New York shall determine pursuant to said Canon III Section 25
- 1993 Calling a New Rector [9] That the Bishop assess the manner of calling a new Rector in order to determine whether:
1. it is helpful to the life of a parish to leave it vacant for up to two years
2. the same steps should be followed by all parishes
3. parishes would benefit from an enlarged diocesan deployment staff.

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- 1993 Assessment Review Committee [10] That the 217th Convention of the Diocese of New York authorize the Assessment Review Committee to continue its work and to report to the Diocesan Council and Trustees no later than May 31, 1994.
- 1993 Deacons as Presenters at Ordinations [11] That this 217th Convention of the Diocese of New York commends to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church the following changes in the rubrics regarding presenters at ordination services:
I. (BCP, page 513) Current text: “The bishops and people sit. Representatives of the diocese, both Priests and Lay Persons, standing before the Presiding Bishop, present their bishop-elect, saying...”
NEW TEXT: ““The bishops and people sit. Representatives of the diocese, Priests, Lay Persons and, where possible, Deacons, standing before the Presiding Bishop, present their bishop-elect, saying...”
- 1993 Deacons as Presenters at Ordinations II. (BCP, page 526) Current text: “The bishop and people sit. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying...”
NEW TEXT: “The bishop and people sit. A Priest, a Lay Person and, where possible, a Deacon, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying...”
- 1993 Deacons as Presenters at Ordinations III. (BCP, page 538) Current Text: “The bishop and people sit. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying...”
NEW TEXT: “The bishop and people sit. A Priest, a Lay Person and, where possible, a Deacon, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying...”
- 1993 Replicate National Strategy on Social Responsibility in Investments at Diocesan Level [12] That this Convention instructs the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese of New York to commend the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and the Church Pension Fund for their leadership in promoting social responsibility in investment; and be it further
- 1993 Replicate National Strategy on Social Responsibility in Investments at Diocesan Level [13] That the Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) be urged by the Convention of the Diocese of New York to develop a comprehensive program building on the work of the national church; and be it further

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- 1993 Replicate National Strategy on Social Responsibility in Investments at Diocesan Level [14] That such a program include (but not be limited to):
a) conscientiously voting DIT proxies and publishing DIT's voting record;
b) corresponding and meeting with companies on matters identified by the diocese and the national church as priority concerns;
c) publishing regular reports of its social responsibility program in the Episcopal New Yorker,
d) including in its annual report an account of its social responsibility program, and furnishing a copy of this report to this Convention
- 1993 Civil Rights For All American Citizens Irrespective of Sexual Orientation [15] That the Episcopal Diocese of New York make known to the President of the United States, to the United States Senate and House of Representatives our support of full civil rights for all American citizens irrespective of sexual orientation
- 1993 Nondiscrimination (based on sexual orientation) in the provision of benefits by institutions affiliated with the Episcopal Church [16] That this 217th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the following statement and proposes the same to General Convention:
Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the provision of benefits, including housing, by seminaries and other institutions affiliated with the Episcopal Church violates the teachings of the Church regarding the dignity and value of all human beings.
- 1992 Budget [1] That the 1993 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1992 Budget [2] That the Controller shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17. the share of the 1993 assessment of \$5,694,995. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4). this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April. July and October 1993; and be it further
- 1992 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1991
- 1992 Resolution on Religious Bigotry [4] That this Diocese endeavor to promote ethnic and interreligious understanding and respect, at the diocesan and parochial levels and in the arena of public discourse
- 1992 Resolution on Religious Bigotry [5] That this Diocese endeavor to strengthen and deepen understanding and respect between Episcopalians and Jews on both the diocesan and parochial levels, and be it further

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| 1992 Resolution on Religious Bigotry | [6] That this Diocese also and equally endeavor to implement means by which such understanding and respect can ensue, and be it further |
| 1992 Resolution on Religious Bigotry | [7] That this Diocese seek with renewed determination to reduce the force of anti-Semitism in its ranks and in the communities surrounding it. |
| 1992 Resolution on Religious Bigotry | [8] That this Diocese take further and immediate steps to establish and nourish dialogue and cooperative effort between its constituencies and Muslims on all levels possible, and be it further |
| 1992 Resolution on Religious Bigotry | [9] That this Diocese also and equally endeavor to implement means by which understanding and respect between Muslims and Christians can ensue, and be it further |
| 1992 Resolution on Religious Bigotry | [10] That this Diocese seek in every dimension of its life and spheres of influence to reduce the force of anti-Muslim sentiment and prejudice. |
| 1992 Expanding Family Definition within Church Life Coverage | [11] That the 216th Convention of the Diocese of New York direct the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to explore the possibilities of allowing expanded definitions of family within the network of insurance and pension coverage, and make a report to the 217th Convention |
| 1992 Convention Committee | [12] That Rule 4(e) of the Rules of Order of the Convention of the Diocese of New York be changed to delete "Miscellaneous Business" and to substitute therefore "Resolutions". |
| 1992 Election of DIT Trustees | [13] That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board Trustees for the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1995: William H. Herrman, Wilmot H. Kidd III, and Paul A. Legvold |
| 1992 Election of DIT Trustees | Be it further, That this 216th Convention of the Diocese instructs the Board of Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust to seek diligently for appropriate women and persons of color for nomination to the Board, and that the nominations presented at the 217th Convention include at least two such persons |

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- 1992 Tribute to the Ven. Enrique Brown and His Ministry [16] That this 216th Convention of the Diocese of New York acknowledge the leadership of the Ven. Enrique Brown as Archdeacon of Region Two during the past seven years. With the elimination of his position, we have lost a strong role model for marginalized communities of young people, Hispanics and African Americans and indeed all the people who were touched by his gifts of sensitive pastoring, gentle mentoring, and prophetic leadership. As people of faith, we are confident that these gifts will be used by God in the new ministry to which Archdeacon Brown is being called.
- 1992 Task Force to Explore the Election of Regional Suffragan Bishops [17] That the 216th Convention of the Diocese of New York requests the Bishop to appoint a task force to explore the feasibility, process, and implementation of electing Regional Suffragan Bishops. A report of its findings should be made to the Convention in 1993
- 1992 Health Insurance Coverage for Retired & Disabled Clergy & Widowed Clergy Spouses [18] That the issue of affordable health care coverage and other quality of life issues affected by early death or disablement of clergy be studied by the appropriate Diocesan body, or a task force appointed by The Bishop with the findings on methods of implementation to be reported to the 1993 Diocesan Convention for action. And be it further
- 1992 Health Insurance Coverage for Retired & Disabled Clergy & Widowed Clergy Spouses [19] That the Diocese take appropriate steps to request the Church Pension Fund to give comprehensive study to the whole issue of health insurance coverage for all pension beneficiaries, and be it further
- 1992 Health Insurance Coverage for Retired & Disabled Clergy & Widowed Clergy Spouses [20] That additional and/or alternate methods of funding be explored by the Clergy Compensation Committee, The Diocesan Trustees, The Diocesan Council and the Budget Committee and, being coordinated, be reported to The 1993 Convention of The Diocese of New York for action
- 1992 Companion Diocese Committee - Klerksdorp / South Africa [21] That this 216th Convention of the Diocese of New York extend the Companion Relationship between the Diocese of New York and the Anglican Diocese of Klerksdorp of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa for a five (5) year period; and that the Bishop, Standing Committee and Council of the Diocese of New York are hereby empowered to take the steps necessary thereto.

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- 1992 Capital Campaign [22] That the Council and the Trustees of the Diocese be authorized to conduct a capital campaign with a goal of \$25 million to address the repair and renovation of parish buildings and to augment the General Endowment Fund
- 1992 South Bronx Environmental Racism [28] That this Convention of the Diocese of New York call Mayor Dinkins and Governor Cuomo to shut down the Medical Waste Incinerator that Resource Management Technologies and Bronx-Lebanon Hospital built in 138 Street and Locust Ave. in the Bronx.
- 1992 Cuba is Not Our Enemy [29] That this Convention of the Diocese of New York call on President George Bush and the Congress to stop the trade blockade against Cuba and to normalize relations with Cuba.
- 1992 Self-Determination of Puerto Rico [30] That this Convention of the Diocese of New York first, recognize that Puerto Rico is one of the last remaining colonial possession in the world, and second, demand that President George Bush and the Congress of the United States recognize Puerto Rico's legitimate right to sovereignty, and end colonialism in Puerto Rico. As a gesture of good will toward this end, this Convention calls on the government of the U.S. to: (1) grant immediate and unconditional amnesty to all Puerto Rican prisoners of conscience (as defined by Amnesty International) and political prisoners; (2) grant amnesty to those advocates of independence in exile; (3) cease prosecution and persecution of advocates of independence
- 1992 Change Canon 15 Sec. 3 The Board of Managers [31] That Canon 15, Section 3 be changed from:
Sec. 3. The Board of Managers of the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York: The members of the Board of Managers shall be the Bishop, ex officio, who shall be the President; the Treasurer of the Convention, ex officio, who shall be the Treasurer; and the members (including the ex officio members) from time to time of the Council. To:
Sec. 3. The Board of Managers of the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York: The members of the Board of Managers shall be the Bishop ex officio, who shall be the President; the Treasurer of the Convention, ex officio, who shall be the Treasurer; and those who from time to time serve as Trustees of the Diocese.
- 1992 Affirmation of Rural Migrant Ministry Inc. [39] The Diocese of New York applauds the witness of Faith carried out by the Rural and Migrant Ministry with and on behalf of the Diocese and affirms its commitment and participation in the ecumenical covenant of the Rural and Migrant Ministry Inc

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- 1992 Amend Canon 25:
Lay Pension Plan [40] That Canon 25 be amended to add the following:
Section 6. All parishes, missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of the Diocese of New York, and any other societies, organizations or bodies in the Diocese which under the regulations of The Church Pension Fund have elected or shall elect to come into the pension system, shall provide all lay employees who work a minimum of 1,000 hours annually retirement benefits through participation in the Episcopal Church Lay Employees Retirement Plan (ECLERP) or in an equivalent defined contribution or defined benefit plan, the provisions of which are at least equal to those of ECLERP
- 1992 Pension Assessments [41] That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1992, the pension assessments imposed:
a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends; and
b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St.Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1991 Budget That the 1992 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted; and be it further
- 1991 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1992 assessment of \$6,040,121. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1992: and be it further
- 1991 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1990

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- 1991 Amend Canon 15 That Canon 15, Section 7 be changed from:
Sec. 7 Representation of the Council Sec. 7. Representation of the Council: Each Interparish Council shall be represented on the Council in proportion to its total communicant membership as reported in the latest annual Parochial Report as follows:
of the Council One member for the first 2,500 communicant members; Two members for a membership of more than 2,500 but not more than 5,000; Three members for a membership of more than 5,000 but not more than 7,000; and Four members for a membership of more than 7,000 but not more than 10,000. To:
Sec. 7. Representation on the Council: Each Interparish Council shall be represented on the Council in proportion to its total baptized membership as reported in the latest annual Parochial Report as follows:
One member for the first 2,500 baptized members; Two members for a membership of more than 2,500 but not more than 5,000; Three members for a membership of more than 5,000 but not more than 7,000; and Four members for a membership of more than 7,000
- 1991 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1991 the pension assessments imposed:
a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends; and
b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Lukes/ Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamens Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1991 Lay Employee That this Convention direct that General Convention resolutions D165a (Lay Pension & Insurance Pension Plan) and A/137S (Medical, Dental, and Insurance Benefits for Lay Benefits Employees), adopted in July and printed below, be distributed to all congregations and Church-related organizations in the Diocese; and be it further
- 1991 Lay Employee That this Convention direct the Committee on Canons to prepare an Pension & Insurance appropriate Canon governing the Lay Pension Plan (General Convention Benefits resolution D165a) to be submitted to the 1992 Diocesan Convention for approval; and be it further
- 1991 Lay Employee That this Convention direct the Human Resources/Administration Committee Pension & Insurance of the Trustees of the Diocese to undertake a timely study of the whole issue of Benefits pension and insurance coverage for lay employees of Diocesan congregations and Church-related organizations.

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- 1991 Election of DIT Trustees That the following first three persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board Trustees for the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1994 and the last person to fill a vacancy on the Board, the term expiring in 1992: Donald F. Daly, Stephen R. Humphrey, Kenneth R. Page, and Paul A. Legvold
- 1991 Stop Manufacture & Testing of All Nuclear Weapons That this 215th Convention of the Diocese of New York of the Episcopal Church call upon The President and Congress of the United States to stop the manufacture and testing of all nuclear weapons; and be it further
- 1991 Stop Manufacture & Testing of All Nuclear Weapons That this Convention communicate this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Senators and Representatives from the districts in the geographical area of this Diocese
- 1991 Dismay Over Increase in Police Violence That this 215th Convention of the Diocese of New York of the Episcopal Church express its dismay over the increase in police violence in the cities and communities within our Diocese, especially violence against African American, Latino, Asian, Gay and Lesbian people, Native American people and the destitute. We call upon local law enforcement officials to halt this destructive development: and be it further
- 1991 Dismay Over Increase in Police Violence That this Convention call upon the Parishes and Interparish Councils of the Diocese to work with local law enforcement agencies to institute training and community-awareness programs directed developing and promoting nonviolent techniques of law enforcement
- 1991 Defund Military Budget & Redirect National Resources to meet Urgent Social Needs That this 215th Convention of the Diocese of New York of the Episcopal Church call upon the President and Congress of the United States to begin the process of de-funding the military budget, and of re-directing national resources towards meeting urgent social needs such as housing, education, AIDS research and health care; and be it further
- 1991 Defund Military Budget & Redirect National Resources to meet Urgent Social Needs That this Convention communicate this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Senators and Representatives from the districts in the geographic area of this Diocese

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- 1991 To Create and Fund a National Service Corps a That this 215th Convention of the Diocese of New York of the Episcopal Church call upon the President and Congress of the United States to create and fund a National Service Corps, enlisting people to serve in hospitals, mental hospitals, prisons, day care centers, institutions for treatment of AIDS, and other service and conservation projects. Such a service corps should provide training, discipline and reward levels comparable to those found in the armed services: and be it further
- 1991 To Create and Fund a National Service Corps a That this Convention communicate this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Senators and Representatives from the districts in the geographic areas of this Diocese
- 1991 To Create and Fund a State Service Corps a That this 215th Convention of the Diocese of New York of the Episcopal Church call upon the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New York to create and fund a State Service Corps, enlisting people to serve in hospitals, mental hospitals, prisons, day care centers, institutions for treatment of AIDS, and other service and conservation projects. Such a service corps should provide training, discipline and reward levels comparable to those found in the armed services: and be it further
- 1991 To Create and Fund a State Service Corps a That this Convention communicate this resolution to the Governor and all members of the Legislature of the State of New York.
- 1991 On the Actions taken by the 70th General Convention a That this Convention of the Diocese of New York receive the written report of the Clergy and Lay Deputation to the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church; and be it further
- 1991 On the Actions taken by the 70th General Convention a That this Convention of the Diocese of New York encourages parishes, missions and other organizations within the Diocese to hear reports of the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church from our Bishops, from our Clergy and Lay Deputies and Alternates, and from the Delegates to Triennial; and be it further
- 1991 On the Actions taken by the 70th General Convention a That this Convention of the Diocese of New York commends the Bishop of New York and his staff for referring all relevant actions of the 70th General Convention to appropriate bodies within the Diocese of New York for study, consideration, or implementation; and be it further

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- 1991 On the Actions taken by the 70th General Convention That this Convention of the Diocese of New York instructs the Secretary of this Convention, to receive reports from appropriate bodies within the Diocese regarding this study, consideration, or implementation of actions of the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church and that such reports be utilized in the preparation of the Annual Diocesan Report and any necessary reports to the Secretary of General Convention
- 1991 Task Force on Human Sexuality That this Convention of the Diocese of New York request the Bishop of New York to appoint a Task Force on Human Sexuality to work during this Triennium on the implementation of General Convention Resolution A104sa within the Diocese of New York and in conjunction with Province II. The Task Force shall be composed of not more than 15 persons representative of aspects of the human, geographical, and theological diversity within the Diocese of New York, and in any event shall include one clergy and one lay deputy to the 1991 General Convention and one clergy and one lay deputy to the 1992 Provincial Synod. The Task Force shall report on its progress and its liaison with Province II at each of the next three Diocesan Conventions
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism That the Two-Hundred and Fifteenth (215) Convention of the Diocese of New York fully and enthusiastically endorse the following resolutions on racism adopted at the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. These resolutions are:
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism (B051s) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 70th General Convention declares that the practice of racism is sin and is plainly contrary to the norms of Holy Scripture, and violates the express words of the Baptismal Covenant; and be it further
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism Resolved. That the 70th General Convention calls upon all baptized members of the Church to work to remove racism from the life of the Nation, for we can make no peace with oppression
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism (D113a) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring. That the Episcopal Church spend the next three triennia addressing Institutional racism inside our Church and in society, in order to become a Church of and for all races and a Church without racism committed to end racism in the world, and that greater inclusiveness become one of the Episcopal Church's primary strategies for evangelism.
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism (A082s) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church express its profound concern about the problem of racism in the Church and its commitment to concrete action in pursuit of racial justice within and beyond the bounds of the Church; and be it further

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- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism Resolved, that the 70th General Convention recognize the commitment of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to include persons of racial and ethnic diversity in their appointments to Interim Bodies and official Commissions of the Episcopal Church, and urge them to increase their efforts to do so: and be it further
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism Resolved, that this Convention affirm the goals and objectives of the Commission on Racism as listed below:
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE NEXT TRIENNIUM
(1) Equip church members to understand institutional racism and develop plans and programs to combat racism using data resulting from the institutional racism audit.
(2) Influence and monitor the racial and ethnic composition of interim bodies, commissions, committees and networks of the Episcopal Church.
(3) Provide anti-racism training for the Executive Council.
(4) Monitor implementation of affirmative action program, equal employment policy and purchasing practices at the Episcopal Church Center, which must be a model for the whole Church.
(5) Follow up on recommendations from meetings with Episcopal Church Center units/divisions.
(6) Continue the development of networks of trainers in provinces.
(7) Work with a minimum of eleven dioceses in developing programs to combat racism.
(8) Request a Pastoral Letter on the sin of racism from the House of Bishops. and support their Implementation; and be it further
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism Resolved, that this Convention urge each Diocese to establish a Commission or Committee on racism; to include persons of racial and ethnic diversity in appointments to diocesan commission and committees; and to urge all its diocesan bodies and congregations to be sensitive to the issue of racial justice; and be it further
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism Resolved, that the Commission on Racism continue to report results and recommendations to the Executive Council annually and to the 71st and succeeding conventions
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism (A090s) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the Council for the Development of Ministry facilitate the development of educational materials and training programs, in consultation with the ethnic desks of the Presiding Bishops staff and other appropriate groups, for diocesan deployment officers, commissions on ministry, search committees and congregations, to help eliminate discrimination in deployment throughout the church against clerøvwomen. clerøv of color. ethnic clerøv. and clerøv with disabilities

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- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism (A085a) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies instruct the chairs of all boards, agencies, committees, commissions and other interim bodies of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be attentive to issues of inclusion affecting their members and the content of their deliberations, to devote meeting time at the beginning of each triennium to an exploration of how racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination based on “difference” may limit their work and to report results to the Executive Council
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism (D043a) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 70th General Convention urge each Diocese to implement and to strengthen initiatives with all congregations in the Diocese toward becoming a Church of and for all races and a Church without racism committed to end racism in the world; and that these initiatives include:
Prayer and worship — encourage the establishment of prayer groups and support groups around the theme of combatting racism.
Planning and Funding — ensure that funding and planning structures affirm racial equity in appointments to and funding of all diocesan staffs, committees and commissions.
Deployment — support and actively work to assure that parishes who have never considered minority clergy for vacancies do so.
Recruitment — actively recruit and support minority candidates in their progress from postulancy to ordination.
Education — prepare educational material to provide parishes with an educational series on the nature of racism that will acknowledge racism as a sin and will work toward eliminating its existence in the Church.
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism (A199) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America urge each diocese and local congregation to conduct an audit on Institutional racism of its life and work; and be it further
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism Resolved. That in response to these audits we ask each diocese and local congregation to take such actions as may help us to admit to the racism in our midst and to initiate changes in our structure and programs that will redress this wound on the Body of Christ; and be it further
- 1991 Support of General Convention Actions on the Issue of Racism Resolved, that such support and endorsement be communicated to the Office of the Presiding Bishop and to the Commission on Racism.
- 1991 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the Diocese of New York reaffirms its understanding of racism as an individual or institutional attitude or action which subordinates a person or group because of race or color; and to be a sin which contradicts God’s creation and designation of the human race as the image of God; and that it further be

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- 1991 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the Diocese affirms the belief that its staffing, assignments and fiscal policies and practices should reflect the cultural diversity and richness of God's creative hand; and be it further
- 1991 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That this Convention charge the Task Force on Racism to work with the Diocesan Council with the responsibility of developing an Audit to determine the extent to which this understanding is manifest within all units of the Diocese, This Audit shall be intended to examine diocesan staffing policies and practices, the makeup of committees, leadership development, and funding policies and practices as they apply to its congregations, institutions and parishes; and be it further
- 1991 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That this Audit conclude with a Racial Survey of the delegates to the 1993 Diocesan Convention; and be it further
- 1991 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That this Audit is to be conducted in full consultation with the Office of the Bishop and support of all diocesan staff entities; and be it further
- 1991 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the Council of the Diocese, in conjunction with the Office of the Bishop and in accordance with the findings of the Audit and Survey, be empowered to establish an ongoing Action Policy in order to insure a faithful and equitable reflection of the racial and cultural diversity of the Diocese; and be it further
- 1991 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the full results of the Audit and the details of the Policy be reported back to the 217th Convention of the Diocese of New York

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1991 Clergy Compensation That Section 1, Cash Stipends of the 1990-91 Compensation Guidelines be changed as follows:

Minimum levels: Each entity within the Diocese shall pay each clergyperson in its service an annual stipend which, (I) in the case of persons ordained to the priesthood less than three years, shall be not less than \$19,700, (II) in the case of persons ordained to the priesthood more than three years but less than ten years, shall be not less than \$23,730, (III) in the case of a person ordained to the priesthood ten or more years shall be not less than \$26,730. In addition, each such entity shall pay each clergyperson a sum equal to 50% of the annual self employment tax, and shall provide reasonable annual allowances for travel, entertainment and continuing education, and be it further

1991 Clergy Compensation That the following paragraph be added to Section 3 of the 1990-91 Compensation Guidelines:

(I) Periodic leaves. Parishes are urged to set aside a sum of money each year so that once every seven years the clergyperson may be given a six month leave with full compensation and related benefits to pursue study or regeneration. It would be expected that there would be no travel reimbursement for travel undertaken during such a leave

1991 St. Luke the Beloved Physician Extinct That the religious corporation known as THE RECTOR, CHURCHWARDENS AND VESTRYMEN OF ST. LUKE THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN, having had less than thirteen resident attending members making annual contributions towards its support, and for two consecutive years prior to the date of this Convention has not had a sufficient number of persons qualified to select or serve as wardens and members of the vestry, and has become extinct, It is hereby resolved, that said parish be and hereby is declared extinct

1990 Budget That the 1991 Assessment Budget presented herewith be adopted, and be it further

1990 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1991 assessment of \$5,985,304. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the filth days of January, April, July and October 1991, and be it further

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- 1990 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1989
- 1990 Proposed Resolutions on the Environment for the 1991 General Convention The ten resolutions contained in the report entitled "The Episcopal Church in Communion with Creation: Policy and Action Plan for the Environment and Sustainable Development", the report of the Presiding Bishops consultation on the environment and sustainable development in preparation for the General Convention of 1991. That report is dated September 1990. Resolution I through 10 from the report with the addition of the words "or deacons" after the word presbyters in line two of Resolution 3 in this document are adopted by this convention
- 1990 Amendment to Canon 14, Sec. 1 That Sec. 1 of Canon 14 pertaining to the nomination of a Bishop be amended by adding at its end the following sentence:
Concurrently with the call for the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop the ecclesiastical authority shall propose to the Convention a budget for the expenses of the process.
- 1990 Amendment to Canon 14, Sec. 10 That Sec. 10 of Canon 14 pertaining to the nomination of a Bishop be amended to limit the number of speeches on behalf of any candidate for election as a Bishop to three, revising Sec. 10 to read as follows:
In the case of candidates nominated by the presentation of the Report of the Committee the first seconds speech shall be limited to ten minutes, the next seconder's speech to five minutes, and the third seconds speech to three minutes. In the case of all other candidates, the nominator's speech shall be limited to ten minutes, the first seconder's speech to five minutes, and the second seconder's speech to three minutes, no more than a total of three speeches shall be made in nominating any candidate
- 1990 1990-1991 EDNY Compensation Guideline That the 214th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the guidelines set forth in the document titled, "1990-91 Compensation Guideline of the Diocese of New York," (*see journal*) as prepared by the Clergy Compensation Committee and approved by the Council of the Diocese of New York.

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- 1990 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1990, the pension assessments imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends; and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1990 Election of DIT Trustees That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board of Trustees for the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1993: Joan Farr, Alan Blanchard and Sidney Stires
- 1990 Investment in the Community That ten percent (10%) of all monies given to the Diocesan endowment funds, after December 31, 1990 be invested in economic justice efforts consistent with the five areas held forth in the 1988 General Convention resolution concerning economic justice and community investment, (the five areas being: Community Land Trusts, Housing Cooperatives, Employee-owned Businesses, Community Banking and Advocacy); and that an account of such Investment be published each year in the Journal of Convention; and be it further
- 1990 Investment in the Community That the Bishop appoint a task force to recommend for approval to Diocesan Council, guidelines and a structure to implement the economic justice investments. Said task force should include representatives from the Economic Justice Committee, and report regularly to Diocesan Council as well as to the 1991 Convention.
- 1990 Support for Parish Based Services of Episcopal Mission Society That this 214th Convention of the Diocese of New York encourage every parish of the Diocese to support and establish vital working relationships with the Parish Based Services department of the Episcopal Mission Society
- 1990 Funding the WIC Program That this Diocesan Convention go on record as supporting increased funding for the Federal Women's, Infants', and Children's program so that every pregnant woman, pregnant teenager, and child under five in need may be included;
- That our federal and state legislators be informed of our resolution; and
- That a similar resolution be submitted to the next General Convention.

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- 1990 Condemnation of Anti-Semitism That this Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York reaffirms its historic condemnation of Anti-Semitism, racism and any form of racial, cultural, gender, gender orientation or ethnic bias as an affront to God and the human community. It calls upon all of the people of the Diocese to examine our own attitudes and participation in this regard and to recommit ourselves to exercise our Christian ministry of reconciliation in both the Church and society.
- 1990 College Work Program That as it declares the Good News of Christ the College Work Program of the Diocese commit and dedicate itself to the following goals:
- a. Developing a comprehensive plan for this ministry, serving every region and area of the Diocese;
 - b. Building a strong support system including a strengthened College Work Committee to shape, evaluate, and interpret this work to parishes, IPC's, colleges and universities, and the Diocese as a whole,
 - c. Integrating, whenever possible, College Ministry with Youth Ministry in the Diocese, especially at the time of transition from high school to college.
 - d. Forming a Board which will meet at least once a year to develop support for this work outside the Diocesan budget
 - e. Continuing our commitments to College Ministry programs at the Provincial and National Church levels.
 - f. Giving special attention to mission and ministry in the City and State University systems, with special emphasis on ministry with minorities and low-income students, more specifically, working with students, faculty, and staff to oppose continuing budget cuts, which are greatly increasing class size, eliminating financial aid for many needy students, and making it impossible for many students to attend college.
 - g. Increasing our emphasis on ministry which links students and faculty with communities of people in need and trouble throughout the Diocese, whether rural or urban, helping students test their vocation to work with people unlike themselves and to use their skills, expertise, and compassion for good.
- 1990 College Work Program
- 1990 Harassment and Sexual Exploitation That the Diocese of New York does not condone or tolerate harassment of any person by any representative, lay or ordained, professional or volunteer, of any organization of the Diocese; and be it further
- 1990 Harassment and Sexual Exploitation That the Diocese of New York does not condone or tolerate any occurrence of sexual exploitation of any person by any representative, lay or ordained, professional or volunteer, of any organization of the Diocese; and be it further

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- 1990 Harassment and Sexual Exploitation That this Convention of the Diocese of New York request that the Bishop appoint a task force to develop a protocol, including: 1) a code of ethics governing behavior as it relates to harassment and sexual exploitation; 2) a method for filing complaints which assures confidentiality of all involved, protects those who are abused, assures fair treatment of those accused, and holds offenders accountable; 3) procedures for appointing an adjudicatory body to hear these complaints with care so that those who are making the complaints or witnesses do not have to fear retaliation or intimidation from alleged abusers or others who have institutional power over them; 4) a policy for providing help and assistance to victims, offenders, and congregations or other organizations within the Diocese; 5) a program of preventive education and awareness for clergy, religious professionals, and laity within Diocesan organizations; and be it further
- 1990 Harassment and Sexual Exploitation That this task force report on its resulting protocol no later than the meeting of the Convention of this Diocese in 1991; and be it further
- 1990 Harassment and Sexual Exploitation That these resolutions be reported to the Standing Commission on Human Affairs for presentation to the 1991 General Convention
- 1990 NY-Johannesburg Companion Diocese Committee That this Convention of the Diocese of New York affirm its participation to date in the Companion Diocese program and approve an extension of this program for the period January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1992.
- 1990 Change Canon 17 for the Creation of a General Endowment Fund As it now reads:
Application: if the apportioned share of any congregation shall exceed 25% of the unified budget of Diocesan expenditures in any one budget year, the excess shall be applied to payment in full of such congregations pro rata share of the National Church Apportionment attributable to such excess, to the Cornerstone Fund, as appropriate, and as a capital contribution to the Diocesan Fund for Clergy Support
- 1990 Change Canon 17 for the Creation of a General Endowment Fund The proposed change:
That Canon 17 §2(3) be amended by striking the comma after “excess” In the fourth line and by striking the succeeding words “to the Cornerstone Fund, as appropriate, and as a capital contribution to the Diocesan Fund for Clergy Support.” and substituting the words “and the balance to the Diocesan General Endowment Fund.”

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- 1990 Amendment to Canon 17 As it now reads:
Section 1.(3) Adjustment and Appeal Procedure: Each congregation that desires its apportioned share to be reduced must request an adjustment hearing within 30 days after receiving the notice described in subsection (2) above.
- If during the budget year any congregation believes that it will be unable to pay in full its apportioned share, or if after the close of the budget year any congregation has failed to pay in full its apportioned share, such congregation may appeal to the Adjustment Board for a reduction in its apportioned share; provided, however, that each congregation shall be entitled to only one such appeal to the Adjustment Board with respect to its apportioned share for the budget year.
- 1990 Amendment to Canon 17 The proposed change: To delete the first sentence in Canon 17 Section 1.(3) and to move the paragraph beginning “if during the budget year any congregation believes...” to the beginning of Section 1(3).
- 1990 Change to Canon 14 Sec. 1 on the Formation of a Nominating Comm. For the Election of a Bishop That Canon 14 Sec. 1 be amended by adding, subsequent to the words “Council of the Diocese”, the words “one clerical member and one lay member elected each year by the Convention,”; and be it further
- 1990 Change to Canon 14 Sec. 1 on the Formation of a Nominating Comm. For the Election of a Bishop That Canon 14 Sec.1 be further amended by adding, subsequent to the words “ex officio”, the following sentence: “no member of said Committee elected by the Convention shall serve more than three consecutive years.”; and be it further
- 1990 Change to Canon 14 Sec. 1 on the Formation of a Nominating Comm. For the Election of a Bishop That Canon 14 Sec.1 be further amended by adding, subsequent to the word “Committee” in the last sentence, the words “appointed thereto”.
- 1990 Opposition to Capital Punishment That this Convention of the Diocese of New York reaffirm the position taken in opposition to capital punishment by the 1958, 1969 and 1979 General Conventions; and be it further

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- 1990 Opposition to Capital Punishment That this Convention oppose federal and state initiatives to establish constitutional procedures for the institution of the sentence of death for various crimes; and be it further
- 1990 Opposition to Capital Punishment That this Convention support state and local initiatives to offer a range of community sanctions and services providing alternatives to incarceration and reducing recidivism; and be it further
- 1990 Opposition to Capital Punishment That the Presiding Bishop's Open Statement on Capital Punishment be read in every parish and printed in all Diocesan publications; and be it further
- 1990 Opposition to Capital Punishment That this Convention urge Interparish Councils, parishes, missions, and individual members to engage in serious study on the subject of capital punishment and to work actively to prevent the reinstatement of capital punishment in the State of New York.
- 1990 Appreciation to Archdeacon Robert N. Willing That this 214th Convention of the Diocese of New York extends its thanks and appreciation to Archdeacon Robert N. Willing for his 20 years of service to the Diocese in the Mid-Hudson Region.
- 1989 Replace Canon 17 - Second Reading That the present Canon 17 (Funding Program of the Diocese - Assessment Formula) be replaced by (*see journal*)
- 1989 Budget That the 1990 Assessment Budget presented herein as "1990 Budget With New Formula", be adopted, and be it further
- 1989 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1990 assessment of \$5,658,639. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1990. and be it further
- 1989 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1988.
- 1989 Budget Resolution That beginning with the budget for 1991, the budget as shown to Convention include comparative columns showing the current year's budget for each item and the previous years actual expenditure.

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- 1989 Planning
Commission on
Bishop Grein's
Vision for the
Mission of the
Diocese
- That the statement of a vision for the mission of the Diocese of New York which has been offered by Bishop Grein in his address to the 213th Convention of the Diocese of New York subsequent to dialogue between the Bishop and the Planning Commission of the Council of the Diocese be printed and distributed to all the parishes of the Diocese with all deliberate speed; and be it further
- 1989 Planning
Commission on
Bishop Grein's
Vision for the
Mission of the
Diocese
- That each parish of the Diocese of New York undertake a careful study of and prayerful reflection on this statement of a vision for the mission of the Diocese of New York; and be it further
- 1989 Planning
Commission on
Bishop Grein's
Vision for the
Mission of the
Diocese
- That any comments or critical responses from such study and prayer be forwarded by parishes to their respective Inter-Parish Council representatives to the Council of the Diocese of New York for reporting and inclusion in the next phase of the planning process in which the Diocese of New York is presently engaged.
- 1989 Revision of Canon
11 Secs. 2 and 3
- That Sections 2 and 3 of Canon 11 be revised as follows:
Sec. 2. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee, after consultation with the Bishop and the Interparish Councils, shall place in nomination not less than two candidates for each office and circulate its suggestions to all Convention Members. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to be nominated.
- 1989 Revision of Canon
11 Secs. 2 and 3
- Sec. 3. Nominations by Convention Members: Any Convention Member may make nominations for the Standing Committee, for Clerical and Lay Deputies and Provisional Deputies to the General Convention and to the Provincial Synod of the Second Province, and for any other committees, commissions and boards (not including trustees of funds) to be elected by the Convention, provided such nominations are in writing, are signed by such member and four other Members of the Convention, and are delivered to the Secretary at least forty-five days before the opening of the Convention

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- 1989 Revision of Canon 11 Secs. 2 and 3 Sec. 3 continued: With the nomination, the proposer shall deliver to the Secretary a statement, in writing, of the occupation, residence and congregation of the candidate nominated together with a brief note setting forth the candidates professional or business experience and any important activities or other qualifications. It shall be the duty of the Secretary upon receipt of such nominations to communicate, in writing, with each of the nominees for the same office, and in all instances where the Secretary receives notice from any nominee in writing that such nominee desires to withdraw his or her name from nomination, the nomination of such candidate or candidates shall be disregarded by the Secretary. Members of the Nominating Committee are likewise ineligible to be nominated under this section.
- 1989 Change in Canon 14 Section 7 That Canon 14, Section 7 be changed to:
Sec. 7: The Report of the Committee shall be printed and mailed by the Secretary of the Convention in the manner provided in Canon 4 not later than 60 days prior to the date set for the Convention at which such election is to be held
- 1989 Change in Canon 15 Section 4 That Canon 15, Section 4 be changed to:
Sec. 4. Executive Committee and other Committees and Commissions: The Council shall appoint from its membership an Executive Committee with power to act between meetings of the Council, and it may appoint such other committees and commissions as from time to time may seem advisable.
- 1989 Replace Canon 23
1989 Replace Canon 23, Commission on Ministry That Canon 23 (Commission on Ministry) be replaced by the following:
Sec. 1. There shall be a Commission on Ministry of the Diocese consisting of a chair appointed by the Bishop, and not fewer than ten members at least one third to be elected by the Council of the Diocese, the balance to be appointed by the Bishop. The terms of office of members of the commission shall be determined by the Bishop. Insofar as possible, the membership of the Commission shall be made up of clergy and laity in equal numbers and the regions of the Diocese, if there be such, shall be represented on the Commission

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- 1989 Replace Canon 23, Commission on Ministry
Ministry
Sec. 2. The duties of the Commission shall be to assist the Bishop in all matters specified by the Canons of the General Convention as follows:
(1) Determining present and future needs for ministry in the Diocese.
(2) Recruiting and selecting persons for holy orders and in guiding and examining postulants, candidates and deacons training for priesthood.
(3) Providing for the guidance, pastoral care of clergy and lay persons who are in stipendiary and non-stipendiary positions accountable to the Bishop.
(4) Promoting the continuing education of the clergy and of lay professionals employed by the Church.
(5) Supporting the developing, training, utilization and affirmation of the ministry of the laity in the world.
- 1989 Replace Canon 32, Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation
Pastoral Relation
That the present Canon 32 (Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation) be replaced by the following (*see journal*)
- 1989 Election of DIT Trustees
Trustees
That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board of Trustees for the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1992: William H. Hermann; Wilmot H. Kidd, III, Newton P. S. Merrill.
- 1989 Pension Assessments
Pension Assessments
That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1989, the pension assessments imposed:
a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends; and
b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1989 Voting on Convention Resolutions
Convention Resolutions
That in the manner of voting on a resolution at Diocesan Convention, approval/disapproval be determined by a show-of-hands vote with cards; red for disapproval (no), green for approval (yes).
- 1989 Replace Canon 17 - First Reading
First Reading
That the present Canon 17 (Funding Program of the Diocese - Assessment Formula) be replaced by (*see journal*). The resolution passed by a simple majority vote, therefore it must be passed by convention 1989 to become operational.
- 1988 Budget
Budget
That the 1989 Assessment Budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further

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- 1988 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1989 assessment of \$4,115,000. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1989. and be it further
- 1988 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1987.
- 1988 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1988, the pension assessment imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable to said agencies
- 1988 Alcohol and Drug Abuse That the policy statement and guidelines (*see 1988 EDNY journal*) approved in 1985 by the 68th General Convention be adopted by this Diocesan Convention as diocesan policy
- 1988 Task Force on Human Sexuality, Heterosexism and Homophobia That this Convention of the Diocese of New York request the Bishop to appoint a task force of between 10 and 15 persons to study issues related to human sexuality, heterosexism and homophobia, to dispel myths and prejudices about homosexuality, and to provide, in the words of the Standing Commission on Human Affairs and Health, "another room where we can talk" and come to understand individuals as whole persons and not as categories; and be it further
- 1988 Task Force on Human Sexuality, Heterosexism and Homophobia That the members of the task force be chosen to represent differing attitudes, professional experience, and sexual orientation including publicly acknowledged gay men and lesbians, so that a full spectrum of conviction is represented; and be it further

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- 1988 Task Force on Human Sexuality, Heterosexism and Homophobia That this task force report on its findings and experiences no later than the meeting of the Convention of this Diocese in 1990 and to the Standing Commission on Human Affairs no later than December, 1990; and be it further
- 1988 Task Force on Human Sexuality, Heterosexism and Homophobia That the Secretary of Convention be instructed to notify the Standing Commission on Human Affairs of the establishment of the task force and the name of its convenor.
- 1988 Replace Canon 25, Clergy Stipends... That the present Canon 25 (Clergy Stipends and Allowances be replaced with (see journal).
- 1988 Amend Canon 14 Sec. 1 - Committee to Elect a Bishop That the proposed amendment to Canon 14 S.1 would insert the words “or the Vice-Chancellor, appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority,” following the word “Chancellor”. The Canon, as amended, would read as follows:
Whenever the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall call for the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop, and the Convention, where required, shall have given its consent thereto, a committee shall be appointed to consist of one clerical member and one lay member appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority, one clerical member and one lay member appointed by the Standing Committee, two clerical members appointed by majority vote of the Council of the Diocese, and the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor. appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority, ex officio. The members of said Committee shall be appointed not less than four months prior to the date set for the Convention at which such election is to be held.
- 1988 Domestic Violence That this 212th Convention of the Diocese of New York call on its member congregations to become involved in measures for the prevention of family violence and sexual abuse, and to offer support for the victims of such violence through prayer and through personal and corporate ministry; and be it further
- 1988 Domestic Violence That the Convention commends to the people of the Diocese the work of the several county child abuse prevention councils, and the work of shelters and other service agencies providing assistance to the victims of family violence, and urges congregations to assist such work through volunteer service, financial support and encouragement of the establishment of such shelters

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- 1988 Clergy Housing That all parishes in the Diocese of New York employing clergy on a full-time basis shall provide the cleric with an adequate housing allowance or, where provided housing s elected, a personally owned escrow/annuity account to enable the cleric to build up long-term financial equity; and be it further
- 1988 Clergy Housing That the Clergy Compensation Committee be called on to provide parishes and clergy with background information, sample documents, and expert resource persons in the area of housing; and be it further
- 1988 Clergy Housing That this Convention calls for the establishment of reserve funds to assist parishes to provide housing options for the clergy through revolving loans and/or shared equity
- 1988 Election of DIT Trustees That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board of Trustees for the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1991: Donald F. Daly; Stephen R. Humphrey; Wilmot H. Kidd, III; Kenneth R. Page
- 1988 EDNY Convention: Held on Saturdays That the East Bronx Interparish Council supports the full participation of the Laity and Clergy at Diocesan Conventions, and be it further
- 1988 EDNY Convention: Held on Saturdays That Diocesan Conventions held midweek do not afford equal opportunity for wage-earning Laity to attend, and be it further
- 1988 EDNY Convention: Held on Saturdays That the Bishop and Standing Committee be urged to consider that the Convention of the Diocese of New York be held on a Saturday in order to insure the maximum participation of Laity and Clergy of the Diocese
- 1988 Amend Canon 16 That Canon 16 (Interparish Councils and Regional Assemblies) be amended (*see journal*)

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- 1988 Stewardship That this 212th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopts the following Stewardship Statement:
- a. WE AFFIRM that our gifts to God and Gods Church shall be the first fruits of our labors. We do this joyfully and in thanksgiving because of our conviction that each of us is created in the likeness of God, who is a God of giving and creating;
 - b. WE AFFIRM the practice of individuals to either tithe or adopt a program of proportional giving that will increase regularly according to their abilities;
 - c. WE HOLD UP the minimum goal of the tithe as a benchmark at which to aim and, where possible, surpass.
 - d. WE CALL ON ALL MEMBERS OF THIS DIOCESE to consider their stewardship offerings prayerfully and with generous hearts.
- 1987 Budget That the 1988 Assessment Budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
- 1987 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1988 assessment of \$3,640,000. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1988. and be it further
- 1987 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1986
- 1987 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1987, the pension assessment imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies

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- 1987 HIV Antibody Testing That this 210th Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as opposing routine and/or mandatory HIV Antibody Testing of our most politically vulnerable populations: Members of the military, immigrants, and prisoners, and be it further
- 1987 HIV Antibody Testing That this 210th Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as opposing routine and/or mandatory HIV Antibody Testing for employment, insurance, housing, medical care, or any other form of discrimination
- 1987 Consent to the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor That this 210th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New York does hereby approve the Bishop's request for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for this Diocese by reason of the extent of Diocesan work, and be it further
- 1987 Consent to the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor That this Convention requests the Standing Committee to proceed to secure the necessary canonical consents to said election to be held no earlier than June 28, 1988. (Date changed to September 27, 1988)
- 1987 Greetings to Bishop Donegan That this Convention send greetings and best wishes for continued health to the 12th Bishop of New York, the Right Reverend Horace W. B. Donegan, as he observes the 40th Anniversary of his Consecration to be a Bishop in the Church of God.
- 1987 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the Diocese of New York understands racism to be an individual or institutional attitude or action which subordinates a person or group because of race or color; and to be a sin which contradicts God's creation and designation of the human race as the image of God, and that it further be
- 1987 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the Diocese affirms the belief that its staffing, assignments and fiscal policies and practices should reflect the cultural diversity and richness of God's creative hand, and be it further
- 1987 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That this Convention charge the Diocesan Council with the responsibility of developing an Audit to determine the extent to which this understanding is manifest within all units of the Diocese. This Audit shall be intended to examine diocesan staffing policies and practices, the makeup of committees, leadership development, and funding policies and practices as they apply to its congregations, institutions and parishes, and be it further
- 1987 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That this Audit is to be conducted in full consultation with the Office of the Bishop and support of all diocesan staff entities, and be it further

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- 1987 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the Council of the Diocese, in conjunction with the Office of the Bishop and in accordance with the findings of the Audit, be empowered to establish an on-going Affirmative Action Policy in order to insure a faithful and equitable reflection of the racial and cultural diversity of the Diocese, and be it further
- 1987 Diocesan Audit and Affirmative Action Policy That the full results of the Audit and the details of the Policy be reported back to the 211th Convention of the Diocese of New York
- 1987 Diocesan Office on Racism That this 210th Convention of the Diocese of New York, in recognition of the high priority needed to be given to the issue of racism, hereby affirms the idea of the establishment of a Diocesan Office on Racism to serve all the people of our Diocese, to encourage and coordinate parish, nonparochial (such as college and university ministries), and Diocesan efforts to express our opposition to the cancer of racism in our society, and to take swift and thorough steps to overcome it. and be it further
- 1987 Diocesan Office on Racism That this Convention call upon the Bishops, the Diocesan Council and Staff, and the Parishes to work together to determine possible means of financial support for such a position and to give the establishment of this position high priority in discussions of the development of the 1989 Budget of the Diocese
- 1987 Lay Employees Retirement Plan That this 210th Convention, in support of the memorial presented to the 1987 Convention of the Diocese of Central New York, ask by resolution to the 1988 General Convention for that body to direct the appropriate authorities of the Episcopal Church to present to the 1991 General Convention a plan to equalize retirement, death and disability benefits paid to lay persons and clergy serving the Episcopal Church
- 1987 Support for the WIC Program That this 210th Convention of the Diocese of New York reaffirm the actions of past conventions that urged Church people to be advocates for the poor and called on them to encourage our elected officials to redirect national and state priorities in ways that serve the needs of the hungry, and be it further
- 1987 Support for the WIC Program That, to this end, this convention support legislative efforts to increase the federal allocation for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and urge congregations, clergy and individual communicants of our churches to voice their support for this program to their elected officials. and be it further

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- 1987 Support for the WIC Program That the Secretary of Convention communicate the passage of these resolutions to the President of the United States, the two U.S. Senators from New York, and the Members of Congress from districts within the Diocese of New York
- 1987 Hispanic Ministry That this 210th Convention of the Diocese of New York calls upon the Bishops, the Diocesan Council, and the Parishes to investigate and implement new means of financial support for better and effective ministry among the Hispanic population in the Diocese of New York, thereby enabling the diversity of our mission and better proclaim Jesus Christ to all people
- 1987 Worship Language, People Language, and God Language That the Clergy and congregations of this Diocese are encouraged to use such alternatives as are within the present rubrical provisions of the Book of Common Prayer to avoid where possible gender-exclusive language in reference to people, and be it further
- 1987 Worship Language, People Language, and God Language That the Clergy and congregations of this Diocese are encouraged to study the problems of gender-exclusive language in reference to people and the predominantly masculine language and imagery for God in the Bible and in the liturgy, in our teaching and in our preaching, and how we may best present a theologically more balanced picture of God in all of these
- 1987 Review of the Nominating Process That the Bishop appoint a Committee to study the nominating process of the Convention and dealing with the elections of all offices except Bishop and report its findings to the next annual Convention. Membership should consist of the members of the Convention Planning Committee and six other persons plus the Chancellor and Secretary of Convention
- 1987 (Endorse South America) Peace Plan That this Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as encouraging the government of the United States to support vigorously the peace plan proposed by President Arias of Costa Rica and endorsed unanimously on August 7, 1987, by the governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and be it further
- 1987 (Endorse South America) Peace Plan That the Secretary of Convention be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and all members of the Congressional delegation from this Diocese

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- 1987 Treaties and Test Ban That this Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as:
- a. Supporting the continued adherence by all parties to the terms of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972;
 - b. Supporting observance by all parties to the terms of the as yet unratified SALT II treaty of 1979;
 - c. Supporting a comprehensive test ban; and
 - d. Opposing the development and deployment by any nation of space based or first strike weapons.
- 1987 Air Rights That the 210th Convention of the Diocese of New York request the Bishop to direct an appropriate Diocesan Commission (Administration and/or Diocesan Aid), to study a proposal whereby any congregation of the Diocese of New York which receives a substantial sum of money from the sale or lease of air and other property rights is urged to share a percentage of that amount with the Diocese to establish a fund, the income of which would be used for the repair and restoration of church buildings in the Diocese, and the capital of which would be available as collateral for the building of low income housing in this Diocese.
- 1987 Air Rights That the Commission report to the Council of the Diocese of New York by its March meeting and ask the Council to take appropriate action
- 1987 Election of DIT Trustees That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board of Trustees for the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1990: Iredell W. Iglehart, Anthony D. Duke Jr., Rosemary S. Vietor
- 1987 Companion Diocese relationship with Johannesburg, South Africa That the Diocese of New York, with effect from January 1, 1988, enter into a Companion Diocese relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Johannesburg of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa and that the Bishop, Standing Committee and Council of the Diocese of New York are hereby empowered to take the steps necessary thereto
- 1987 National Apportionment Resolution That the General Convention direct that the formula by which each diocese is assessed for its portion of the budget of the Program of the National Church be changed from the present one by which each diocesan portion is based upon the total Net Disposable Income of the parishes of that diocese to one by which each diocesan portion is based upon total diocesan income from whatever source as reported to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society

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- 1987 The Millennium of Russian Orthodoxy That this Convention, noting the Millennial Anniversary of the Baptism of Russia being celebrated by the Russian Orthodox Church in 1988, request the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese to send greetings to each of the Dioceses of the Russian Orthodox Church on its behalf, and be it further
- 1987 The Millennium of Russian Orthodoxy That acknowledging the division between our churches, despite our Lord's prayer that all Christians be one (John 17), and recognizing the opposing political systems of the USA and USSR, which separate our peoples, the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese be requested to provide the parishes with suitable material concerning the Russian Orthodox Church, its role in Soviet society, its historical ties with the Episcopal Church, and resources for enabling Christians in the Soviet Union and the United States to pray and work together towards Christian unity and greater understanding and peace between our two nations
- 1986 Budget That the 1987 Assessment Budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
- 1986 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1987 assessment of \$3,386,330. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1987. and be it further
- 1986 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1985
- 1986 Assessment Review That the Bishop meet with the chairs of the Budget and Assessment Review Committees along with the Executive Committee of the Diocese, and, with an outside professional management consultant, to examine thoroughly the current administrative and financial structures of the Diocese, to determine how they might be changed to conform to fiscal realities, and be it further
- 1986 Assessment Review That the Assessment Review Committee continue to monitor the formula base as heretofore directed by Convention

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- 1986 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1986, the pension assessment imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1986 Election of DIT Trustees That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board of Trustees of the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1989: Abram Claude Jr., Worthington Mayo-Smith, Nicholas A. Marshall
- 1986 Freedom and Authority in the Catholic Church That the following be a statement of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York:
As Catholic Christians in the Anglican tradition, we Episcopalians feel compelled to reassert what we believe to be the ancient catholic and biblical witness to truth and freedom.
As Christians, we believe that God in Christ has revealed to us the fullness of his truth, but we recognize that human language at best reflects such truth imperfectly. We believe, therefore, that truth is best served by free and open inquiry, and that God calls us to allow, and preserve to the fullest possible measure, freedom of biblical and theological scholarship and diversity of expression within his Church.
- 1986 Freedom and Authority in the Catholic Church For these reasons, we deplore any action which narrows the realm of free debate. With concern for the greater unity within the Church, we would avoid any use of coercion, because, we believe the witness and mission of the whole Church is impeded by such action. Because we are concerned for those who are increasingly disturbed by any misuse of authority anywhere, we reassert the witness of Anglicanism to the ancient traditions of Catholic Christianity:
- * the sacraments and ministry of the undivided Church
 - * unity in essentials; freedom in non-essentials
 - * authority based on loving witness, not coercive discipline
- We invite all Christians who respect the Catholic tradition of the Church and the integrity of the human mind to join with us in making this witness to the world, and be it further

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- 1986 Freedom and Authority in the Catholic Church That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to forward this resolution to the parishes of the Diocese of New York for distribution and to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church for its consideration.
- 1986 Revisions in the EDNY Constitution That the Constitution of the Diocese of New York be amended so that instead of reference to persons being solely in the masculine gender, all such references shall be in both the feminine and masculine genders, with alphabetical precedence and as appropriate in context, as follows: “he/she”, “her/him”. and “her/his”.
- 1986 Change Constitution Article II That Constitution Article II be changed to:
There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese in each year. It shall be held on such date as the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall appoint. It shall be held at the Cathedral unless the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee shall appoint another place.
- 1986 Nominations for election at EDNY Convention That members of the Nominating Committee, in future years, be ineligible to run for office during the year in which they serve, and be it further
- 1986 Nominations for election at EDNY Convention That nomination forms be signed by a nominee prior to their consideration by the Nominating Committee, indicating their willingness to stand for election.
- 1986 Ministry to the Aging That the clergy and congregations of this Diocese be alerted to the growing need for the Church to consolidate and coordinate its strength and resources for ministry to a burgeoning population of persons over sixty years of age, and be it further
- 1986 Ministry to the Aging That the Diocesan Committee on Aging be formally recognized as the central resource for planning, coordinating and providing professional guidance to clergy, congregations and regions of the Diocese on ministry to the aging, and be it further
- 1986 Ministry to the Aging That the Committee be formally designated to represent this Diocese with the national Episcopal Society on Ministry to the Aging.

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- 1986 Ministry to the Hungry and Homeless That this 209th Convention of the Diocese of New York:
- a. Affirm the extent and depth of the ministry of the people of this Diocese to the hungry in our midst;
 - b. Recognize that the current political climate is moving this society inexorably toward abdication of responsibility for its poor and to placing an ever growing burden on churches and other private organizations for the care of the hungry and homeless;
 - c. Take steps to prevent our servant ministry from supporting, however inadvertently, the injustices of society by exercising the prophetic ministry to which we as Christians are called, and be it further
- 1986 Ministry to the Hungry and Homeless That to this end, each vestry be requested to begin to develop a program of advocacy on behalf of the poor, thereby giving a voice to the voiceless and striking hunger at its roots.
- 1986 Disability Concerns That this Convention direct the attention of its delegates to the Nine Resolutions on Disability Concerns passed at the 68th General Convention, in order that they may take steps to encourage that these resolutions are carried out in the parishes of this Diocese, and be it further
- 1986 Disability Concerns That a Diocesan Commission on Ministry with Persons with Disabilities be formed as a coordinating body and resource center for parishes endeavoring to put these Resolutions into practice, and be it further
- 1986 Disability Concerns That people who have appropriate qualifications, experience and gifts, who also have a disability, be encouraged to serve on a Diocesan Commission on Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, and be it further
- 1986 Disability Concerns That vestries encourage members of their congregations who have a disability to put forward their names for consideration as delegates to Diocesan Convention.
- 1986 Sabbatical Leaves for South African Clergy That this Convention invite all congregations to contribute to a fund that is being established nationally within the Episcopal Church to provide sabbatical leaves in this country for South African clergy who are in urgent need of temporary respite and relief, far from what have become the emotional and physical battlegrounds of South African townships and urban centers.
- 1986 South Africa: Church Pension Fund Divestiture That the 1986 Convention of the Diocese of New York call on the Church Pension Fund to divest all holdings in corporations doing business in South Africa and Namibia without further delay.

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- 1986 Cathedral of St. John the Divine That the Trustees of the Cathedral be directed to undertake the strengthening of our Cathedral as the center of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese and as a sign of our unity.
- 1986 Strategy That this 209th Convention of the Diocese of New York looks to the Bishop, the Cathedral, and the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese for leadership in encouraging the use and/or development of liturgical forms and occasions for use throughout the Diocese which recognize, give expression to and celebrate our many and various ministries.
- 1986 Strategy That this 209th Convention of the Diocese of New York calls upon the Bishops, the Diocesan Council, and the parishes to investigate and implement new means and financial support for better communication among ourselves thereby enabling the diversity of our mission that we may better proclaim Jesus Christ to New York and to the world.
- 1986 Strategy That this 209th Convention of the Diocese of New York directs the Diocesan Council to take such action as shall:
- a. Strengthen and reinvest with vitality the Interparish Councils;
 - b. Create regional pre-convention meetings with the authority to propose business or to propose amendments to business which is to come before Diocesan Convention; and
 - c. Seek new ways to broaden lay participation in the convention process.
- 1986 Youth Ministry That youth ministry is a mission priority in the Diocese and is a statement of faith in and caring for our youth and our Church's future, and be it further
- 1986 Youth Ministry That this Convention request the Bishop to create a Diocesan Youth Council or Youth Commission, consisting of committed, involved young people and adult leaders, either appointed or elected, for the purpose of validating, enabling and holding accountable the youth coordinator in his or her ministry.
- 1986 Clergy Training That the 209th Convention of the Diocese of New York commends the report of the Subcommittee on Clergy Training to the Bishop, the Standing Committee and the Commission on Ministry for their consideration.

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- 1986 Clergy Care That the 209th Convention of the Diocese of New York calls upon all parishes, institutions and the Diocese to work together to provide opportunities for continuing education as already indicated by Canon 25 and sabbatical leaves for all clergy.
- 1986 Legal Abortion That this Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York affirms its 1974 resolution endorsing the United States Supreme Court decision allowing women to exercise their own conscience in the matter of abortion, and be it further
- 1986 Legal Abortion That the Episcopal Diocese of New York also reaffirms its 1978 resolution encouraging individual members of the Episcopal Church to support the work of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights and other organizations working to secure the rights of individuals to reach decisions of conscience in matters of abortions, and be it further
- 1986 Legal Abortion That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint a representative of the Episcopal Church to the Board of Directors of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights thereby implementing its own resolution on legal abortion of the General Convention of 1982.
- 1986 AIDS Intercessory Prayers That this Diocesan Convention supports the 68th General Convention's resolution which encourages the development of special intercessory prayers for people affected by the AIDS crisis, and be it further
- 1986 AIDS Intercessory Prayers That all parishes and institutions within the Diocese of New York be requested to include special petitions for those who are affected by AIDS in the forms of the Prayers of the People as provided in the Book of Common Prayer at each Sunday Eucharist and during all liturgies which include intercessory prayers.
- 1986 Employee Policies and Benefits That this Diocesan Convention recommend to each parish and institution within the Diocese that they undertake a review of present employee policies and benefits to provide adequate health insurance and disability coverage for all its employees and the assessment of personnel policies to prevent inappropriate or premature termination of meaningful employment. The compassion of Christ requires that the Church demonstrate its commitment to the continued well being of all its employees, and be it further
- 1986 Employee Policies and Benefits That adequate health insurance and disability coverage be accessible to all full and permanent part-time employees.

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- 1986 Parish Support for the AIDS Ministry That this Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as encouraging its parishes to identify, support and give recognition to the ministries of its parish members who struggle to provide compassion and care in this AIDS epidemic, as a witness to Christ's healing presence among us, and be it further
- 1986 Parish Support for the AIDS Ministry That sound Christian stewardship in the face of the present epidemic demands creative and generous utilization of volunteers, monetary contributions and church space for AIDS related programs and concerns.
- 1986 Church Building Endowment Fund: Deterioration of parish buildings That a Church Building Endowment Fund be established, the goal of the principal being \$10,000,000 the interest of which would be administered by the Property Support Committee in accordance with its current guidelines, and be it further
- 1986 Church Building Endowment Fund: Deterioration of parish buildings That parish plants be the primary recipients of monies, and be it further
- 1986 Church Building Endowment Fund: Deterioration of parish buildings That people and parishes who have been blessed financially would consider giving to this restricted fund to help all of the parishes in the Diocese, and be it further
- 1986 Church Building Endowment Fund: Deterioration of parish buildings That distribution of 1/2 the interest would begin when one million dollars of the goal of the principal is attained
- 1986 Clergy Compensation That each priest in the Diocese be offered as part of his or her medical insurance program a dental policy with at least \$1,000 coverage per year, with emphasis on payment for preventative care, and be it further
- 1986 Clergy Compensation That each priest in the Diocese be offered as part of his or her medical insurance program a prescription drug benefits program, and be it further
- 1986 Clergy Compensation That each priest in the Diocese be provided with life insurance having a face amount at least twice that priest's annual cash stipend rounded to the nearest \$500, provided such life insurance shall have a face amount of at least \$40,000 and need not have a face amount greater than \$80,000, and be it further

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- 1986 Clergy Compensation That parishes, institutions and agencies within the Diocese who employ clergy be urged to allow retired priests to continue group medical coverage under a Medicare supplement.
- 1986 Greetings to Absentees That this 209th Convention sends greetings to Bishop Wetmore and best wishes for a speedy recovery, and be it further
- 1986 Greetings to Absentees That this 209th Convention send greetings to Bishop Donegan and wishes him well on the 39th Anniversary of his Consecration as a Bishop on October 28th, and be it further
- 1986 Greetings to Absentees That this 209th Convention send warm regards to Norman Hall, telling him that we miss him and his active participation in this Convention
- 1986 Greetings to Absentees That the 209th Convention of the Diocese of New York expresses its deepest appreciation and warmest personal regards to the Reverend J. Norman Hall for his capable and dedicated leadership as a General Convention Deputy from this Diocese; as an Alternate Deputy and as chairman of the deputation for the past seven General Conventions
- 1985 Budget That the 1986 Assessment Budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
- 1985 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1986 assessment of \$3,412,725 and ask for an additional one time only voluntary contribution of 7.56% of each congregation's assessment for 1986 (\$240,730). According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1986, and be it further
- 1985 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1984, and be it further
- 1985 Budget That this Convention urges all parishes of the Diocese to make every effort to meet the additional voluntary contribution of 7.56% of its assessment and to indicate its intention to do so within 60 days of this Convention
- 1985 U. S. Policy Against Nicaragua That this Diocesan Convention call on President Reagan to lift the economic embargo and stop financing terrorist attacks and military force against Nicaragua and abide by international law and current diplomatic efforts, particularly the "CONTADORA" group efforts, and be it further

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- 1985 U. S. Policy Against Nicaragua That the Secretary of Convention so advise New York's representatives in the Congress and the President of the United States.
- 1985 Spending for Arms vs Spending for Direct Human Services That this Convention of the Diocese of New York, acting in response to the address by the Bishop of New York,
1. recognizes that hunger, violence and disease in our society are as much a threat to our "national security" as any outside forces; and
2. calls upon Episcopalians to insist our elected officials redirect national and state priorities, through the budgetary process, in ways that better serve the needs of the hungry, the homeless and the diseased.
3. and instructs the Secretary of Convention to so advise New York's members in the Congress and in the State Legislature.
- 1985 Spending for Arms vs Spending for Direct Human Services Explanation: We are mindful of Presiding Bishop John Allin's words at General Convention:
"In the world today a concept called 'National Security' has been allowed to become an earth-shadowing idol." We are also mindful of Bishop Paul Moore's concern that the federal government continues to cut back on services to the poor. We feel that all Christians should recognize the serious moral issue in the relationship between spending for arms and spending for direct human services. For example, an analysis of the federal budget by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, D.C.. shows that between 1981 and 1985 defense spending grew 39% while Social Security and Medicaid were reduce 6% and programs for low income people were reduced 16%. Through his resolution, we ask the Convention to take a first step towards addressing this growing imbalance in national priorities.
- 1985 AIDS Health Crisis That this Convention of the Diocese of New York recognizes with love and compassion the tragic human suffering and loss of life involved in the AIDS epidemic; and be it further
- 1985 AIDS Health Crisis That this Convention repudiates any and all indiscriminate statements which condemn or reject the victims of AIDS; and be it further

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- 1985 AIDS Health Crisis That the Bishop of New York's Committee on AIDS Ministries and its Diocesan AIDS Ministries Network are charged with:
1. The development of special intercessory prayers for people affected by the AIDS crisis;
 2. The development of programs of awareness, education, and prevention concerning AIDS;
 3. The identification of programs for ministry to all persons affected by AIDS;
 4. The implementation of these programs beginning no later than March 1986 by appropriate program units of the Diocese, its regions and IPC's, its parishes and missions, and its related organizations and institutions; and be it further
- 1985 AIDS Health Crisis That the Bishop of New York is requested to coordinate with the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church on a National Day of Prayer and Healing with special intentions for the AIDS crisis, and to communicate the concerns presented in this resolution to the Governor of New York and to the Mayor of New York City urging long term, substantial funding for research, education, and adequate patient care
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (private sector) That this Diocesan Convention urges all Episcopalians with influence over any investments, personal or corporate, and especially Episcopal Church bodies of this Diocese dealing with Episcopal Church investments, and particularly The Diocesan Investment Trust:
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (private sector)
1. to examine their portfolios for companies with activities in South Africa and to look into the nature of those activities;
 2. to establish a dialogue with the companies doing business in South Africa about their operations and to work with information clearing houses; i.e., ICCR - Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility;
 3. to vote proxies or file shareholder resolutions asking corporate management to withdraw its support for Apartheid; and
 4. to coordinate their efforts with like-minded groups through letter writing and other joint actions; and be it further
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (private sector) That if a company fails to provide evidence that it recognizes the moral issues raised by its operations and is acting in appropriate and effective ways on these issues, the investment should be sold with public announcement of that action and the reasons for sale; that no new business transactions be undertaken with that company until appropriate changes are in place, again with public announcement: and be it further

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- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (private sector) That a definite schedule should be established for the steps to be taken, following the example of Governor Mario Cuomo's May 1985 speech listing proposals he intends to make to the New York State Legislature concerning the State Employees Pension Fund, the Teachers' Pension Fund and other state investments.
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (private sector) Explanation: South Africa is condemned internationally for its policy of Apartheid and white minority rule, which denies basic human rights to the 86% majority, including the right to be citizens in the land of their birth, equal access to educational opportunities, freedom to live in family units in the area of their choice or near their place of livelihood, and which inhibits economic growth and reverses social progress while inflicting incalculable human suffering
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (private sector) The government of South Africa has responded to protests against Apartheid with arrests without trial and with shootings. It has failed to respond to Bishop Desmond Tutu's calls for the dismantling of the central structure of Apartheid (e.g.. abolishing the pass laws and allowing basic democratic rights for black South Africans). It ignores the pleas from the popularly acknowledged black leadership, including Tozamile Botha, Albert Luthuli, Steve Biko, Dr. Nathato Motlana, Oliver Thambo, the BPC Congress of 1972 and Bishop Tutu (SACC Nat. Conv. 1983), who whenever free to do so have called for overseas investors to exert economic pressure on the South African authorities to abandon their oppressive policies
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (private sector) The Council of the Diocese of New York has endorsed these resolutions
- 1985 Sanctions against South Africa (Congress) That this Convention of the Diocese of New York, in response to the doctrine and practice of apartheid in South Africa, supports actions in the Congress of the United States to pass legislation such as:
1. to prohibit new investment in South Africa;
 2. to prohibit new bank loans to South Africa;
 3. to prohibit computer sales to South Africa;
 4. to prohibit the sale of Krugerrands in the United States;
 5. to effect a general trade embargo on South Africa;
 6. to prohibit any exchange of military information or materials with South Africa.
- and instructs the Secretary of Convention so to advise New York's representatives in Congress and the President of the United States.

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- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (New York State) That this Convention of the Diocese of New York, through its Secretary, urge Governor Cuomo to present a divestiture bill concerning the State Employees Pension Fund, the Teachers' Pension Fund and other state investments; and be it further
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (New York State) That this Convention urges individuals, parishes, IPC's and regions to persuade their members of the Assembly and Senate to support such a divestiture bill.
- 1985 Disinvestment in South Africa (New York State) Explanation: The Governor of New York has spoken out about Apartheid in South Africa and has proposed a plan of definite action to be taken by the Legislature.
- 1985 Urge Parishes to Divest in South Africa That this Convention urges each parish and mission in the Diocese of New York and the Diocesan Investment Trust to examine its portfolio of investments to determine if any are in entities which do business in or with the Republic of South Africa; and either announce to its Congregation or members that they hold no such investments; or sell such investments and announce that action to its Congregation or members
- 1985 Urge Parishes to Divest in South Africa Explanation: This is for the purpose of denying to the white minority government the strength of our monies; for heightening the consciousness of our people about the state-sponsored evil that is causing much suffering in the Union of South Africa; and to give moral support to Bishop Desmond Tutu
- 1985 Resolution on Implementation That this Convention urges the Bishop, through the Peace Task Force and the Task Force on Racism, to set up a resource group to assist all individuals, congregations, IPC's and diocesan related institutions and organizations in the understanding and implementation of Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 15.
- 1985 Charles Radford Lawrence II That this 208th Convention of the Diocese of New York expresses its appreciation and gratitude to CHARLES RADFORD LAWRENCE, II, Ph.D., D.D., D.H.L., D.C.L., Educator, Churchman, Vestry Member, Warden, Peacemaker, for the past nine years President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, a respected and beloved lay statesman in the Anglican Communion, whose leadership on all levels has shown dignity, grace and a concern for all the people of God and has significantly nurtured the relationships between this Diocese and the wider Church. We love him, we salute him, and we rejoice in calling him one of our own

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- 1985 Harry Waldron
Havemeyer That this 208th Convention of the Diocese of New York express its appreciation and gratitude to HARRY WALDRON HAVEMEYER, Churchman, Vestry Member, Warden, Humanitarian, three times a Deputy from this Diocese to the General Convention and for the past six years a member of the Executive Council of our national Church, who has been a persistent yet gentle exemplar and leader calling us to combine good stewardship with fiscal and moral responsibility, and helping lead this Diocese to a new position of respect and influence beyond its borders. We are all the beneficiaries of his patient skills.
- 1985 Revisions in the
Constitution, Canons
& Rules of Order That the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Diocese of New York be amended so that instead of reference to persons being solely in the masculine gender, all such references shall be in both the feminine and masculine genders, with alphabetical precedence and as appropriate in context, as follows: "he/she", "her/him", and "her/his", and be it further
- 1985 Revisions in the
Canons That the Canons of the Diocese of New York be amended so that all reference to the "Ministries Commission" shall be changed to the "Commission on Ministry", and be it further
- 1985 Constitution Article
II That Constitution Article II be changed to:
There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese in each year. It shall be held on such date as the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall appoint. It shall be held at the Cathedral unless the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee shall appoint another place.
- 1985 Canon 1, Section 1 That Canon 1, Sec. 1, be changed to:
List of Clerical Members: The Bishop shall maintain a list of all Clergy entitled under Article IV of the Constitution to membership in the Convention and showing their title and places of residence; but no Clergy while under suspension shall be included.
- 1985 Canon 4 That Canon 4 be changed to:
Unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the Secretary shall give written notice of the time and place of meeting of any Convention by mailing a copy of such notice to each Clerical Member of the Convention and to the Clerk of each congregation in union with the Convention at the addresses given on the Parochial Reports. Such notice shall be mailed at least sixty days prior to the date of holding the Convention and the notice of any Special Convention shall specify the purpose thereof

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- 1985 Canon 9 That the third unnumbered paragraph of Canon 9 be changed to:
The Registrar shall have the custody of the archives of the Diocese, shall attend the Bishop, as and when required, at ordinations and other religious services, and shall perform such other acts in relation to the custody, use, certification and transmission of official records and documents as the Bishop may prescribe
- 1985 Canon 11, Section 5 That in Canon 11, Sec. 5, the first unnumbered paragraph be changed to:
All nominations shall be reported to the Convention by the Secretary on or before the first day's session in the form of a ballot on which the names shall be arranged in alphabetical order, omitting therefrom the names of all nominees who have withdrawn. The voter shall mark an X beside the name of each person for whom he/she votes. The number of vacancies to be filled shall be printed on each ballot, and no ballot shall be counted on which more names are marked than there are vacancies to be filled
- 1985 Canon 15, Section 7 That Canon 15, Section 7 be changed to:
Representation on the Council: Each Interparish Council shall be represented on the Council in proportion to its total communicant membership as reported in the latest annual Parochial Report as follows:
One member for the first 2,500 communicant members;
Two members for a membership of more than 2,500 but not more than 5,000;
Three members for a membership of more than 5,000 but not more than 7,000;
and
Four members for a membership of more than 7,000, but not more than 10,000
- 1985 Canon 21, Section 3 That Canon 21, Sec. 3 be changed to:
Whenever any Congregation shall be in default by more than sixty days in filing the report required by the Canons of the General Convention, or shall for two years in succession not have employed a Parish minister, or shall for one or more years be in arrears in payment of the minimum clergy salary as provided in Canon 25, the Bishop shall report such Congregation to the Convention, and such Congregation shall thereby forfeit its right to send delegates to Convention.
Such Congregation, however, may be restored to its right to send lay delegates to Convention upon application to the Convention upon such terms as shall appear just.

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- 1985 Canon 22, Section 2 That Canon 22, Sec. 2 be changed to:
Every minister in charge of a Congregation shall present, or cause to be delivered to the Diocese: (a) by February 1 of each year the Parochial Report required by the Canons of General Convention, with such additional information as the Diocese may reasonably require from time to time; and (b) by September 1 of each year the Certificate of Audit required by said Canons
- 1985 Canon 28, Section 6 That Canon 28, Sec. 6, as follows, be deleted:
'The appointment and removal of Archdeacons shall be vested in the Bishop. Any Suffragan Bishop may, by appointment of the Bishop, serve in this capacity.'
and subsequent sections renumbered
- 1985 Canon 31, Section 9 That Canon 31, Sec. 9 be changed to:
Decision and Sentence: The Board, having considered the evidence, shall issue its decision in writing, signed by at least a majority of its members. The decision on the charges contained in the presentment, shall distinctly state whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also state the sentence which in its opinion should be pronounced. A copy of such decision, shall be communicated without delay to the accused, and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to her/him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board. Such sentence shall be final.
- 1985 Canon 31, Section 9 Before pronouncing any sentence the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more of the Clergy, to meet her/him at such time as in her/his opinion may be most convenient, in some Church to be designated by her/him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop
- 1985 Order of Business, Rule 2 That in the Order of Business, Rule 2, be changed to (*see journal*)

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- 1985 Rule 13 That Rule 13, the second unnumbered paragraph be changed to:
If on any report of the Inspectors of Election, it should appear that no valid election has been made in respect to any of the offices to be filled, the polls shall again be opened, for the purpose of filling those which remain vacant; and if such second vote shall not result in an election, further votes shall be taken as provided in Canon 11, Sec. 5
- 1985 Rule 18 That Rule 18, as follows, be deleted:
Rule 18. Minutes approved: Before the adjournment of the Convention, the Minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read and approved.
and subsequent Rules renumbered
- 1985 Election of DIT
Trustees That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to the Board of Trustees for the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1988: Dr. Nelson DuBois, Joan Farr, Melinda L. Lloyd
- 1985 Election of DIT
Trustees Explanation: The bylaws of the Corporation provide that the Board of Trustees of the Corporation shall, at its meeting in July of each year, nominate one or more eligible persons to fill the vacancy of each Trustee whose term shall expire and shall submit the names of the persons so nominated to the Bishop of the Diocese for presentation to the Diocesan Convention at its annual meeting in the year in which such nominations shall be made
- 1985 Jewish-Christian
Dialogue That the Convention urge diocesan clergy and laity, parishes and other institutions, to increase their efforts to further dialogue between Christians and Jews, and be it further
- 1985 Jewish-Christian
Dialogue That each parish be urged to take immediate steps to establish, where there is none, a Committee on Jewish-Christian Relations with a view towards instituting a structured dialogue between Christians and Jews, and be it further
- 1985 Jewish-Christian
Dialogue That the Diocese take a more active role in encouraging and supporting the work among Jews and Christians already under way within its boundaries, and be it further
- 1985 Jewish-Christian
Dialogue That the Diocese support the Office of Christian-Jewish Relations of the National Council of Churches in every feasible way, taking a greater interest in its programs and personnel.

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- 1985 Jewish-Christian Dialogue
Explanation: The Diocese of New York has the largest concentration of the Jewish population in America, elements of which are more open to dialogue than any where else. The Diocese should therefore concern itself more widely with the relationship between the Jewish and Christian communities, especially between Jews and Episcopalians, not leaving the matter to a few committees spottily located throughout its confines. The intent of these resolutions is to encourage the number of responsible structures for dialogue and to support the work among Jews and Christians in all possible ways
- 1985 Jewish-Christian Dialogue
Dialogue with Jews, it remains to be said, is of first order importance for us, both in terms of what we can learn about ourselves and our identity as Christians and what we can contribute to mutual understanding and regard between ourselves and the Jewish people. The dialogue is mandated by love. It is not simply one task among others; it has a priority in ecumenical discussion since Christianity has its origins and roots in the religion of the Jews
- 1985 Support for the Episcopal Mission Society
That every parish in the Diocese of New York be urged to include a gift each year to Episcopal Mission Society in its designated funding; be it further
- 1985 Support for the Episcopal Mission Society
That every parish in the Diocese of New York be urged to make available their address list of its members to Episcopal Mission Society so that appeals for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the elderly and refugees may be made to every household in the Diocese.
- 1985 Support for the Episcopal Mission Society
Explanation: Episcopal Mission Society is the official social welfare arm of the Diocese of New York. In addition to caring for homeless children, providing home care and extensive services to the elderly, providing residences for the developmentally disabled and providing a fresh air camp and chaplains to city institutions, the Society also coordinates the refugee work of the Diocese. In order to function in the name of the Diocese the Society needs support from every parish, and indeed from every household of church people
- 1985 Support for the Episcopal Mission Society
The Society's mailing list which was developed in 1946-47 by a committee of prominent clergymen to build St. Barnabas House now needs replenishing if the Society is truly to represent the Diocese. This may only be achieved by reaching into the parishes and indeed by directly or indirectly getting its message into every household

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- 1985 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1984, the pension assessment imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1985 Minority Participation in Church Leadership That this 208th Convention of the Diocese of New York, in reaffirming the 1973 commitment to correct the "corruption in our corporate life" brought about by the exclusion of minorities from the visible conduct and administration of business in this Diocese, calls for enlargement of the number of minority persons willing to serve at all levels of the Diocesan structure (including its committees, commissions, and task forces), through leadership recruitment and training programs.
- 1985 Minority Participation in Church Leadership Explanation: In 1973, the 194th Diocesan Convention adopted a resolution calling for election and appointment of minority laypersons and clergy to appropriate roles in the visible conduct and administration of Diocesan business, notably at its Conventions. In doing so, the Diocese acknowledged the image of the Church as "racially divided and exclusionary... arousing the kind of anger, despair, distrust and frustration" which tends to ward division that impedes "the desperately needed flow of the healing love of Christ in our Church and country".
- 1985 Minority Participation in Church Leadership There has been change in 72 years, but not enough. The Task Force on Racism is dedicated to the restoration of that healing love through the deliberate increase of potential minority leadership. Acting as an arm of the Social Concerns Committee, it offers to initiate and secure funds for leadership recruitment and workshop training of concerned minority members of our Church, enhancing their participation in the life and governance of this Diocese
- 1984 Budget That the 1985 Assessment Budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further

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- 1984 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council. shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1985 assessment of \$2,923,000. According to Canon 17 Sec. 1(4) this is to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January. April, July and October 1985. and be it further
- 1984 Budget that the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1983
- 1984 Funding of the Diocese of New York That resolution 1 contained on page 19 of the Calendar of Business for the 207th Convention of the Diocese of New York, entitled Revision of Assessment Formula and resolutions 5. 6, 7 and 8, found on page 24 of the Calendar of Business under the title, FINDINGS, not fundings, and Recommendations on Clergy Compensation, that these be referred to a special committee of Convention to be appointed by the Bishop of New York which will be expected to report to an adjourned session of this 207th Convention regarding the financing of the mission of the Church. Such adjourned Convention to be held before April 30 1985
- 1984 Feeding the Hungry That this Convention calls upon the congregations in the Diocese of New York to:
1. continue in the name of Christ their ministries and financial support for these ministries to hungry and homeless people through direct feeding programs; and
2. establish a continuing relationship with their senators and representatives at both State and National levels to remind them that feeding hungry people, and eliminating the causes of hunger at home and abroad, is a constant concern of Christian people, and especially of Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York.
- 1984 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Pond to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1984, the pension assessment imposed:
1. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.

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- 1984 Outreach to Haiti That the Diocese of New York affirms the resolution of the 1984 Provincial Synod to contribute to the work of the Diocese of Haiti, and agrees to employ its best efforts to raise \$7,000 annually for three years to be used for the work of the Diocese of Haiti in such projects as shall be designated by the Bishop of Haiti and the Standing Committee on Haiti of Province II.
- 1984 Reaffirmation of Opposition to the Arms Race That this, the 207th Convention of the Diocese of New York, in response to the Gospel of Christ and his call to follow in the ways of justice, freedom, and peace, reaffirms its commitment to the struggle for world peace through disarmament, and recommits itself this day to work for:
1. a US/USSR bilateral, mutually-verifiable freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons;
 2. a comprehensive ban on military satellite weapons systems and other technologies which would expand military conflict to outer space; and
 3. a prohibition on the development, production, stockpiling or acquisition of biological agents used as weapons. And be it further
- 1984 Reaffirmation of Opposition to the Arms Race That this Convention communicates its resolve to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Congress of the United States, the Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate, and the United States Arms Control Agency.
- 1984 Arms Race: First-Use Policies That our role as stewards of God’s creation calls us to be peacemakers, and necessitates our opposition to the FIRST-USE policies and concepts of deterrence that threatens the annihilation of Gods creatures. Therefore, this 207th Convention of the Diocese of New York summons the President and Vice President of the United States, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Congress of the United States, the Armed Services Committees of the House and the Senate, the United States Arms Control Agency, and all others engaged in the formulation and implementation of military and foreign policy, to turn from the reliance on military intimidation and notions of “mutually assured destruction” (MAD) as a means of “keeping the peace”, and be it further
- 1984 Arms Race: First-Use Policies That we summon each parish and institution in our Diocese to devote time and energy to the biblical, theological, and political dimensions of the arms race in general and to our present policies of FIRST-USE capability in particular

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- 1984 Liturgical Language That this 207th Convention of the Diocese of New York requests the 68th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to consider the Language within the Book of Common Prayer denoting the faithful community be modified in usage to include all people.
- 1984 Executive Council That the Convention of the Diocese of New York records its profound shock and dismay at the news that the Executive Council has acted pre-emptorily to sell the Episcopal Church Center at 815 Second Avenue, reserving the right to remain as a tenant for up to four years, and be it further
- Approval of the Sale of 815
- 1984 Executive Council That the Convention records its belief that a decision of this magnitude should be made by the General Convention, not the Executive Council, thus providing time and opportunity for widespread and thorough airing of the reasons for the sale and for the subsequent move to another location.
- Approval of the Sale of 815
- 1984 Separation of Church and State This Convention reaffirms its belief in the universal love of God for people of all faiths and of no faith, as brothers and sisters under God, and be it further
- 1984 Separation of Church and State That we hereby voice our deep concern that the power of the state as exercised by elected officials not be used unconstitutionally to favor, promote, nor to prohibit the free exercise thereof of any faith, denomination or of religion itself, and be it further
- 1984 Separation of Church and State That this separation of church and state, which we believe to be the only guarantee of freedom of religion for all, is especially necessary as the soil in which is nurtured the invigoration of each and the integrity of both
- 1984 Seats at Adjourned Convention That all clergy who have received canonical residence since Sept. 29th, be admitted as members of this convention, with all the rights and privileges due such members
- 1984 Canon 17 Revise Canon 17 - Funding Program of the Diocese (*see journal*)
- 1984 Canon 20.2 Revise Canon 20.2 (*see journal*)
- 1984 Canon 25 Revise Canon 25 - Salaries and Allowances of Clergy (*see journal*)

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- 1984 Recommendations from the Committee to Study the Funding of the Diocese That the Committee of the Whole recommends that this Convention refer the following matters to the appropriate committee(s):
1. A review of the form, function and costs of Diocesan Convention with particular reference to the possibility of an overnight format and alternative locations. To be referred to the Convention Planning Committee.
 2. An exhaustive study of the I.P.C. system. To be referred to the Planning and Program Commission of the Council of the Diocese.
 3. Further study of clergy support issues, as previously enumerated. To be referred to the Committee on Clergy Compensation and the Clergy Support Committee of the Diocesan Aid Commission.
- 1984 Recommendations from the Committee to Study the Funding of the Diocese
4. Further research, particularly at the parish level, in planning the long range mission of the Diocese. To be referred to the Pike Commission.
 5. An in-depth study of the administration of the Diocese, particularly as it relates to the geographical and fiscal demands of the Episcopal function. To be referred to the Executive Committee of the Council of the Diocese.
 6. A study of methods of communication between the Diocese and all clergy, I.P.C.'s, the Wardens and Vestries of parishes; in an effort to improve such communications in both directions. To be referred to the Administration Commission and the Communications Committee of the Program and Planning Commission of the Council of the Diocese
- 1984 Appreciation to Trinity Parish The action of the Vestry of Trinity Church providing an endowment for clergy support has been reported to this Convention
- 1984 Appreciation to Trinity Parish This action recognizes and facilitates the implementation of our stated diocesan priority and goal of maintaining an effective Church presence, in areas of acute need and opportunity, be it
- 1984 Appreciation to Trinity Parish That this Convention expresses gratitude to the Rector of Trinity Church and to the Wardens and Vestry for this generous and strategic commitment
- 1983 Budget That the 1984 Assessment Budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
- 1983 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1984 assessment of \$2,555,100. According to Canon 17, Sec. 1(4), this is to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1984. and be it further

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- 1983 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1982
- 1983 Task Force on Mission and Church Growth That the 206th Convention of the Diocese of New York call forth a Bishop's Task Force to formulate, monitor and to implement strategies of mission and church growth as a response to the report issued by the Committee on Growth and Decline. This Task Force will be composed of three Bishops, the Archdeacons, sixteen members-at-large, together with two members each from the following Diocesan Committees: Evangelism; Renewal and Church Growth; Christian Education; Liturgical Committee; Hispanic Committee. The members will be selected on the basis of their commitment and abilities, as they relate to the challenge and opportunities of church growth in the Diocese.
- 1983 Election of DIT Trustees That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to Trustees of the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1986: Worthington Mayo-Smith, Nicholas A. Marshall, Abram Claude, Jr.
- 1983 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1982, the pension assessment imposed:
a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1983 Feeding the Hungry Whereas, by preaching and example Jesus taught his followers to feed the hungry; and
- 1983 Feeding the Hungry Whereas, he also taught us to understand our own poverty in the sight of God; and
- 1983 Feeding the Hungry Whereas, despite abundant harvest in North America, hunger persists in our diocese, our state, our country, and around the world; now therefore be it

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- 1983 Feeding the Hungry That this two hundred and sixth convention of the Diocese of New York calls upon our congregations to witness to the love of God and the coming of his Kingdom by:
- a. Joining in local efforts to feed the hungry in our own neighborhoods;
 - b. Seeking to identify and to understand the causes of hunger in our neighborhoods and in the world at large;
 - c. Giving to support the work of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief;
 - d. Bearing witness to our elected representatives, through cooperation with Bread for the World and other appropriate organizations, that the feeding of hungry people is an urgent priority for Christians;
 - e. Praying daily for God's Spirit to move in us and in the world to bring relief to all of our hungry sisters and brothers.
- 1983 AIDS Whereas, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has been described as one of the leading health menaces of the United States, and
- 1983 AIDS Whereas, a majority of the cases in this country and of the people who have died have been residents of the City of New York, and
- 1983 AIDS Whereas, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the Bishop of the Diocese of New York have called upon Church people to make positive response to this health crisis and to those who have been afflicted by this disease, and
- 1983 AIDS Whereas, some people and groups have used this crisis to perpetuate prejudice and to fan hatred against gay men and Haitian people in particular, and
- 1983 AIDS Whereas, the Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. of this city has performed an outstanding service in providing information, raising money, and making grants to research institutions to discover the cause and a cure from this disease on behalf of all people, therefore be it
- 1983 AIDS That the Convention of the Diocese of New York urges compassion and understanding and pastoral care toward those who are afflicted with this disease and for their friends and families, and be it further
- 1983 AIDS That this Convention of the Diocese of New York calls upon the Federal Government of the United States to give and to release much needed monies for research into the cause and cure of AIDS and to the care of the people with AIDS, and be it further

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- 1983 AIDS That this Convention of the Diocese of New York recommends that the congregations of the Diocese receive a Special Offering on one of the four Sundays in Advent, delivered to the Diocese, and forwarded to the Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. and be it further
- 1983 AIDS That this Convention of the Diocese of New York underscores this situation as a concern of Christian people and not as God's punishment upon gay men, and others as put forth by proponents of the New Right and the sects; and be it further
- 1983 AIDS That this Convention of the Diocese of New York directs that copies of the foregoing resolutions be sent to the President and the Vice President of the United States; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Senators and Members of the House from the State of New York; the Governor of New York; the Mayor of the City of New York; and the Gay Men's Health Crisis
- 1983 Seminary Support Whereas, the continued excellence of theological education for the Church requires a sound basis of financial support, and
- 1983 Seminary Support Whereas, the continued possibility of any committed, qualified person to explore and fulfill his or her vocation within the Church is an on-going concern of the Diocese, and
- 1983 Seminary Support Whereas, the 67th General Convention of 1982 adopted Resolution A-125 which established as policy that each parish and mission in each diocese shall give annually at least 1% of its net disposable income to one or more accredited seminaries, and that each diocese of the Church shall adopt a procedure by Resolution of its Convention to assure that each parish and mission annually contribute at least this amount to the support of the accredited seminaries of the Episcopal Church. now therefore be it
- 1983 Seminary Support That this Diocese establishes as policy that each of the parishes and missions of the Diocese shall give annually at least 1% of its net disposable budgeted income (Item E, less line 1754 of the Annual Parochial Report for the prior year) to the support of one or more of the accredited seminaries of the Episcopal Church.
- 1983 Bicentennial Anniv. Of the Diocese Whereas, in June 1985, the Diocese of New York will observe the 200th anniversary of its founding, and
- 1983 Bicentennial Anniv. Of the Diocese Whereas, the Diocesan Convention has designated the period from September 1984 through June 1985 as the time when the Anniversary will be observed, and
- 1983 Bicentennial Anniv. Of the Diocese Whereas, the Diocesan 200th Anniversary Commission has now developed the program for the observance, and

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- 1983 Bicentennial Anniv. Of the Diocese Whereas, certain administrative expenses will now be incurred, now therefore be it
- 1983 Bicentennial Anniv. Of the Diocese That this Convention urges the parishes and individuals in this Diocese to make a voluntary contribution toward underwriting these expenses
- 1983 A Call to Action on the Arms Race Whereas, escalation of the arms race, posing the threat of widespread civilian and environmental destruction, has caused possession and threatened use of nuclear weapons to emerge as the most important moral issue of our day, and
- 1983 A Call to Action on the Arms Race Whereas, inaction is a denial of moral responsibility, as opposed to political action which seeks to implement moral convictions, and
- 1983 A Call to Action on the Arms Race Whereas, the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church have given us positive leadership in defining moral issues and in encouraging their people to become informed on them, and
- 1983 A Call to Action on the Arms Race Whereas, at the same time, the kaleidoscopic changes in the international scene make any fixed policy difficult to recommend, and, further, since it is recognized to be unwise for ecclesiastical authority to dictate what a person must do in conscience within the realm of political action; therefore be it
- 1983 A Call to Action on the Arms Race That parishes, clergy and laity alike, be encouraged to form groups for the study of these issues, and be it further
- 1983 A Call to Action on the Arms Race That members of the Church, both clerical and lay, exercise their right as citizens by using every appropriate means to make known their views to their elected representatives in Congress; and be it further
- 1983 A Call to Action on the Arms Race That individual members of the Church and church groups associate themselves and cooperate with other organizations within the nation, the state and the community, both religious and secular, in helping to create a groundswell of informed public opinion which will turn the tide of militarism in this country and elsewhere and will support a step-by-step approach to the solution of the arms race.
- 1983 Laser and Particle Beam Satellites and Weapons Systems Whereas, the development of advanced military satellite weapons systems for the use of (a) killing other satellites and (b) directly knocking out or helping other earthbound weapons systems knock out targets within the U.S.S.R. and their submarines or other weapons systems and
- 1983 Laser and Particle Beam Satellites and Weapons Systems Whereas, the development, testing, production and deployment of these laser and particle beam weapons systems will cost hundreds of billions of dollars, and
- 1983 Laser and Particle Beam Satellites and Weapons Systems Whereas, these weapons can conceivably strike many targets (moving or stationary) instantly and without warning, thus leading to potential first strike capabilities, and

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- 1983 Laser and Particle Beam Satellites and Weapons Systems Whereas, neither government has the ability to do any of the above to a security threatening degree at this point in time, be it therefore
- 1983 Laser and Particle Beam Satellites and Weapons Systems That the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics should negotiate an immediate and verifiable moratorium on the testing, production, and deployment of laser and particle beam satellites and weapons systems, and be it further
- 1983 Laser and Particle Beam Satellites and Weapons Systems That this should be a first step towards a comprehensive ban of all types of space weapons systems, and be it further
- 1983 Laser and Particle Beam Satellites and Weapons Systems That copies of this resolution be sent to the President, the Secretaries of Defense and State, the New York State Congressional Delegation and the Soviet Union United Nations Delegate.
- 1983 Biological Weapons Whereas, in 1972 the United States joined the Biological Weapons Convention which prohibits the developing, producing, stockpiling, or otherwise acquiring biological agents for non-peace uses, and
- 1983 Biological Weapons Whereas, in the light of this, the United States has increased its spending on research of chemical and biological weapons from \$29 million in 1976 to over \$100 million in 1983, and
- 1983 Biological Weapons Whereas, Department of Defense personnel project that chemical weapons expenditures over the next five years will be over 2.5 billion dollars, and
- 1983 Biological Weapons Whereas, the physical horror which these weapons inflict upon their casualties is unacceptable, and
- 1983 Biological Weapons Whereas, the development of binary nerve gas systems will undercut bilateral negotiations with the Soviets that have been underway in Geneva since 1976, and
- 1983 Biological Weapons Whereas, these new weapons systems will sanitize the concept of nerve gas to the point of making it psychologically acceptable, and
- 1983 Biological Weapons Whereas, it has not been conclusively shown that the Soviets are far ahead of us in this area, be it therefore
- 1983 Biological Weapons That this convention calls on the United States to negotiate a mutual, verifiable and immediate moratorium on the testing, producing, deploying or stockpiling of these weapon systems with the U.S.S.R., and be it further
- 1983 Biological Weapons That this should be a first step to a comprehensive ban and dismantling of all chemical and biological weapons systems, and be it further

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- 1983 Biological Weapons That copies of this resolution be sent to the President, the Secretaries of Defense and State, the New York Congressional Delegation, and the Soviet Union United Nations Delegate
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention Whereas, the United States has consistently stated that every country should be able to choose its own destiny and form of government without outside pressures, and
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention Whereas, intervention into any country raises the question of a broadening conflict that could take us either to another Vietnam or World War, and
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention Whereas, intervention only increases tensions world wide and especially country's tensions with the United States, and
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention Whereas, past efforts at intervention have often led to puppet dictatorships which in turn have led to the economic and mental ruin of many countries, and
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention Whereas, interventions have been based on economic motives rather than for our national security, be it therefore
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention That this convention calls upon the United States and the Soviet governments to allow all countries to decide for themselves what form of government they desire and that we allow foreign countries to settle their civil struggles amongst themselves, and be it further
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention That we call upon the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union to work with all governments who are trying to better their countries standard of living and civil liberties, no matter what form of government they choose, and that we hold back foreign aid to those countries where these standards are not being met. and be it further
- 1983 Foreign Aid and Intervention That copies of this resolution be sent to the President, the Secretary of State, the New York Congressional Delegation, and the Soviet Union United Nations Delegate
- 1983 Nicaragua Whereas, a brutal dictatorial government was overthrown in Nicaragua in July 1979, and replaced with a government more responsive to the needs of the majority, and
- 1983 Nicaragua Whereas, the United States government is choosing to regard the present Nicaraguan government as an incursion of Communism, and
- 1983 Nicaragua Whereas, Episcopalians and others who have recently visited Nicaragua are convinced that there is considerable support for the present government, and
- 1983 Nicaragua Whereas, the virtually complete freedom of religion which these visitors found is incompatible with the charge that the Nicaraguan government is a totalitarian dictatorship, and

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- 1983 Nicaragua Whereas, we believe that there must be solutions to the present East-West conflicts through negotiations rather than the building up of arms, either generally or locally, and
- 1983 Nicaragua Whereas, the Nicaraguan government has expressed willingness to negotiate on all open issues in line with the suggestions of the Contadora group, Mexico, Venezuela, Panama, and Columbia, which are the nations most immediately involved, be it therefore
- 1983 Nicaragua That the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of New York opposes efforts of the United States government to overthrow the Nicaraguan government, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President, the Secretary of State, Senators Moynihan and DiAmato, and members of the House of Representatives who represent the people of this Diocese
- 1983 Cruise and Pershing II Missiles Whereas, the deployment of the Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Western Europe will only escalate the arms race and force the Soviets to retaliate, and
- 1983 Cruise and Pershing II Missiles Whereas, the same deployment will bring greater insecurity to the world because of their first strike capabilities, and
- 1983 Cruise and Pershing II Missiles Whereas, the monies used for these weapons takes away from the myriad of desperate human needs in the world, be it
- 1983 Cruise and Pershing II Missiles That we call upon the government of the United States to delay the deployment of these missiles for one year, and that during that year that the same government intensify its negotiations with the Soviet Union, using the delay in deployment as a positive bargaining chip rather than the deployment as a negative one, and be it further
- 1983 Cruise and Pershing II Missiles That this petition be sent to both United States Senators from New York, all Congressional Representatives who serve the people within the Diocese and to the President of the United States.
- 1983 Resolution Form w/o whereas clause That this 206th Convention of the Diocese of New York directs at future conventions all resolutions be submitted without including a rationale for the resolution within the body of the same and without a preamble or any whereas clause, although short statements (not exceeding 200 words) of justification or explanation may be appended, and be it further
- 1983 Resolution Form w/o whereas clause That the Secretary of Convention be empowered and directed to design a style format for resolutions and send such format to all clergy, clerks of vestry, and lay delegates with the report of the Nominating Committee
- 1982 Budget That the 1983 assessment budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further

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- 1982 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Section 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1983 assessment of \$2,339,107 to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1983, and be it further
- 1982 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessment with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1981, and be it further
- 1982 Budget Amendment That the proposed 1983 Assessment Budget presented to this Convention be amended to increase the allocation for Ministries by \$12,823 for the purpose of funding a half-time Staff Officer for Ministry, as detailed in the job description which has been submitted for the record to the Secretary and copies of which have also been distributed to the Members of Convention in attendance. It is proposed that this additional allocation be funded by an equivalent increase of \$12,823 in the Assessment on Congregations. (Editor's Note: The new total is \$2,351,930)
- 1982 The Needs of the Poor Whereas, the plight of the poor has worsened during the past year and many people are now needy who were not formerly so, and
- 1982 The Needs of the Poor Whereas, there is a substantial transferral of responsibility from federal to state level for serving the needs of the poor, and
- 1982 The Needs of the Poor Whereas, the state legislators are largely unaware of the degree of need they must serve and uncertain of how to proceed in assuming these responsibilities, and
- 1982 The Needs of the Poor Whereas, the Church is in an ideal position to understand the needs of the poor in each parish and community, and is Biblically obligated to attend to these needs, be it therefore
- 1982 The Needs of the Poor That the Church undertake to serve as a major advocate for the poor, and that each parish articulate the needs it perceives and the problems it finds with the inadequate delivery of human services, communicating these needs and problems 1) to its membership, 2) to its community government/board, and 3) to its state legislators, by means of direct conversations, phone calls and letters, and where appropriate, by invitations to visit on-site programs that serve the needv
- 1982 Taxation of Church Real Property That the Diocese of New York urges all taxing authorities to continue to exempt from taxation all property owned by church and other religious entities, and used primarily for religious or other charitable purposes.

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- 1982 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1982, the pension assessment imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's / Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1982 Housing Whereas, a housing crisis continues in New York City and in other areas of the Diocese, and
- 1982 Housing Whereas, low and middle-income people have been hardest hit by steep increases in rent and by low vacancy rates, and
- 1982 Housing Whereas, some city and federal tax-abatement and tax-deferral programs have made single-room-occupancy, condominium, and co-op conversions extremely lucrative for landlords and speculators, and
- 1982 Housing Whereas, there is a clear record of tenant harassment, intimidation, and denial of essential services designed to help landlords empty buildings for conversion and renovation, and
- 1982 Housing Whereas, finally, the health of the city parishes lies in the ability to care for those who are most defenseless - the poor, the elderly, the uprooted, the infirm, the stranger - in the name of Christ; therefore be it
- 1982 Housing That the Diocese of New York call on the Mayor and the City Council of the City of New York and on the appropriate officials throughout the Diocese to adopt the following policies forthwith:
- a. an immediate moratorium on all conversions of single room occupancy hotels;
 - b. an immediate moratorium on all condominium conversions;
 - c. an increase in the number of tenants needed for co-operative conversion to 51%;

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- 1982 Housing d. a requirement that zoning/project approval for both renovation and new building be contingent on the inclusion of low and moderate income units in the plan and that displaced tenants be given priority in the new housing;
e. that the government of the City of New York guarantee that participants in Alternative Management Programs and Tenant Renovation Programs in In Rem housing be guaranteed by law the right to purchase their apartments at a price set when the Program is approved;
f. that the Housing and Preservation Department of the City of New York hasten the pace of In Rem proceedings so that abandoned buildings will not deteriorate irrevocably before restoration is begun; and be it further
- 1982 Housing That the Diocese of New York use its good offices and financial resources as a non-profit, charitable institution to help establish model single-room occupancy residences, and be it further
- 1982 Housing That the Diocese institute a study to take a close look at the effect of present housing trends on parish membership in rapidly changing areas within its borders, and finally, be it further
- 1982 Housing That the Diocese give special attention to the plight of people who are seeking to stay in our cities but find it increasingly costly to do so
- 1982 Hunger Whereas, our Lord Jesus Christ calls his followers to feed the hungry; and
1982 Hunger Whereas, many sources of food and assistance for the needy have been curtailed or eliminated by governmental action in the last two years; and
1982 Hunger Whereas, many parishes in this Diocese have already begun to establish food pantries, soup kitchens, special feeding programs for the young and the elderly; and
1982 Hunger Whereas, many of those programs have brought together many different parts of the Body of Christ to do his work; now therefore be it
- 1982 Hunger That this Convention urges the parishes of the Diocese of New York to continue to pursue understanding of the causes of hunger in this country and abroad; and be it further
- 1982 Hunger That this Convention urges each parish to consider how it might help hungry people by establishing or supporting a neighborhood food pantry, soup kitchen, or feeding program; and be it further
- 1982 Hunger That this Convention urges each parish to work in collaboration with other congregations within and without the Episcopal Church, and with other public and private organizations, to bring about the relief of the needy, and especially the hungry; and be it further

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- 1982 Hunger That this Convention calls upon our government, and especially our Federal Senators and Congressional Representatives, to press vigorously to establish the relief of the needy, and especially the hungry, as a major priority of our government, and that the priority be firmly established in both law and budget; and be it further
- 1982 Hunger That this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, the Senators from New York, and to those Congressional Representatives whose districts fall within the Diocese of New York
- 1982 Support for Bishop Tutu of South Africa Whereas, our Lord Jesus came to preach release to the captives, relief to the poor, and repentance to the hard of heart; and
- 1982 Support for Bishop Tutu of South Africa Whereas, this convention holds that all men and women of all races are equally children of our God and creator, and we are therefore equally brothers and sisters of each other; and
- 1982 Support for Bishop Tutu of South Africa Whereas, our brother and sometime guest the Rt. Rev. Desmond M. Tutu, General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, has spoken strongly in Christian love for justice and reconciliation between all races in all lands; and
- 1982 Support for Bishop Tutu of South Africa Whereas, Bishop Tutu has been persecuted, vilified and harrassed for his faithfulness to the Gospel; now therefore be it
- 1982 Support for Bishop Tutu of South Africa That this Convention send Bishop Tutu a greeting of thanksgiving for faithfulness to the ministry of Christ; and be it further
- 1982 Support for Bishop Tutu of South Africa That this Convention deplore the harrassment of Bishop Tutu by the South African government, especially in its abridgement of his ability to travel freely around the world proclaiming the good news of Christ; and be it further
- 1982 Support for Bishop Tutu of South Africa That copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of the Republic of South Africa, the President of the United States, Bishop Tutu, and to others as the Bishop of New York may direct
- 1982 Lebanon / Israel & the Jewish People Whereas, the tragedy of Lebanon has kindled strong emotions in this country and in Israel, and
- 1982 Lebanon / Israel & the Jewish People Whereas, the love of democracy and longing for justice, the respect for human life and love of neighbor and stranger are basic to Judaism and Christianity, and

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- 1982 Lebanon / Israel & the Jewish People Whereas, prejudice, discrimination and persecution have too long infected our society in the form of anti-Semitism, while love and understanding of our Jewish brothers and sister is demanded of us by our faith in our Lord Jesus, therefore be it
- 1982 Lebanon / Israel & the Jewish People That this Convention joins with the people of Israel in their anguish about the camp massacres in Lebanon and that we express our respect for their democratic demand for an investigation of these tragedies, and our sympathies be extended to the Palestinian people in their suffering and that we pray for an early and just solution of their problems, and be it further
- 1982 Lebanon / Israel & the Jewish People That this Convention express our concern to the Jewish community for the acts of anti-Semitism which have risen in frequency and violence at home and abroad as shown by attacks on Jews and on synagogues and other symbols of their heritage and faith in God, and be it further
- 1982 Lebanon / Israel & the Jewish People That the members of this Convention and all the people of this Diocese be urged to search for and find ways and opportunités and stand shoulder to shoulder with our Jewish friends and neighbors against the evils of discrimination and prejudice not only at their times of rejoicing, but also in their days of sorrow, especially at the remembrance of the Holocaust
- 1981 Budget That the 1982 assessment budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
- 1981 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1982 assessment of \$2,002,000 to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1982 and be it further
- 1981 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1980

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- 1981 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1981, the pension assessment imposed:
- a. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
 - b. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4% of such stipends, the remaining 14% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze Whereas, the United States and the Soviet Union both possess a sufficient number of nuclear weapons to destroy each other's major cities, with their inhabitants, many times over, and
- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze Whereas, there is no possibility of protecting civilian populations from a nuclear holocaust other than the dismantling of the nuclear arsenals, and
- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze Whereas, the widespread militarization of the earth has diverted the world's scarce economic, technological and human resources from the pressing needs of the earth's peoples, and
- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze Whereas, weapons systems now under development place us today on the threshold of a new round in the nuclear arms race which will greatly increase the likelihood of a nuclear exchange, therefore be it
- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze That we call upon the President and the Congress of the United States to propose to the President and the Politburo of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics AN IMMEDIATE MUTUAL FREEZE ON THE TESTING, PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OF MISSILES AND NEW AIRCRAFT DESIGNED TO DELIVER THOSE WEAPONS. and be it further
- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze That the above resolution, preceded by the words, the House of _____ concurring, be filed with the Secretary, the House of Deputies, 67th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. to meet in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1982 with our recommendation for its adoption by that body, and be it further
- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze That this resolution be forwarded from this body to the President, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense of the United States, and to the New York Congressional delegation, and be it further

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- 1981 Nuclear Weapon Freeze
That a special diocesan commission on world peace be established by Diocesan Council to encourage discussion on these issues in parishes and interparish councils throughout the Diocese and, in cooperation with the Cathedral Peace Institute, to recommend specific steps which groups and individuals can take toward nuclear disarmament and a secure peace among the nations of the world.
- 1981 Repeal of Assessment prepayment reduction
Whereas, the 203rd Convention voted, in 1980, to amend Canon 17 by adding a provision that granted scaled reductions in a congregation's apportioned share if it paid that apportioned share in full by one of three stipulated dates, and
- 1981 Repeal of Assessment prepayment reduction
Whereas, this provision has been tested in the current year by experience with twelve congregations that received a ten percent reduction for payment in full by January 31, and
- 1981 Repeal of Assessment prepayment reduction
Whereas, the Diocesan Budget Committee has determined from this experience that the Diocese could only suffer a net loss, being unable to recoup through investment or other means that money forfeited through the prepayment reduction, and
- 1981 Repeal of Assessment prepayment reduction
Whereas, the Diocesan Budget Committee has determined that the net loss to the Diocese could be even more severe if prevailing interest rates were to drop sharply in subsequent years, now therefore be it
- 1981 Repeal of Assessment prepayment reduction
That Canon 17 be amended by deleting, in Section 1 (Assessment Budget), Subsection (4)(Payment), the following sentence: Any congregation that pays its apportioned share in full by January 31 may request reduction of its apportioned share for that year by ten percent; if paying in full by March 31, by seven and-one-half percent; if paying in full by June 30 by five percent
- 1981 Conclusion of study of Federal Budget
Whereas, our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to acts of love and mercy for the needy; and
- 1981 Conclusion of study of Federal Budget
Whereas, this Convention has begun, as a special order of business, an exploration of the implications of the Federal Budget for our Diocese and for the rest of the country; and
- 1981 Conclusion of study of Federal Budget
Whereas, we believe that the Church's response to the recent reductions in Federal support for human services should be addressed at the level of the parish as well as the level of the Diocese; now therefore be it
- 1981 Conclusion of study of Federal Budget
That this Convention calls on each congregation in the diocese to establish a program to offer education to its members about the implications of our Federal budget for Christians, with special reference to the needy, and that this program should include an investigation to determine the specific needs of the area in which the parish is located; and be it further

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- 1981 Conclusion of study of Federal Budget That we urge each parish to formulate a plan of action to help in the relief of those who will suffer from the reductions in Federal support of human services; and be it further
- 1981 Conclusion of study of Federal Budget That we urge each parish to address by prayer, teaching, and study the political responsibilities of Christians as individual citizens and as members of the Church in our democracy; and be it further
- 1981 Conclusion of study of Federal Budget That to assist parishes in this work a special Diocesan Task Force be established by the Bishop for a term of one year to collect, coordinate, and distribute information about governmental support for services for the needy in our Diocese, and this Task Force will report to the 1982 Diocesan Convention
- 1981 On the impact of Federal Budget Cuts on parishes Whereas, the Federal Government is cutting back on many programs which have served the poor, and
- 1981 On the impact of Federal Budget Cuts on parishes Whereas, these cutbacks will have a direct effect on people whom the church now serves, now therefore be it
- 1981 On the impact of Federal Budget Cuts on parishes That the Diocese of New York urges its parishes to increase their efforts in social service and social action in those areas where hardship is encountered, and be it further
- 1981 On the impact of Federal Budget Cuts on parishes That the clergy and laity of the church do all they can to persuade the private sector to increase its charitable giving, not only to secular institutions but to churches who serve persons without regard to their religious affiliations, and be it further
- 1981 On the impact of Federal Budget Cuts on parishes That the private sector be urged to intensify its effort to ease unemployment by working to establish businesses in areas of high unemployment and by working with all levels of government to create opportunities for productive employment for all who are seeking work
- 1981 Evangelism, Renewal, & Church Growth Whereas, the Bishop in his Episcopal Address calls for the change of the hearts, minds and wills of his people to accomplish peace and justice in the world!
- 1981 Evangelism, Renewal, & Church Growth Whereas, the Diocese of New York and the northeastern dioceses in general continue to decline in membership; preventing us from accomplishing our full social witness.
- 1981 Evangelism, Renewal, & Church Growth Whereas, the Committee on Evangelism, Renewal and Church Growth of the Diocese of New York unanimously agrees that these problems have deep spiritual roots, therefore be it

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- 1981 Evangelism, Renewal, & Church Growth That this 204th Convention of the Diocese of New York requests the Bishop to appoint a special representative commission to recommend to the 205th Convention of the Diocese of New York possible solutions to reverse the decline
- 1981 Clergy Compensation Whereas, the Bishop in his Address has called our attention to the financial distress of many of the clergy of the Diocese and to the need to increase the minimum cash stipend for clergy, and
- 1981 Clergy Compensation Whereas, the One Hundred and Ninety-Third (193rd) Convention of this Diocese resolved that the minimum salary of all clergy working within the Diocese of New York be increased annually in accordance with the Cost of Living Index as determined by the United States Department of Labor, and
- 1981 Clergy Compensation Whereas, the 1979 Convention established the current minimum cash stipend for clergy employed on a full-time basis, during the first three years after ordination at \$9, 500 per annum; and the current minimum cash stipend for all other clergy on a full time basis at \$12,000; therefore, be it
- 1981 Clergy Compensation That this Convention establish the standard, effective January 1, 1982, of a minimum cash stipend for clergy employed on a full-time basis, during the first three years after ordination, of \$11,500; and be it
- 1981 Clergy Compensation That this Convention establish the standard, effective January 1, 1982, of a minimum cash stipend for all other clergy on a full-time basis of \$14, 500; and be it
- 1981 Clergy Compensation That all vestries review the total compensation of their clergy, both full-time and part-time, considering inflationary pressures on the cost of living and professional expenses, including allowances for housing/utilities, auto/travel, hospitality, professional development, and discretionary expenses,
- 1981 Entitlement Whereas, the prophet Jeremiah urges us to seek the wholeness of the city, and
- 1981 Entitlement Whereas, Jesus weeps for Jerusalem, the holy city, and promises us a heavenly city, and
- 1981 Entitlement Whereas, our Lord teaches us that when we feed, clothe, quench thirst, and visit “the least of these” (the poor, the naked, the thirsty, the prisoners) we do it to Him and come into His immediate saving presence, and
- 1981 Entitlement Whereas, President Reagan and his administration seek to undermine and eliminate the long-standing principle of entitlement - that Americans are entitled by law and by right to a certain basic standard of living (food, clothing, shelter, legal representation, health care, education), and
- 1981 Entitlement Whereas, entitlement is the political expression of our calling to feed, to clothe, to welcome the stranger, to visit in prison, and

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- 1981 Entitlement Whereas, the curtailment and elimination of programs and institutions which enable millions of Americans to subsist and to have hope for their newborn children, their elderly parents, and for themselves are callous, oppressive, and cruel in the richest nation in the world, therefore be it
- 1981 Entitlement That this 204th Convention of the Diocese of New York record its opposition to the allocation of funds to the military budget at the expense of social programs, and be it further
- 1981 Entitlement That this Convention record its strong, resolute support for entitlement at every level of government and that these positions be communicated to President Ronald Reagan, to Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Alphonse D’Amato, to members of the House of Representatives representing our Diocese, to Governor Hugh Carey and to Mayor Edward Koch
- 1981 Distribution of the Whereas, the Bishop of New York has called on the people of this Diocese and Bishops convention others to respond to the growing crisis facing the poor and the increasing address danger of war, be it
- 1981 Distribution of the That this Convention instruct the Diocesan Council to publish and give the Bishops convention widest publication possible to this address and its recommendations address
- 1981 Parish discussion Whereas, the Bishop of New York has covered a wide range of scriptures and about Bishops con - theological insights, judgments and prescriptions regarding the response of the vention address Church to the Current economic and political situation, and
- 1981 Parish discussion Whereas, growth in faith and action often occurs when Christian people have about Bishops con - an opportunity to share together their insights and concerns, therefore be it vention address
- 1981 Parish discussion That all persons in each parish of the Diocese of New York be given an about Bishops con - opportunity to discuss and reflect upon this address in small groups vention address
- 1981 Undocumented Whereas, the vast majority of undocumented people flocking to the United People (i.e.-Haiti) States today are fleeing from oppression, poverty, and terror, and
- 1981 Undocumented Whereas, people taking refuge from “non-Communist’ regimes are granted People (i.e.-Haiti) “Refugee Status”, with few exceptions, on a case-by-case basis in which the proof of peril on return to native land is placed on those who flee, and
- 1981 Undocumented Whereas, the impoverishment and oppression of regimes in countries like Haiti People (i.e.-Haiti) are in part due to U.S. economic and government policy, and

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- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) Whereas, there are thousands of ‘undocumented people’ (called ‘illegal aliens’ by the U.S. government) in New York City alone, some of whom have been here for many years in fear of discovery and deportation, and
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) Whereas, this Diocese has declared its commitment and concern for Haitian people, now coming in considerable numbers to our shores, and
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) Whereas, Haitians who come without proper papers are being arrested, placed in detention camps and prisons and face deportation despite the fact that many of them will be executed if they are returned to Haiti, therefore be it
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) That this 204th Convention of the Diocese of New York strongly urge the President of the United States to declare amnesty for all undocumented people now in the U.S. and be it further
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) That we urge the President and the Congress of the U.S. to revise the rule, and laws governing the granting of Refugee Status, so that people fleeing countries like Haiti will be treated like refugees instead of criminals, and that we commit ourselves to this task, and be it further
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) That the parishes of this Diocese assess their legal and pare-legal resources and their desire to help people in distress so that the Church may be of immediate use to people in need of counsel, advice, and support, and be it further
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) That we make common cause with other institutions serving the undocumented within the Diocese so that we may learn from them, share resources, develop ways of cooperation, and address both the legislative and service needs of undocumented Haitians and of other, taking refuge in the U.S., and be it further
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) That the Haitian Church Development Program, the Diocesan Non-Asian Refugee Resettlement Program, and the Urban Caucus of the Diocese be asked to see that this resolution is implemented and report to the next Convention, and be it further
- 1981 Undocumented People (i.e.-Haiti) That these resolutions preceded by the words, the House of _____ concurring, be filed with the Secretary, House of Deputies, to be presented to the General Convention of the Church for its consideration in New Orleans in 1982

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- 1980 Assessment prepay -
ment reduction Whereas, the Committee on Financial Structure recommended to the Bishop of New York that payment in full early in the year of a congregation's apportioned share should be encouraged by an adjustment that might compensate for potential loss of income, and
- 1980 Assessment prepay -
ment reduction Whereas, the Bishop has agreed to this proposal being submitted to this Convention for its consideration, now therefore be it
- 1980 Assessment prepay -
ment reduction That Canon 17 be amended by adding to Section I (Assessment Budget). Subsection (4) (Payment). the following sentence: Any congregation that pays its apportioned share in full by January 31 may request reduction of its apportioned share for that year by ten percent; if paying in full by March 31, by seven-and-one-half per cent; if paying in full by June 31, by five per cent.
- 1980 Vestry Involvement Whereas, the Committee on Financial Structure recommended to the Bishop of New York that the congregations' vestries be encouraged to familiarize themselves with each year's Diocesan budget, and
- 1980 Vestry Involvement Whereas, the Bishop has agreed to this proposal being submitted to this Convention for its consideration, now therefore be it
- 1980 Vestry Involvement That Canon 17 be amended by adding to Section 1 (Assessment Budget). Subsection (2) (Congregation's Apportioned Share), the following sentence: Each congregation shall acknowledge that the Diocesan budget for the year in question has been submitted for review to its vestry or trustees or advisory board as the case may be
- 1980 Budget That the 1981 Assessment Budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
- 1980 Budget That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec.1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1981 Assessment of \$1,753,500 to be paid by each congregation in four equal Installments on the fifth day of January, April, July and October 1981, and be it further
- 1980 Budget That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1979

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- 1980 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1980 the pension assessment imposed:
(a) On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
(b) On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society and Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3% of such stipends, the remaining 15% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1980 Insurance
Anniversary Date Whereas, congregations of the Diocese of New York operate on a calendar year with budget process several months before final adoption on or before the end of each year, and
- 1980 Insurance
Anniversary Date Whereas, increases in budget items mandated by the Diocese or the Church Insurance Company after final adoption causes financial hardships in the congregations, therefore be it
- 1980 Insurance
Anniversary Date That this Convention of the Diocese of New York suggests that the Administration Commission negotiate with the Church Insurance Company for a change in policy anniversary date, and be it further
- 1980 Insurance
Anniversary Date That the Administration Commission establish a diocesan policy that all mandated items of expense to congregations be made known 45 days prior to the end of each calendar year
- 1980 Election of DIT
Trustees That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to Trustees of the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1983: Martin La Boutillier, John C. Beck, Robert Garrett
- 1980 Multi-Vocational
Clergy Whereas, the Committee on Multi-Vocational Clergy has filed a full report with this Convention, now therefore be it
- 1980 Multi-Vocational
Clergy That a new genuine, wholehearted affirmation of the legitimate plurality of priestly ministries be made by the Church, and be it further
- 1980 Multi-Vocational
Clergy That rectors of parishes be asked to make every effort to welcome priests as members of their parishes, where they can join in the Eucharistic celebration and exercise ministries appropriate to their gifts and talents and that parishes which can pay for such ministries be encouraged to do so, and be it further

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- 1980 Multi-Vocational Clergy That priest members of parishes should remember they too have financial obligations to their parish; that ordination is not an exemption from the Christian tithe, and be it further
- 1980 Multi-Vocational Clergy That this Convention requests the Bishop to consider the appointment of some person, perhaps an archdeacon, to work as liaison with priests who are not full-time parish employees, and to bring the abilities and needs of such priests to the attention of the Bishops, rectors and others. In this way, the present waste of divine and human resources can be lessened by these priests being directed to areas both traditional and new in which they can find community and rewarding work. Such an archdeacon should be appointed from among those priests who support themselves by other than Church funds. This would be a fitting way of beginning to solve a real and painful state of affairs - the waste of priestly talents and be it further
- 1980 Multi-Vocational Clergy That the present Sub-Committee on Multi-Vocational Clergy be continued under the direction of the Ministries Commission, and be it further
- 1980 Multi-Vocational Clergy That with the help of the Ministries Commission the Sub-Committee on Multi-Vocational Clergy arrange area conferences to help professional clergy, diocesan structures and parishes to better utilize the gifts and talents of multi-vocational clergy, and to open up new possibilities for a creative common ministry of all orders in all parts of the diocese
- 1980 Undocumented People Whereas, the issue of undocumented people, especially the case of Hispanics, has not been addressed by the leadership of the Episcopal Church, and
- 1980 Undocumented People Whereas, the plight of our Haitian brethren has (not) been dealt with by the Federal government and by the Episcopal Church, even though the presence, strength and membership of the Episcopal Church in Haiti exceeds that of any other overseas mission in the Caribbean; and
- 1980 Undocumented People Whereas, these are urgent and pressing issues creating great despair, destroying human dignity, and affecting the basic human rights of millions of people, and
- 1980 Undocumented People Whereas, the Episcopal Urban Caucus at its meeting in Indianapolis in February, 1980, committed itself to seek the help of the National Church and other religious and civic organizations to initiate, support, advocate and lobby for Presidential amnesty for undocumented people now living in the United States. therefore be it
- 1980 Undocumented People That this Convention support the Episcopal Urban Caucus in its efforts on behalf of undocumented people and the Haitian refugees; and be it further

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- 1980 Undocumented People That this Convention raise these issues before the Province and the National Church
- 1980 Hispanic Commission Goals and Purposes Whereas, the Hispanic Commission of the Diocese of New York was recognized by Diocesan Convention on October 18, 1977, and given the mandate of developing an Hispanic ministry within the diocese, and
- 1980 Hispanic Commission Goals and Purposes Whereas, the Hispanic Commission has met in regular and special sessions in various parishes and homes to carry out its mandate, now therefore be it
- 1980 Hispanic Commission Goals and Purposes That the following goals and purposes be established to govern the work of the Hispanic Commission in the Diocese of New York in future years:
(a) Secure accurate information regarding the presence and church needs of Hispanics within the Diocese.
(b) Strengthen and support and further develop the long standing ministry of the many churches with Hispanic members
- 1980 Hispanic Commission Goals and Purposes (c) Advise and support the Hispanic priest in churches, parishes and institutions in the work and ministry to Hispanics.
(d) Secure diocesan implementation of theological training for ordination and continued education of Hispanic priests and lay persons.
(e) Strengthen the two way link with the National Commission for Hispanic Ministries of the Episcopal Church and continue to assist the Diocese in receiving funding from the National Church and other sources for Hispanic ministry, and be it further
- 1980 Hispanic Commission Goals and Purposes This Convention recognize the above goals and purposes of the Hispanic Commission of New York, and be it further
- 1980 Hispanic Commission Goals and Purposes That in all matters concerning Hispanic Ministry, the Bishops, Councils of the Diocese, Commissions, Cathedral and parishes, should avail themselves of the consultative help that the Hispanic Ministry has to offer
- 1980 Christian Education Whereas, the nurture of Christian faith is the responsibility of all Christians in the Body of Christ, and
- 1980 Christian Education Whereas, many clergy and laity of this Diocese share interests and concerns which further the work of Christian education, and
- 1980 Christian Education Whereas, a Christian Education Committee has been formed in the Diocese of New York to create a network of lay and clerical Christian educators from each parish, to make available resources and materials for parish education, and to develop programs which will strengthen the work of Christian education throughout the Diocese. therefore be it

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- 1980 Christian Education That the 203rd Convention of the Diocese of New York recognizes the work of Christian education as an important priority in its ministry; and be it further
- 1980 Christian Education That this Convention affirms and supports the work of the Christian Education Committee in its ministry to the people of the Diocese
- 1980 Hunger Whereas, there is need for a continuing witness to the existence of hunger on a world-wide scale and within the nation, and Christian conscience prompts us to take responsible action in regard thereto; and
- 1980 Hunger Whereas, the Bishop has established within the Diocese a Task Force for education and action in the field of hunger which is available to assist parishes in the development of a hunger program; and
- 1980 Hunger Whereas, more than 100 parishes have been represented at training sessions throughout the Diocese, and a Hunger Network of designated parish representatives has been established for the dissemination of useful information; and
- 1980 Hunger Whereas, the National Hunger Office of the Episcopal Church in its Jubilee Series continues to publish resources for parish education, now therefore be it that
- 1980 Hunger Whenever possible that every parish submit the name of its current Hunger Representative to the Bishop by November 1, 1980, and be it further
- 1980 Hunger That every parish be encouraged to sponsor a program of education and action on hunger issues including both children and adults, with special emphasis during the seasons of Thanksgiving and Lent.
- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island Whereas, our Lord Jesus Christ by thought, word and deed continually displayed concern for the imprisoned and commanded us, his Church, to do likewise; and
- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island Whereas, the Bishop of New York in his convention address has commended to us the work of the Chaplaincy at Rikers Island and the alleviation of some of the pain and suffering there; and
- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island Whereas, the news media has brought to light the horrific events of prison life in Attica and most recently at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Newark, New Jersey and Rikers Island; and

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- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island Whereas, a city hiring freeze has forced the department to cut back or eliminate vital prison posts, producing a shortage of uniformed staff and these same cuts have forced the closing of a daily continuing education program and left no alternative to it but the gymnasium and the overcrowded facilities at the Rikers House of Detention for Men, population 2,500 persons, twice the capacity for which it was designed, present a serious and potentially dangerous problem, and
- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island Whereas, the Episcopal Visitation of our Bishop along with some noted Protestant clergy of this town was a first for the prison and a stimulus for greater participation by the chaplains in the administrative decisions that concern the daily life of the prison, including the creation of an in-house bail fund: and
- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island Whereas, clergy of the Diocese have found need on occasion to seek assistance from the chaplains in visiting parishioners who have been unfortunately detained there, now be it therefore
- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island That this Convention of the Diocese of New York instruct its Secretary to write to the Commissioner of the Department of Correction of the City of New York urging him to reinstate the daily educational program at the House of Detention for Men at Rikers as it is a concern of this Diocese, and be it further
- 1980 Prisoners on Rikers Island That a committee be established, the members to be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Bishop, for the purpose of assisting the Chaplains in a more meaningful religious program at Rikers and to enlist the aid of other religious affiliations in this endeavor
- 1980 Provincial Synod Whereas, the Synod did examine and discuss the purpose of the function of the Provincial Synod, and
- 1980 Provincial Synod Whereas, the Synod received a proposal concerning this purpose and function and referred it to the Executive Committee of the Province and to the several Dioceses in the Province and to a special Committee to be appointed by the President of the Province for further study and consideration, therefore be it
- 1980 Provincial Synod That the Convention of the Diocese of New York meeting on September 30th, 1980, request the Bishop of New York to appoint a Committee consisting of the elected Deputies of Provisional Deputies to Provincial Synod and others to continue the work begun at the 1980 Synod, and be it further
- 1980 Provincial Synod That the results of this work be presented to the 1981 meeting, of the Synod of the Second Province meeting on September 22 and 23, 1981

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- 1980 Haitian Refugees Whereas, Haitian refugees, the new boat people, have been arriving in ever increasing numbers in the United States, since the first boat put ashore December 12th, 1972, and
- 1980 Haitian Refugees Whereas, thousands of Cubans arriving in this country under the same circumstances, have been given a warm welcome by the U.S. Government, and granted status as political refugees, and
- 1980 Haitian Refugees Whereas, a pattern of discrimination has evolved in the way the U.S. Immigration Service has handled the Haitians compared with the Cubans, and
- 1980 Haitian Refugees Whereas, the Episcopal Church as a member of the Ecumenical Community has struggled on behalf of these Haitian refugees in the courts, winning partial victories and obtaining delays of deportation, while providing for the multiple needs of these impoverished sojourners, and
- 1980 Haitian Refugees Whereas, there is a continued need for legal assistance, on-going advocacy, food, clothing, shelter, health care and eventual resettlement of those who are granted refugees status, and
- 1980 Haitian Refugees Whereas, the Synod of the Second Province, meeting on September 23rd and 24th, 1980, mindful of the plight of Haitian refugees not only in Miami but also in the greater New York area, asked the dioceses of this Province to take appropriate actions in support of these suffering persons, therefore be it
- 1980 Haitian Refugees That the Convention of the Diocese of New York request the Bishop of New York to appoint a Task Force on Haitian Refugees with the specific responsibility of enlisting parishes to sponsor refugee resettlement in the Diocese of New York
- 1979 Budget [1] That the 1980 assessment budget as presented herewith be adopted, and be it further
As passed: To change 3A 1980 Proposed from \$310,000 to \$395,000
- 1979 Budget [2] That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall apportion in accordance with Sec. 1(2) of Canon 17, the share of the 1980 assessment of \$1,613,974 to be paid by each congregation in four equal installments on the fifth days of January, April, July and October 1980, and be it further
As passed: To change Section 2, Communications Section, Episcopal New Yorker Line, 1980 Proposed, from \$50,000 to \$56,791
- 1979 Budget [3] That the congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1978.
- 1979 Budget As passed: To change Anticipated Unpaid Assessments, 1980 Proposed from - 130,000 to -39,209

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- 1979 Pension Assessments [4] That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1979 the pension assessment imposed:
A. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
- 1979 Clergy Compensation Whereas, the Committee on Clergy Compensation has concluded that there is a need to increase the minimum cash salary for clergy in this diocese, therefore be it
- 1979 Clergy Compensation [5] That effective January 1, 1980, the minimum annual cash salary for clergy employed on a full time basis, during the first three years after ordination be \$9,500; and be it further
- 1979 Clergy Compensation [6] That, effective January 1, 1980, the minimum annual cash salary for all other clergy on a full-time basis be \$12,000; and be it further
- 1979 Clergy Compensation [7] That vestries be informed directly of this action and called on prayerfully to consider the need to raise all other clergy salaries so that there will be many more between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year
- 1979 Tuition Assistance Whereas, the cost of college and university education is rising rapidly every year; and
- 1979 Tuition Assistance Whereas, the cost of college and university education may impose a financial burden on the clergy of this diocese and their families; and
- 1979 Tuition Assistance Whereas, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine and Trinity Parish, New York, among others, currently provide limited tuition assistance for their clergy; now therefore be it
- 1979 Tuition Assistance [8] That this Convention urge the wardens and vestries of congregations in this Diocese to consider ways and means of providing tuition relief for their clergy; and be it further
- 1979 Tuition Assistance [9] That this Convention ask the Ministries Commission to investigate the situation, make recommendations to, and set guidelines for, said wardens and vestries
- 1979 Multi-Vocational Clergy Whereas, there appear to be parishes, congregations and organizations of this Diocese which might benefit in a variety of ways from the ministry of additional clergy, and
- 1979 Multi-Vocational Clergy Whereas, there appear to be multi-vocational clergy in the Diocese who possess a diversity of gifts of ministry which are not being fully used, and

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- 1979 Multi-Vocational Clergy Whereas, the work of this branch of Christ's Church might benefit from identifying parishes, congregations and organizations which could more fully use the diversity of gifts of ministry possessed by multi-vocational clergy, therefore be it
- 1979 Multi-Vocational Clergy [10] By the Diocese of New York meeting in annual convention that:
a. An advisory committee to the Ministries Commission, appointed by the Bishop, be established to serve for one year, until the next annual convention;
b. The advisory committee shall study which parishes, congregations and organizations of the diocese might benefit from the ministry of additional clergy;
c. The advisory committee shall also evaluate the types of ministries which might be performed by multi-vocational clergy;
d. The advisory committee shall include representation of the archdeacons and multi-vocational clergy;
e. The advisory committee is charged to prepare and present a report to the next annual convention.
- 1979 Election of DIT Trustees [11] That the following persons are hereby nominated for election to Trustees of the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1982:
Lawrence S. Huntington, Julia Williams Linsley, Karen A. C. Loud; and that Robert Garrett be elected to fill the unexpired term of Lee Martin, Class of 1980.
- 1979 Committee on the Reconstitution of the Diocese Background: The Convention of 1976 directed that a Committee of Convention be established to study "the desirability and feasibility of division of the Diocese and Diocesan boundaries."
For the last three years the committee has met regularly. In 1977 it concluded that: Neighboring dioceses exhibited no interest in adjusting boundaries and therefore this facet of the study should be dropped. Convention accepted this recommendation.
The committee concludes: There is little interest in dividing the diocese, and therefore recommends that the option to divide the diocese be discarded.
The committee however also concludes that: There is, in some areas, a significant sense of being cut-off from diocesan life and a sincere desire for residential bishops to provide "EPISCOPAL PRESENCE."

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- 1979 Committee on the Reconstitution of the Diocese [12] That the findings and conclusions of the Committee to Study the Reconstitution of the Diocese be commended to the Diocesan Bishop for his study and reflection and that in consultation with his advisors, and with whatever additional research he deems necessary, he be requested to report any plans and conclusions he may reach to the next regular diocesan convention; and be if further
- 1979 Committee on the Reconstitution of the Diocese [13] That the Committee to Study the Reconstitution of the Diocese be dissolved
- 1979 Human Sexuality Whereas, during the year 1978-9 members of the Commission on Human Sexuality of the Diocese of New York cooperated with the planning and presentation of two conferences and dialogues on homosexuality:
The first: A Diocesan Clergy Conference of which tapes are available for those interested in the proceedings.
The second: A Conference and dialogue held at the General Theological Seminary under the auspices of the Department of Continuing Education for students, faculty, alumni and other interested persons. A brief summary of the five day's discussion is available from the Department of Continuing Education on request
- 1979 Human Sexuality Whereas, the commission in its periodic meetings applauded such on-going parish sexual education programs as the one of the Manhattan Church of Christ and St. Stephen's, therefore be it
- 1979 Human Sexuality [14] That this Convention recommend to the Bishop that the present Commission on Human Sexuality be supplanted by a Convention Commission on Sexual Education for purposes of studying the subject and also to be available to advise parishes, educational programs, conferences and/or dialogues; said commission to be appointed by the Bishop
- 1979 Gambling Casinos Whereas, the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor of the City of New York are considering a proposal to establish gambling casinos in certain towns and cities of this State; and
- 1979 Gambling Casinos Whereas, a constitutional amendment to permit the establishment of gambling casinos may be on the ballot this year or next; and
- 1979 Gambling Casinos Whereas, the report on gambling casinos notes the inevitable presence of anti-social effects wherever gambling casinos have been established; and
- 1979 Gambling Casinos Whereas, said anti-social effects (allegations of the presence of criminal elements in the operation of gambling casinos, allegations of corruption of public officials, destruction of low income housing) can already be noted in Atlantic City, N.J.; now therefore be it

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- 1979 Gambling Casinos [15] That this Convention urge the communicants of this Diocese, individually and collectively, to communicate to the Governor of this State, the Mayors of cities and towns in this State, and other appropriate officials, their disapproval of the establishment of gambling casinos in New York State; and be it further
- 1979 Gambling Casinos [16] That, in the event a constitutional amendment to permit the establishment of gambling casinos is placed on the ballot, this Convention urge the communicants of this Diocese, individually and collectively, to work toward its defeat; and be it further
- 1979 Gambling Casinos [17] That this Convention send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York and to the Mayor of the City of New York.
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, 60,000 people per month, 80% of whom are Chinese-ethnic Vietnamese fleeing the threat of genocide, continue to leave Vietnam by sea, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, two out of every seven of these “boat people” perish in the South China Sea due to the ravages of weather, disease and/or piracy, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, in addition an exodus of refugees from genocide in Laos and Cambodia continues to increase, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, both land refugees and “boat people,” numbering over 350,000 persons, are waiting in camps without known resettlement opportunities throughout Southeast Asia, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, the United States has committed itself to resettling 14,000 Indochinese refugees per month, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, hundreds of refugees who have been approved by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for admission to the United States remain in camps awaiting sponsors, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, a significant number of refugees of Chinese origin have been and will continue to be settling in the Diocese of New York, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, the Diocese of New York has set a precedent for work with immigrants and refugees in establishing the Chinatown Mission, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, relatives of refugees attempting family location and reunification are already seeking assistance at the Mission, and
- 1979 Resettlement of
Indochinese
Refugees Whereas, the fullest participation of parishes and individuals in this diocese sponsoring and resettling refugees is an outward and visible sign of Christian commitment, now therefore be it

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- 1979 Resettlement of Indochinese Refugees [18] That the Diocese of New York support the work of resettling Indo-chinese refugees, and
- 1979 Resettlement of Indochinese Refugees [19] That the Diocese of New York engage itself in the ministry of reconciliation to the Asian peoples of this exodus uprooted by war, changes in ideology and geography, nationalism and racism, and
- 1979 Resettlement of Indochinese Refugees [20] That this Convention direct the Council of the Diocese to establish a Committee for the Resettlement of Indochinese Refugees, members to be appointed by the Bishop, and staffed by the office of the Bishop's Vicar for Asian Ministry, to effect the work of resettlement.
- 1979 Energy Whereas, the Judeo-Christian tradition teaches that God created us, placed us here, and gave us care over His Creation as stewards; and
- 1979 Energy Whereas, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Parable of the Faithful Steward, has taught us that we are to receive what the Master has given us, and return it an increased quantity; and
- 1979 Energy Whereas, energy policies which are apparently in conflict with these teachings have created a situation in which stored energy resources seem to be in constantly decreasing supply; and release of energy from some sources is capable of creating an unforeseen and unimaginable hazard to the life and health of the populace: be it therefore
- 1979 Energy [21] That this 202nd Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as urging those who search for alternate means of production, release, or storage of energy, to do so in love of God and Man, as acts of Stewardship with Responsibility; and that there be no extended use of any energy-producing system until it is fully understood, and in no way produces waste products which are uncontrollable and cannot be satisfactorily disposed of with no danger to the world or its peoples
- 1979 Compensation for Organists Whereas, the 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York referred the question of organist's compensation to the Music Committee of the Liturgical Commission, and
- 1979 Compensation for Organists Whereas, all facts have not yet been tabulated and evaluated, therefore be it
- 1979 Compensation for Organists [22] That the study continue and a report made to the 1980 annual Convention of the Diocese

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- 1979 Energy / Federal Programs Whereas, the Bishop of New York has reminded us that the price of energy is increasing at three times the rate of the rest of the economy, with a probable serious and deleterious effect on the poor this winter, and
- 1979 Energy / Federal Programs Whereas, the extremely rapid rise of the cost of home heating oil will create a situation in which thousands of tenants who must supply their own heat, will have to choose between food and heat, and
- 1979 Energy / Federal Programs Whereas, owners of many buildings will be unable to supply oil from the cash flow of those buildings, and as a result their tenants will be in unheated or under heated buildings, to the detriment of their health and wellbeing, with some deaths and many fires expected, and
- 1979 Energy / Federal Programs Whereas, many marginal buildings will be abandoned as a result, exacerbating an already serious situation, therefore be it,
- 1979 Energy / Federal Programs [24] That this 202nd Convention of the Diocese of New York urge the Federal Congress and the Administration to propose and pass emergency legislation to meet this need for this year, and that this legislation be considered separately from any proposed windfall proposed tax legislation. And be it further resolved that Governor Hugh Carey be urged to call the New York Legislature into session for the purpose of enacting interim legislation to ease this situation, to be in effect until an effective federal program is passed and implemented, and be it further resolved that the appropriate public officials in our various communities be urged by the members of this Convention, to plan appropriate means of distributing whatever relief is offered by state or federal programs, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, those chairing the appropriate Congressional committees, and the Governor of the State of New York.
- 1978 Use of Alcohol at Church Functions Whereas, the Episcopal Church sanctions the use of alcoholic beverages by its members, holding that Scripture establishes beverage alcohol as a gift from God, and
- 1978 Use of Alcohol at Church Functions Whereas, the Episcopal Church also recognizes that while there is a potential for good in the use of alcoholic beverages, there often is a potential for harm, nowhere more evident than in the ravages of the illness of alcoholism, be it therefore

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- 1978 Use of Alcohol at Church Functions [2] That this convention endorses the following statement and guidelines governing the serving and use of alcoholic beverages at Church functions within the Diocese of New York:
- It is imperative that the members of the Church exercise the same prudence in the consumption and serving of alcoholic beverages that they would exercise in handling any other potentially dangerous substance. Although the social use of beverage alcohol may be appropriate at Church functions, the Church has an equal obligation to those who, for one reason or another, choose to abstain. The following guidelines seek to achieve that balance in practice as well as in principle.
- 1978 Use of Alcohol at Church Functions
- A. Whenever alcohol is served, in any form, non-alcoholic alternatives should always be offered. They should be as accessible and as attractively served as those containing alcohol, so that people who choose not to drink alcoholic beverages will experience no embarrassment or inconvenience in exercising their preference.
- B. Although beverages and solid food containing alcohol may be offered (always with non-alcoholic alternatives), they should never be promoted in such a way as to imply that partaking of them is any kind of social requirement. It follows from this that the serving of alcoholic beverages should never be the primary purpose of a Church function.
- C. Any beverage containing alcohol should always be clearly labelled as such; this also applies to food where the alcohol has not been volatilized (“cooked out”). The person who desires to abstain should not have to ask about possible alcoholic content
- 1978 Use of Alcohol at Church Functions
- D. All applicable Federal, State and local laws and ordinances governing the serving of alcoholic beverages, including those relating to minors, should be observed scrupulously.
- E. Invitations to affairs held under Church auspices at which alcoholic beverages are to be offered should be issued only to the congregation, members of parish organizations, and their guests and friends.
- F. Although there may be positive social value in the moderate use of alcoholic beverages, drunkenness is always unacceptable Christian behavior. Care should be taken to insure that responsible persons are in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages at Church functions. (Delete the following: *Those sponsoring the event at which alcoholic beverages are served should also assume responsibility for those who may become intoxicated, and this responsibility includes providing alternative transportation for anyone whose driving ability is impaired .)*

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- 1978 Stewardship Whereas, in the past year the Stewardship Commission has undertaken:
A. A diocesan-wide conference on “Christian Stewardship” which was both well-attended and well received, and is planning a conference for 1980,
B. Visits to 18 parishes to inform, challenge and educate vestries and parish leadership, and
- 1978 Stewardship Whereas, 14 members of the Commission received intensive training in a program of parish stewardship, they are now able to offer consultants to parishes who want to enter into this stewardship plan, and
- 1978 Stewardship Whereas, the Commission plans in the coming year to offer to parishes in the Diocese either trained consultants in stewardship or presentations to vestries on Christian stewardship, and will also continue to evaluate current work, upgrade its training and expertise, and plan for the future, and
- 1978 Stewardship Whereas, the Commission is prepared to assist the Diocese and member parishes in the area of stewardship, and believes that not only the financial but also the spiritual health of the Church requires a clear commitment of a portion of our lives to the Lord, therefore be it
- 1978 Stewardship [3] That the Stewardship Commission of the Diocese of New York be authorized to continue its work
- 1978 Anglican-Roman Whereas, our Lord has given to us the ministry of reconciliation, and
Catholic Unity
- 1978 Anglican-Roman Whereas, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope Paul VI pledged themselves
Catholic Unity to work courageously for unity in our common Lord and exhorted the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion to do the same,
and
- 1978 Anglican-Roman Whereas, our diocesan Anglican-Roman Catholic Committee and the
Catholic Unity Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of New York have renewed their commitment to work for that day when we shall be able to share the Eucharist,
and
- 1978 Anglican-Roman Whereas, the 1977 Convention of this diocese encouraged our parishes to pray
Catholic Unity for the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury, therefore be it
- 1978 Anglican-Roman [4A] That since the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission’s
Catholic Unity Venice Statement on Authority has been distributed to the clergy of the Diocese, the 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York commends it to the clergy and laity of this diocese for their prayerful study, and be it further
- 1978 Anglican-Roman [4B] That this Convention encourages the parishes of the Diocese of New
Catholic Unity York to work with neighboring Roman Catholic parishes toward Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenants

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- 1978 Diocesan Hunger Network Whereas, the Executive Council has designated Lent 1979 as a time for the Episcopal Church to study world hunger and the role of the Church in response to this crisis situation, and
- 1978 Diocesan Hunger Network Whereas, the National Hunger Officer has called for every parish in the Episcopal Church to appoint a parish representative to be part of a National Hunger Network, and
- 1978 Diocesan Hunger Network Whereas, the Bishop of New York has appointed a Task Force on Hunger for the Diocese of New York and requested each parish to appoint a parish representative to work with this task force, and
- 1978 Diocesan Hunger Network Whereas, the Bishop of New York has designated Advent, Epiphany and Lent to be a time to study the Mission of the Church, and
- 1978 Diocesan Hunger Network Whereas, a special curriculum on Hunger and Mission has been developed for use in the Diocese of New York for Lent, 1979, now therefore be it
- 1978 Diocesan Hunger Network [5A] That every parish in the Diocese of New York be encouraged to use a hunger curriculum in a Lenten study program, and be it further
- 1978 Diocesan Hunger Network [5B] That every parish, if it has not already done so, appoint a representative to the Diocesan Hunger Network to be taught how to use this curriculum to its fullest and thereby engage every parish in mission on the hunger issue
- 1978 College Work Whereas, the mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel to all people in all places, and
- 1978 College Work Whereas, the college campus is a place where the Episcopal Church has traditionally been active, therefore be it
- 1978 College Work [6A] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York request the Diocesan Budget Committee to develop a continuing program of increased funding for Episcopal College Chaplaincies throughout the Diocese
- 1978 College Work [6B] FAILED: *that a full-time Episcopal Chaplain be provided for Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, beginning in 1980, funded by the Diocese at a level to be determined by the Diocesan College Work Committee*
- 1978 Parochial Report Supplement: Clergy Salaries Whereas, Executive Council is eliminating from the parochial report the section on clergy salaries; and
- 1978 Parochial Report Supplement: Clergy Salaries Whereas, the 192nd Convention of the Diocese of New York directed that the salaries paid by the Church to each individual listed in the Journal of Convention be reported by title annually in the said Journal of Convention of the Diocese (with due notation as to the provisions of housing, utilities and automobile), therefore be it
- 1978 Parochial Report Supplement: Clergy Salaries [7] That the Controller of the Diocese is directed to include a supplement to the Parochial Report so that said information may continue to be collected and published

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- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Abortion Whereas, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1976 declared itself opposed to any legislation which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions in the matter of abortion, and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Abortion Whereas, the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights is comprised of national religious organizations which support the option of legal abortion consistent with the First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom and the separation of church and state, therefore be it
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Abortion [8A] FAILED: *That the Episcopal Church in the United States become a member of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, and be it further*
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Abortion [8B] That individual members and dioceses of the Episcopal Church be encouraged to support the work of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights and other organizations working to secure the rights of individuals to reach decisions of conscience in the matter of abortion, and be it further
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Abortion [8C] That the members of the 1982 General Convention be informed as to the implementation of this resolution
- 1978 Professional Development Whereas, the Diocese of New York supports continuing education programs for its clergy and lay professionals, and has established a professional development fund for this purpose, now, therefore be it
- 1978 Professional Development [9A] That local parishes be encouraged to make available to their clergy and lay professionals, opportunities for continued professional development, including time off when necessary, and be it further
- 1978 Professional Development [9B] That sabbatical leaves of six months for every seven years served be endorsed as beneficial to the goal of continued professional development
- 1978 Disposal of Psychiatric Records Whereas, every candidate for the ministry is required to undergo a psychiatric examination prior to ordination, for the purpose of determining whether the candidate is a fit person for the ministry, and
- 1978 Disposal of Psychiatric Records Whereas, the written report resulting from this examination often contains information of an extremely personal nature, and
- 1978 Disposal of Psychiatric Records Whereas, the purpose of the report, that is, the determination whether the candidate is a fit person for the ministry, is of necessity satisfied upon the candidate's ordination to the ministry or withdrawal of his or her application for ordination, now therefore be it
- 1978 Disposal of Psychiatric Records [10] That the reports of the psychiatric examinations of candidates for the ministry be destroyed within a reasonable period, not to exceed two years, from the ordination of the candidate to the ministry or the withdrawal of his or her application for ordination

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- 1978 Clergy Employment Policy Whereas, the Episcopal Church has declared that the office of priest is not to be denied to any person because of sex or race; and
- 1978 Clergy Employment Policy Whereas, previous conventions of the Diocese of New York have supported this decision; and
- 1978 Clergy Employment Policy Whereas, 13 women have been ordained priests in the Diocese of New York, and
- 1978 Clergy Employment Policy Whereas, at the present time no woman serves as full-time rector in any parish in the Diocese of New York; and
- 1978 Clergy Employment Policy Whereas, positions for full-time parish ministry have been filled for which no women have been invited for formal interviews; therefore be it
- 1978 Clergy Employment Policy [11A] That the Convention of the Diocese of New York:
(1) Reaffirms its support for the policy of selection of candidates for the priesthood without regard to gender;
(2) Affirms its belief in and supports as a policy that the intent of ordination without regard to sex implies that all positions in the Church, including the parish ministry, should be filled without regard to gender; and
(3) Does not condone or support any practice which in any way tends to give preference to male priests for employment in the Diocese of New York;
- 1978 Clergy Employment Policy [11B] That this Convention calls upon each Parish Calling Committee to consider qualified women priests and priests from racial minorities among those interviewed for any post which a priest is required or eligible to fill
- 1978 Freedom of Conscience Whereas, the House of Bishops, meeting in Port St. Lucie, did affirm the right of all members of this Church to follow the dictates of conscience on the issue of women's ordination, and
- 1978 Freedom of Conscience Whereas, the Convention of this Diocese has, in times past, affirmed the right of conscience on other issues; therefore be it
- 1978 Freedom of Conscience [12A] FAILED: *that this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York affirms the House of Bishops' statement on conscience* ; and be it further
- 1978 Freedom of Conscience [12B] That this Convention respectfully requests the Bishop of New York to honor this right of conscience in making all diocesan appointments and nominations to vacant congregations.
- 1978 200th Anniversary Commission [13A] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York calls upon the Bishop and Council of the Diocese to establish a Commission on the Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Diocese of New York to be made up of representative clergy and lay persons of the Diocese, to plan and conduct anniversary observances beginning with the diocesan Convention of 1984 and culminating with the diocesan Convention of 1985: and be it further

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- 1978 200th Anniversary Commission [13B] That the work of the Commission on the Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Diocese be funded by the Assessment Budget beginning in 1980 through 1985
- 1978 Policy for Urban Development Whereas, the general welfare of the whole nation is tied up with the human and economic conditions of our cities; and
- 1978 Policy for Urban Development Whereas, New York City and other cities across the nation face common problems of survival which require moral and economic initiatives and programs for human rehabilitation; now therefore be it
- 1978 Policy for Urban Development [14] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York instruct its Diocesan Council to make development of effective urban policy and programs in the public and private sectors a high priority, as an essential step to help save our cities and nation from the disastrous consequences of further urban blight and to improve existing conditions.
- 1978 Majority Rule in Southern Africa Whereas, majority rule in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and in South Africa is denied by existing laws, which are enforced with violence by the government; and
- 1978 Majority Rule in Southern Africa Whereas, this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York is committed to the principle of majority rule with justice for all; and
- 1978 Majority Rule in Southern Africa Whereas, continued economic investments in and support of existing governments and industry in these countries by public and private agencies of our country helps prevent the achievement of majority rule; therefore be it
- 1978 Majority Rule in Southern Africa [15A] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York affirm its commitment to majority rule in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and in South Africa and urge its constituent parishes and missions to take similar action; and be it further
- 1978 Majority Rule in Southern Africa [15B] That this Convention urge our government to seek multilateral cooperation in enforcing an arms embargo on South Africa, to cancel projected scientific and technical exchange programs, and to encourage an oil embargo of South Africa; and be it further
- 1978 Majority Rule in Southern Africa [15C] That this Convention urge public and private agencies and individuals to withdraw economic investments in these countries.
- 1978 Urban Housing Whereas, decent housing is not available to millions of low and moderate income families in metropolitan New York and in similar areas of our country; and
- 1978 Urban Housing Whereas, many existing structures can be rehabilitated to increase the supply of housing and to supplement needed new construction; and

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- 1978 Urban Housing Whereas, an expanding partnership between government, business, construction unions, and established community organizations, as well as initiatives by non-profit agencies are necessary to meet the escalating need for housing caused by deterioration of housing stock and the growth of population; and
- 1978 Urban Housing Whereas, St. Philip's Parish in Harlem has sponsored construction, with government financing, of a new fireproof 14-story apartment building for 200 senior citizen families, and a new fireproof 19-story apartment building for 260 moderate income families, and is now completing total rehabilitation of ten existing structures, with government financing, to provide 198 additional apartments for low and moderate income families, thereby demonstrating that stable, non-profit community agencies can help meet the housing needs of our cities and
- 1978 Urban Housing Whereas, construction (at a cost of \$26,200,000) and use of these four buildings have provided significant economic spin-off benefits to the surrounding community; therefore be it
- 1978 Urban Housing [16A] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York call on government, business, construction unions and suitable voluntary agencies to develop a partnership of effort which will provide needed housing for families and individuals; and be it further
- 1978 Urban Housing [16B] That this Convention commend the demonstration provided by St. Philip's Church in Harlem for study by its constituent parishes and missions and by its Diocesan Council, to determine what initiatives and cooperative efforts are possible, to provide needed housing for families and individuals in the Diocese
- 1978 Accountability in Public Schools Whereas, it is common knowledge that many children enrolled in the public schools of New York City and other sections of New York State show a declining ability to perform the basic skills of reading, writing, computation and comprehension; and
- 1978 Accountability in Public Schools Whereas, this declining ability is related to the degree of effectiveness of the learning situations and teaching competence as well as to conditions in the home and in the community; and
- 1978 Accountability in Public Schools Whereas, conclusive evidence is available to show that pupils in identifiable classrooms and under identifiable teachers, in every way comparable to those who are not learning, are in fact making steady progress and are consistently able to perform at or above expected levels of achievement; therefore be it

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- 1978 Accountability in Public Schools [17A] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York call on the Board of Education of New York City and similar bodies throughout the State, the Mayor of the City of New York, and other appropriate municipal authorities, the New York State Legislature and the various teachers' organizations to take appropriate steps to recognize and assess the effective factors in situations where pupils are learning, regardless of conditions at home or in the community and to encourage the development of these favorable factors throughout the system; and be it further
- 1978 Accountability in Public Schools [17B] That the Convention urge the boards of education to develop effective means for determining accountability of persons in their employ where pupils are not learning and to assist such persons in achieving competence in helping pupils achieve performance at expected levels, or to replace them with persons competent and willing to help pupils learn, and be it further
- 1978 Accountability in Public Schools [17C] That in accordance with federal and state law in those cases where pupils have verifiable handicaps, the Convention urge the boards to provide effective learning situations and instruction to develop their maximum potential
- 1978 Women's Rights; Blacks Rights Whereas, reliable socio-economic analyses of U.S. census and other data clearly indicate that Blacks and Women experience traditional and systematic discrimination in basic areas of human rights, such as education, employment and housing; and
- 1978 Women's Rights; Blacks Rights Whereas, central to achieving the constitutional and human rights of all citizens and legal aliens in this country is the achievement of these rights for Blacks and Women; therefore be it
- 1978 Women's Rights; Blacks Rights [18A] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York affirm its commitment to the achievement of the basic constitutional and human rights for Blacks, Women and therefore for other minorities similarly affected and instructs its Diocesan Council to determine ways in which it can effectively aid the extension of these rights as rapidly as possible in diocesan agencies, the Episcopal Church generally, as well as within the nation as a whole; and be it further
- 1978 Women's Rights; Blacks Rights [18B] That this Convention urge all its constituent parishes, missions and other agencies to take similar action; and be it further
- 1978 Women's Rights; Blacks Rights [18C] That this Convention call on its clergy and lay members as individuals to give maximum leadership through teaching and example to extend these rights as rapidly as possible.
- 1978 Save Our Youth Whereas, thousands of youth both in New York City and its suburban areas, and in similar urban areas throughout the country, suffer severe emotional and social adjustment problems, because of long term neglect by their families, by agencies of government and by private agencies concerned with the care of children and youth: and

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- 1978 Save Our Youth Whereas, most of these young people have not completed basic mandatory education, are unemployed, have limited, if any, work skills, have developed negative attitudes toward education and work, are often involved in illegal activities to obtain food and shelter, are often victims of a ruthless organized criminal drug business enterprise; and
- 1978 Save Our Youth Whereas, many of these neglected, abandoned, abused youth become involved in serious crimes, endangering the elderly, other young people, families and businesses; and
- 1978 Save Our Youth Whereas, many, if not a majority, of these neglected youth could be rehabilitated for responsible roles as employed citizens; therefore be it
- 1978 Save Our Youth [19] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York call on all its constituent parishes, missions and other agencies and on its clergy and lay members to seek new ways to be effective in providing resources, leadership and programs for the rescue and rehabilitation of our youth in ways that are responsible and accountable
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Hunger Whereas, the immensity and persistence of hunger in many parts of the world present Christians with a moral imperative, and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Hunger Whereas, mobilization of sentiment, based on sound knowledge of the issues involved, is a necessary prelude to action, now, therefore, be it
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Hunger [20A] That the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church develop a curriculum on hunger issues; and, likewise, that the Board for Theological Education re-examine seminary curriculum and ordination requirements with a view to including crisis issues such as hunger, human rights and racial oppression, and be it further
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Hunger [20B] That the Standing Liturgical Commission and the Standing Commission on Church Music encourage the development and use of scriptural readings, prayers and hymns which reflect these issues, and be it further
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Hunger [20C] That the Budget and Planning Office make recommendations to the Executive Council that adequate provision be made, in planning for the years ahead, for continuing and further implementing the work of the National Hunger Task Force, and be it further
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Hunger [20D] That there shall be a report back to the General Convention of 1982 on the action taken in accord with this resolution.
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Sexual Preference Whereas, Diocesan Standing Committees and Ministries Commissions share with Diocesan Bishops the sacred duty of determining fit candidates for the ministry, and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Sexual Preference Whereas, a candidate's sexual preference may reasonably be inquired into in assessing his fitness for the ministry, and

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- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Sexual Preference Whereas, candidates have a right to expect their discussions of their sexual preference will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and that they will receive individual pastoral counseling on the issue of their sexual preference, and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Sexual Preference Whereas, collegial discussion of a candidate's sexual preference lessens the chance for confidentiality and individual pastoral counseling, now therefore be it
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Sexual Preference [22] That the Diocese of New York memorializes the General Convention of the Episcopal Church as follows:
(a) The question of a candidate's sexual preference and the effect of sexual preference on the candidate's fitness for the ministry, ought to be left to the discretion of the Diocesan Bishop;
(b) Diocesan Standing Committees and Ministries Commissions ought not to raise the issue of a candidate's sexual preference in their consideration of the candidate's fitness for the ministry, unless asked to do so by the candidate, or by the Bishop with the candidate's permission;
(c) Bishops should take care to provide sensitive and individual pastoral counseling to candidates on the question of sexual preference.
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Women's Grievances Whereas, the 65th General Convention of the Episcopal Church removed sex as a criterion for Holy Orders; and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Women's Grievances Whereas, the House of Bishops, in its "Statement of Conscience" dated October 3, 1977, expressed its concern that no member of this Church "should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities as a result of conscientious objection to or support of the ordination of women to the priesthood or episcopate; and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Women's Grievances Whereas, women may be excluded from ordination in a diocese whose Bishop and/or Standing Committee disapprove the ordination of women; and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Women's Grievances Whereas, women priests are being denied the opportunity to exercise their sacramental ministry in spite of their clear canonical status as priests; and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Women's Grievances Whereas, these facts cause great distress of conscience to many bishops, clergy and laity, and demonstrate that many people do indeed suffer canonical disabilities with relation to the ordination of women; therefore be it
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Women's Grievances [23] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York request that the 1979 General Convention establish a process by which the Church may address the grievances of women who continue to be excluded from ordination, or the exercise of the ordained ministry, on the basis of sex.

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- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Freedom of Conscience Whereas, the House of Bishops, meeting in Port St. Lucie, did affirm the right of all members of this Church to follow the dictates of conscience on the issue of women's ordination, and
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Freedom of Conscience Whereas, the Convention of this diocese has, in times past, affirmed the right of conscience on other issues; therefore be it
- 1978 General Convention Memorial: Freedom of Conscience [24] That this 200th Convention of the Diocese of New York urges the General Convention of this Church, at its next meeting, to take action affirming the right of all members of this Church to follow their consciences on the issue of the ordination of women and directing that it be recognized at every level and in all areas of the church's life and work
- 1978 General Convention Memorial:1928 Prayer Book Whereas, the General Convention of 1979 will vote for the second time on the Proposed Book of Common Prayer, therefore be it
- 1978 General Convention Memorial:1928 Prayer Book [25] That if the Proposed Book of Common Prayer is adopted by the 1979 General Convention the Convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize General Convention to allow the use of the 1928 Prayer Book as an alternative for a reasonable length of time
- 1978 Pension Assessments [26] That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months which began July 1, 1978 the pension assessment imposed:
A. On the diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18% of such stipends, and
B. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3% of such stipends, the remaining 15% of the full 18% assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1977 Budget Whereas, the Joint Budget Committee approached its task of preparing a unified Assessment Budget for 1978 aware of the financial situation faced by our parishes, which situation is severe and in many cases critical, and at the same time aware of the needs and requests of the programs of the Diocese, regions, Interparish Councils and parishes, which needs are great and real; and
- 1977 Budget Whereas, the Joint Budget Committee decided to "hold the line" as much as possible in the face of inflation and the rising cost of living; and

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- 1977 Budget Whereas, the canonical limit to the size of the Budget (“not more than 100% of the assessment base”) now stands at 94% of that base, affording the possibility of no real increase in program support another year; and
- 1977 Budget Whereas, the importance of renewed and determined stewardship on all levels of funding in the Diocese is made evident by these facts; and
- 1977 Budget Whereas, a unified Budget which includes substantial and appropriate support of the Program of the Church in the Diocese depends on vigorous and thorough expression of stewardship in every part of the Diocese; and
- 1977 Budget Whereas, each parish and every parishioner is affected by this serious financial situation, knowing that the future is bleak unless and until stronger means of supporting the essential and vital work of the Church are found;
- 1977 Budget Therefore, recognizing these facts and emphasizing the need for stewardship, be it resolved: that a 1978 unified Budget of \$1,500,612.00 as presented herewith be adopted
- 1977 Budget And be it further resolved: that the controller, acting under the direction of the Council, shall make an assessment in accordance with Section 1(2) of Canon 17, sufficient to provide \$1,473,612.00 to be paid in four installments on the 5th days of January, April, July, and October of 1978
- 1977 Budget And be it further resolved: that congregations which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1976.
- 1977 Pension Assessments Resolved: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning July 1, 1977 the pension assessment imposed:
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- 1977 On the Journal of Convention Whereas, Article VII of the Constitution of the Diocese of New York instructs the Secretary of Convention to take minutes of the proceedings of Convention, to preserve its Journal and records, to attest its public acts, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession; and

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- 1977 On the Journal of Convention Whereas, Canon 6 of the Canons of the Diocese of New York instructs the Secretary of Convention to transmit after each meeting of Convention a copy of the Journal of such Convention to each Clerical Member thereof, to each Clerk of the Vestry and Clerk of an Advisory Board, to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to each Secretary of a Diocesan Convention who requests it, and to any Member of this Convention who may request a copy in writing within 30 days after the close of such meeting.
- 1977 On the Journal of Convention Now be it resolved: that the Secretary of Convention keep a complete Journal of each Convention in the archives;
- 1977 On the Journal of Convention And be it further resolved: that the Journal so distributed consist of the annual Directory of the Diocese, the address of the Bishop, the results of elections and the texts of resolutions adopted by each Convention, and the salaries paid by the Church to each individual on the professional staff of the Diocese, Cathedral, Episcopal Mission Society, Seamen's Church Institute and each congregation of the Diocese, reported by title, with due notation as to the provision of housing, utilities and travel.
- 1977 Canons Amended Resolved: that the Canons and Rules of Order of the Diocese of New York, amended and restated as set forth in the form submitted to the Clerical and Lay Members of this Convention, be approved to take effect immediately (*see journal*)
- 1977 Canon 21 Two amendments from the floor added the word "Constitution" in Canon 21 section 1, and made Canon 21 section 3 read: restored to its right to send delegates to Convention" instead of "readmitted."
- 1977 Canon 23 Also Resolved: that Canon 23 be amended by adding the following to Section 2 thereof:
“(5) to assist the Bishop in all matters specified by the Canons of the General Convention. When, at the direction of the Bishop, the conduct and evaluation of the examination of persons for Holy Orders is assigned to the Ministries Commission, the said Commission shall make all reports required by the Canons of the General Convention
- 1977 Clergy Compensation In view of the rapidly increasing cost of living, the Clergy Compensation Committee recommends an increased minimum stipend of \$10,000 for parish priests serving on a full-time basis, effective January 1, 1978. It recommends that parishes having difficulty implementing this minimum consult the Stewardship Committee and/or the Clergy Support Fund, or with the advice of the Bishop and diocesan staff consider a shared or part-time ministry.

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- 1977 Clergy Compensation Be it resolved: that a goal of \$10,000 per annum be set as the minimum cash compensation for a parish priest employed on a full-time basis, effective January 1, 1978
- 1977 Clergy Compensation Be it resolved: that this Convention request the Council of the Diocese to study and develop means of implementing the minimum cash recommendation
- 1977 Clergy Compensation Be it resolved: that the Clergy Compensation Committee be authorized to continue its work for a period of three years
- 1977 Layworkers' Pension Whereas, a dignified and secure retirement for all older Americans is a stated national goal, recognized increasingly through the provision of private pension plans to supplement Social Security; and
- 1977 Layworkers' Pension Whereas, the 1976 Convention declared that layworkers in the Diocese of New York should, to the extent possible, receive benefits comparable to those received by other workers in the area; and
- 1977 Layworkers' Pension Whereas, that Convention also directed that “the Council of the Diocese formulate an appropriate pension plan for layworking employees for consideration at the 1977 Diocesan Convention; that such pension plan be made available for layworking employees in the Diocese; and that each congregation consider assisting its layworkers in paying for participation in such pension plan”: and
- 1977 Layworkers' Pension Whereas, a committee appointed by the Council to survey pension coverage has reported: “With awareness of the difficulties inherent in the formulation of an overall pension plan for lay employees in the parishes of the Diocese, the committee recommends that the services of the National Health and Welfare Retirement Association, Inc. (NHWRA), be suggested to the parishes of the Diocese for use on an individual basis.” now therefore be it
- 1977 Layworkers' Pension Resolved: that this Convention hereby recommends that each parish in the Diocese formulate a parish pension plan for its layworking employees; and be it further
- 1977 Layworkers' Pension Resolved: that this Convention recommends that the plans and services of the National Health and Welfare Retirement Association, Inc., be explored by each parish as the means of providing such pension coverage
- 1977 Evangelism Whereas, the last words of our Lord in the Four Gospels calls the church to spread the Good News and to make disciples as exemplified in the Great Commission in St. Matthew’s Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20); and

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- 1977 Evangelism Whereas, the 64th General Convention meeting in Louisville defined evangelism as: “The presentation of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, in such ways that persons may be led to believe in Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord within the fellowship of His Church”; and
- 1977 Evangelism Whereas, the 65th General Convention meeting in Minneapolis further affirmed our Church’s commitment to evangelism by passing the following resolutions:
1. That the General Convention Committee on Evangelism reaffirm Resolution D-65, adopted by General Convention in 1973; and
 2. That programs and methods be developed and funded whereby all Christians may participate in evangelism according to their various talents; and
 3. That during the next triennium a larger part of the resources, both human and financial, of the Church be utilized to the end of greater participation by more members of the Episcopal Church in evangelism, as led by the Holy Spirit.
 4. That General Convention commend the action already taken by dioceses and urges that the remaining dioceses of the Church establish functioning units in evangelism and renewal during 1977.
 5. That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint a Presiding Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Evangelism and Renewal whose purpose shall be the stimulation and possible implementation of renewal efforts and programs within this Church; and
- 1977 Evangelism Whereas, there is a reawakening to the work of the Holy Spirit within the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the nation and to the great works being carried on by our Creator and Redeemer; and
- 1977 Evangelism Whereas, the mission of the Church in this time is still the proclaiming of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and persuading people to become His disciples and responsible members of His church;
- 1977 Evangelism Be it therefore resolved: that this 199th Convention of the Diocese of New York proclaim that Evangelism and Renewal will be the major task of the mission and work of the Diocese from now on;

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- 1977 Evangelism And further be it resolved: that this Convention urge and encourage the full participation and cooperation of the bishops, the clergy, and the lay people in support of the program of the recently formed Committee on Evangelism, Renewal, and Church Growth, which has as its stated purpose to assist parishes within the Diocese of New York to develop programs to:
1. Deepen the faith of those who are already churching,
 2. Increase the spread of the word of God, and
 3. Multiply the number of disciples serving Christ's Kingdom in the church and in the world
- 1977 Evangelism And further be it resolved: that this Convention strongly urge that each parish within the Diocese of New York set up a Committee on Evangelism and Renewal and that each parish provide sufficient financial assistance in its budget to support the work of such a committee
- 1977 Anglican-Roman Catholic Unity Whereas, the mission of the Church is seriously compromised and weakened by her divisions; and
- 1977 Anglican-Roman Catholic Unity Whereas, the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church have come so close to that day when they will be able to share the Eucharist; and
- 1977 Anglican-Roman Catholic Unity Whereas, many individuals have been concerned that the ordination of women to the priesthood would delay or terminate Anglican-Roman Catholic convergence; and
- 1977 Anglican-Roman Catholic Unity Whereas, the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of N.Y. and the ARC Committee of the Diocese of N.Y. issued the following Joint Statement on the 27th of May, 1977 (*see journal*)
- 1977 Anglican-Roman Catholic Unity Therefore, be it resolved: that this one hundred and ninety-ninth Convention of the Diocese of New York thankfully receives the Joint Statement of ARC/NY; re-affirms its commitment to Anglican-Roman Catholic unity; and urges the parishes of the Diocese of New York to engage themselves with neighboring Roman Catholic parishes in a common dialogue and common mission; and
- 1977 Anglican-Roman Catholic Unity Be it further resolved: that this Convention urges the parishes of the Diocese of New York include intercession for His Holiness, the Pope, and His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Prayers of the People at the Eucharist on the Lord's Day

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- 1977 DIT Trustees Whereas, Article I, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Corporation provides, in part, that the Board of Trustees of the Corporation shall, at its meeting in January of each year, nominate one or more eligible persons to fill the vacancy of each Trustee whose term shall expire and shall submit the names of the persons so nominated to the Bishop of the Diocese for presentation to the Diocesan Convention at its annual meeting in the year in which such nominations are made; now therefore, on motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously
- 1977 DIT Trustees Resolved: that the following persons are hereby nominated for election to Trustees of the Corporation to fill terms opposite their names: Mr. John C. Beck -1980; Mr. Martin LeBoutillier – 1980; Mr. Lee C. Martin - 1980
- 1977 Venture in Mission Whereas, the Minnesota General Convention commended in principle the Venture in Mission and authorized a process by which the dioceses of the Church could be consulted in the setting of priorities; and
- 1977 Venture in Mission Whereas, this consultation process is now entering a second round of visits to the dioceses of the Church; and
- 1977 Venture in Mission Whereas, the Executive Council has authorized this program of renewal and stewardship and called upon our Church to enter upon a year of study and commitment;
- 1977 Venture in Mission Be it resolved: that the 199th Convention of the Diocese of New York endorse our diocese’s participation in Venture in Mission and in the year of study and commitment, beginning Advent, 1977.
- 1977 EDNY Commission of Hispanic Affairs Whereas, the Diocese of New York contains one of the largest Hispanic populations in the country; and
- 1977 EDNY Commission of Hispanic Affairs Whereas, many of the communicants and several of the priests of this Diocese are, themselves, Hispanic; and
- 1977 EDNY Commission of Hispanic Affairs Whereas, some of the more dynamic and demanding outreach work in the Diocese is taking place with and among Hispanic peoples in a number of locations; and
- 1977 EDNY Commission of Hispanic Affairs Whereas, the Hispanic clergy of the Diocese being organized and regularly meeting with Hispanic lay delegates from those places in the Diocese where Hispanic work is in progress; and
- 1977 EDNY Commission of Hispanic Affairs Whereas, the Bishop of New York, in response to a request of his Hispanic clergy, has established a Hispanic Commission of the Diocese of New York; now, therefore
- 1977 EDNY Commission of Hispanic Affairs Be it resolved: that this 199th Convention, in formal session meeting, recognize and extend a warm hand of welcome to the Hispanic Commission of the Diocese of New York

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- 1977 Committee of the Whole Referral of Human Sexuality Resolutions to the Commission on Human Sexuality
- During a Committee of the Whole which discussed the resolutions dealing with human sexuality, the following resolution was presented by the Rev. Hays Rockwell:
Given that a continued debate in this large forum is unlikely seriously to address the sensitive and complex and controversial issue of homosexuality and the Christian life;
And given that the Bishop of New York has appointed a Commission on Human Sexuality and charged it with a serious and careful study;
I move that this body rise from a Committee of the Whole and that its report to the 199th Convention of the Diocesan be that the Convention refer any resolution on the subject of human sexuality to the Commission on Human Sexuality.
This was adopted, and the following resolutions were so referred:
- 1977 *The Ordination of Avowed Homosexuals*
- (Referred to Committee) Resolved: that the Bishops and Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York hereby cease and desist from ordaining, or recommending for ordination, to either the Diaconate or the Priesthood all persons who admit to homosexual orientation as their chief sexual expression, at least until such time as the Church has studied, reported on, and taken action on human sexuality in General Convention.*
- 1977 *Criteria for Ordination*
- Therefore be it resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York recommends to its Bishops, Standing Committee and Ministries Commission that no criteria of ordination to the sacred ministry be adopted which would establish a different standard of morality for clergy than that which applies to all Christians or which would force any candidate for holy orders as a condition for ordination to repudiate aspects of emotional or sexual orientation which such candidate believes to be valid and honorable reflections of God's love*
- 1977 *Criteria for Ordination*
- And be it further resolved: that this Convention appoint a commission to study questions concerning sexual orientation and expression as they relate to membership and ministry in the Church, and report their findings and recommendations to the 1978 Convention*

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- 1977 *Criteria for Ordination* *Be it Resolved: that this 199th Convention of the Diocese of New York reaffirms:*
I. (OF MARRIAGE) that the only practice of sexual activity that is blessed and legitimized by our Lord Jesus Christ (as attested in Holy Scripture and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer) is that between a man and a woman who are committed to one another in the bond of marriage;
II. (OF HOMOSEXUALITY) that the Church is responsible for a pastoral ministry to homosexuals as to all persons to help them use the Grace of God more fully in their lives and that the civil rights of homosexual persons are to be respected;
III. (OF ORDINATION) that the ordained ministers of the Church should be chosen from persons who are morally committed to the life of chastity, whether married or single
- 1977 *to the Joint Commission on Health and Human Affairs* *Be it resolved: that this 199th Convention of the Diocese of New York requests the Joint Commission of the Church on Health and Human Affairs of the 65th General Convention of the Episcopal Church:*
A. to make clear the distinction between involuntary homosexual orientation and deliberate homosexual behavior; *B. to seek out and listen to individuals who desire or have found release from a homosexual behavior pattern as an essential part of their study; and*
C. to make recommendations which are in conformity with Holy Scripture and its teaching on Christian living as it has traditionally been interpreted by the Church
- 1977 *Homosexual Rights* *Now, therefore, be it resolved: that this Convention of the Diocese of New York affirm the dignity, integrity, and inalienable rights of persons of homosexual and heterosexual orientation; and*
- 1977 *Homosexual Rights* *Be it further resolved: that it affirm the right of equal employment opportunity to persons of homosexual orientation in ecclesiastical and church-related institutions; and that no person be denied employment solely because of her/his sexual orientation; and*
- 1977 *Homosexual Rights* *Be it further resolved: that it encourage, within the Church, an educational program to promote a greater understanding of the inter-relationship of human sexuality, spirituality, and community; and that every effort be made to eliminate prejudice and bigotry towards persons of homosexual orientation within the Christian community and American society; and*
- 1977 *Homosexual Rights* *Be it further resolved: that it support the movement for full human rights for persons whose affect ional orientation is toward those of the same sex*

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- 1977 *Pornography* *Be it therefore resolved that: this convention, while affirming its unshakable support for the rights of individuals guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, recognizes the moral and social limitations inherent in the exercise of such rights, and in particular deplors and decries the evil consequences of the unchecked commercial exploitation of pornography and obscenity in whatever form or medium and wholeheartedly supports every legitimate effort on the part of City and State authorities to curb such activities*
- 1977 *Formation of a Commission on Human Sexuality* *Be it resolved: that this 199th Convention of the Diocese of New York applaud the Bishop's pastoral concern for those who both support and oppose the ordination of homosexuals*
- 1977 *Formation of a Commission on Human Sexuality* *And be it further resolved (from the Bishop's Address): that this Convention strongly affirm the formation of a Diocesan Commission on Human Sexuality and pledge itself to work with it*
- 1977 *Formation of a Commission on Human Sexuality* *And be it finally resolved: that whatever discussion or debate we have on this matter be in the spirit of learning where the truth lies and with deep caring for the unity and mission of the Church.*
- 1976 *Unified Budget* *At the October Adjourned Convention: Resolved: that this 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopt the unified budget proposal and all other recommendations contained in Section 3 of the Report of the Committee on Financial Structure submitted to this Convention, effective immediately, except that the majority report be amended to delete from page 8 the section entitled "Penalty Clause", containing the proposal that the present canonical provision of penalty for nonpayment of assessment should be eliminated, and the Committee on Canons be instructed to retain the penalty provisions in the draft of Canon 17, to be presented to this Convention. (Editor's note: This report on file in the Diocesan Archives.)*
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- 1976 Budget Whereas, the work of the Committee on Financial Structure is nearing completion but will not be completed in time for Diocesan Council consideration and Convention action in May 1976, and
- 1976 Budget Whereas, it appears that the subjects of the Committee's work and related diocesan budgetary financial and funding matters will occupy the full time of a normally scheduled Convention, and
- Budget Whereas, the 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York requested the Bishop to schedule the Diocesan Convention in the Fall of the year beginning in 1976 "in order to enhance the planning of a coherent diocesan program in the assessment budget and in the designated funding program, and to make it possible for the assessment (for Parishes) to be presented closer to the year involved." and
- 1976 Budget Whereas, the Committee on Financial Structure recognizes the need for time for the Interparish Councils and vestries to become knowledgeable of the implications of changes, and for the committee to carry on an educative process along these lines
- 1976 Budget Now therefore be it resolved: that this 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York consider, debate and act upon all budgetary, financial and fund-ing matters brought before it, including any canons relating thereto, only at an adjourned session thereof to be held on October 16, 1976, and that the report of the Committee on Financial Structure and recommendations of the Council of the Diocese relating thereto be considered, debated and acted upon at the same adjourned session, and that said adjourned session consider no other business except such as may be related to the foregoing; and that the operation of any standing resolution presently in effect, relating to financial and funding matters, and proposed Canon 17, if it be adopted, except those portions thereof providing for the payment and collection of each parish's apportioned share, shall be suspended until such adjourned session
- 1976 Diocesan That the Constitution of the Diocese of New York, amended, approved by
 Constitution unanimous vote at the last Convention, and restated as set forth in the form submitted to the Clerical and Lay Members of this Convention, be approved to take effect immediately

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- 1976 Canons Amended That the Canons and Standing Resolutions of the Diocese of New York, amended and restated as set forth in the form submitted to the Clerical and Lay Members of this Convention, be approved to take effect immediately
- 1976 Date of Convention That this Convention requests the Bishop of New York and the Standing Committee to exercise their prerogative under the Constitution to set the date of Convention other than on the second Tuesday in May to an October date for the Convention, thus precluding any necessity for a session of the 1977 Convention in May and carrying out the expressed desire of the 1975 Convention
- 1976 Election of DIT Trustees Resolved: that the following persons are hereby nominated for election to Trustees of the Corporation to fill terms to expire in 1979: Armstrong, J. Sinclair; Loud, Karen A. G.; Huntington, Lawrence S.
- 1976 Clergy Allowances Whereas, the Committee has studied the need for allowances to be provided to clergy by every parish in union with the convention; and
- 1976 Clergy Allowances Whereas, the Committee recognizes that it would be desirable to have Diocesan Standards for such allowances; therefore, let it be
- 1976 Clergy Allowances Resolved: that on and after January 1, 1977, in accordance with Canon 24, of the Diocese of New York, it is the responsibility of a parish to provide its clergy serving on a full time basis within the parish with the following:
- 1976 Clergy Allowances A. Suitable housing which will include all utilities, telephone service as needed to perform clergy duties, standard appliances and general maintenance; or alternately, a housing allowance which should be equal to 35 to 45% of the annual salary, which allowance will enable a minister to buy or rent suitable housing.
- B. Comprehensive medical insurance which will include basic hospitalization and surgical as well as major medical coverage.
- C. Basic disability benefits which may be provided by insurance coverage with supplements to be provided by the parish as needed and as determined by the parish

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- 1976 Clergy Allowances D. A vacation of not less than four weeks (five Sundays) and at least one day, or its equivalent, off each week, and those days designated as holidays by the State of New York, unless they occur on a Sunday or a religious feast day.
E. A suitable automobile and/or travel allowance comprising a parish car with provision for parking; or an automobile or travel allowance of not less than \$1,200 per annum; or reimbursement of automobile costs at the rate of not less than 15 cents per mile or in full for general expenses for all authorized church-related travel including parish, I.P.C., Diocesan, Ecumenical and similar travel.
F. All normal moving expenses to be paid by the parish when clergy are employed
- 1976 Clergy Allowances Resolved: that the desirability of providing suitable hospitality allowances be referred to the Commission on Ministry
- 1976 Clergy Compensation Whereas, the 1974 Convention of the Diocese of New York called for a study to be made of clergy compensation, and
- 1976 Clergy Compensation Whereas, a report of this study has been presented to the 1976 Diocesan Convention, therefore be it
- 1976 Clergy Compensation That Canon 24, Sec. 1, be amended to read as follows:
“Every parish in union with the convention shall provide its clergy serving within such parish with not less than the appropriate level of the salary scale and allowances determined from time to time by the convention after having received the recommendations of the Ministries Commission or a Committee of Convention appointed for that purpose,” and be it further
- 1976 Clergy Compensation That this Convention calls on the Bishop to appoint a new representative Committee of Convention to oversee the implementation of the Clergy Compensation Program and to make proposals to subsequent Diocesan Conventions in the following areas:

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- 1976 Clergy Compensation A. Diocesan Priority Areas. Procedures are needed through which the Clergy Compensation Program can reflect the Diocesan priority concern for urban ministry and mission repeatedly stated by the Bishop and Diocesan Convention.
B. Stewardship. Any compensation program depends on effective stewardship training, and this ought to be a continuing priority of the Diocese.
C. Evaluation. The Committee is responsible for periodic evaluation of the compensation program and for making recommendations to amend it from time to time
- 1976 Layworkers Compensation Guidelines Whereas, layworkers in the Diocese of New York should, to the extent possible, receive wages and benefits comparable to those received by other workers in the area, particularly those engaged in service industries
- 1976 Layworkers Compensation Guidelines Resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby adopts the following principles governing minimum wages and benefits for layworkers serving the Congregations in the Diocese of New York (*see journal*)
- 1976 Pension Assessments That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning July 1, 1976 the pension assessment imposed:
1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18 per cent of such stipends and
2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, St. Luke's Hospital, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 15 per cent of the full 18 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1976 Diocesan Priorities: the Poor Whereas, the 187th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopted resolutions calling upon our nation to give "highest priority to the alleviation of the suffering of the poor and deprived," and, "since we can do no less than we ask others to do," directing church-people to do likewise, and

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- 1976 Diocesan Priorities: the Poor Whereas, the Bishop of New York addressed the 188th Convention of this Diocese in these words: “This is the burden of the charge that I lay upon you even as I’ve already laid it upon myself. I urge you to face the urban crisis and all that it means as a priority of commitment of time, talent, energy, and money. I ask you to accept the sacrifices that will be required of us. But most important of all, I beg you to enter into the difficult and painful process of reassessing and changing the attitudes that individually and corporately comprise the racism from which all of us suffer ” and
- 1976 Diocesan Priorities: the Poor Whereas, the Bishop of New York addressed the 193rd Convention of this Diocese on this still critical issue: “Racism still binds our churches too. How? What of the distribution of resources? Presumably we are one body, yet, those whose work is hardest are given the least to work with. We must redress this inequity of resources.” and
- 1976 Diocesan Priorities: the Poor Whereas, the first priority of this Diocese is to maintain “an effective Church presence in poor communities,”
- 1976 Diocesan Priorities: the Poor Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York affirm as its first priority the “effective Church presence in poor communities,” and
- 1976 Diocesan Priorities: the Poor That it further be resolved: that the 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York reaffirm the commitment of this Diocese to give highest priority to the urban poor, the rural poor and migrant workers, and the oppressed wherever they may be, and
- 1976 Diocesan Priorities: the Poor That it further be resolved: that the 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby states its commitment to the maximum utilization of funds required to affect its priority of “an effective Church presence in poor communities.”
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Budget Whereas, the budget of an institution is the clearest expression of its real priorities, and
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Budget Whereas, this Diocese recognizes the essential inseparability of social action and evangelism, therefore be it
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Budget That this 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York urge the deputies to General Convention from this Diocese to communicate to General Convention of 1976 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, our sense that there must be:

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- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Budget 1. a proportional increase in the program budget portion of the national Church Budget vis-à-vis its other components;
2. adequate national staffing to expand program ministry both for social ministries and for evangelism; and
3. some program funding to be applied to the creation of networks of social ministries agencies; and be it further
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Budget Resolved: that this 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize General Convention of 1976 to this end.
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Housing Priority Whereas, many American families, both in our cities and in rural areas, live in substandard housing and our Lord commended the poor and needy to our particular care; and
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Housing Priority Whereas, nonprofit sponsorship of housing is an appropriate way of meeting the housing need since local churches, alone or in cooperation with other community agencies, can usually provide housing both more cheaply and with greater human concern; and
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Housing Priority Whereas, present federal housing programs require significant local planning, development, and oversight, and many local nonprofit agencies need information and assistance in learning their role while the Episcopal Church is presently unequipped to provide significant assistance; therefore, be it
- 1976 Gen'l Convention Memorial: Housing Priority That this 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize General Convention in Minneapolis to be held in 1976 to: establish housing as a high level priority for programming in the 1976-1979 triennium; provide possibility for program information and assistance to any diocese or parish wishing to establish a nonprofit housing program
- 1976 Study of Division of the Diocese Whereas, the Convention of 1975 charged the Standing Committee to take the leadership in inviting neighboring dioceses in creating an interdiocesan task force on diocesan boundaries in the Greater New York Region, and
- 1976 Study of Division of the Diocese Whereas, a Committee of the Council of Region II has, since 1974, studied the question of the desirability and feasibility of division of the Diocese of New York and found need for expanded study throughout the entire Diocese;
- 1976 Study of Division of the Diocese Be it therefore resolved: that the Standing Committee be relieved of its charge and that a Committee of Convention be established to study both the desirability and feasibility of division of the Diocese and diocesan boundaries, making a report to the Bishop of New York and then to the Convention of 1978

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- 1976 Volunteers For Survival Whereas, the Bishop of New York has drawn specific attention to the critical social and economic problems facing the City of New York and other cities in our Diocese and our nation and has again raised the conscience of the entire community and called us all to faithfulness, and
- 1976 Volunteers For Survival Whereas, the Church of the Heavenly Rest as a single city parish trying to respond to the Bishop's call has found that volunteers will respond in large numbers and in various ways to call for action:
- 1976 Volunteers For Survival Be it resolved: that this 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as supporting the Bishop's call for action and urge parishes to follow actively his lead and do what they can in their own community and through their own congregations to help our several cities survive, improve, and live again
- 1976 On the candidacy of Charles Lawrence Whereas, the president of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies is now Bishop elect of Massachusetts, necessitating the election of a new president at the close of the 65th General Convention in Minneapolis, and
- 1976 On the candidacy of Charles Lawrence Whereas, Charles R. Lawrence, Ph.D., once more a lay deputy from this Diocese has served with distinction, fairness and skill as a member and chairman on various committees of General Convention and in other undertakings of our Church on the national level, and
- 1976 On the candidacy of Charles Lawrence Whereas, Charles R. Lawrence, Ph.D., will be nominated for the office of President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies at Minneapolis
- 1976 On the candidacy of Charles Lawrence Therefore, be it resolved: that the 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York requests that its deputation to the 65th General Convention give all possible support to Dr. Lawrence's candidacy and communicate this endorsement to the clerical and lay deputies of the other dioceses of the Church
- 1976 On Women in the Life of the Church Whereas, the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate is a major decision to be addressed at General Convention, and
- 1976 On Women in the Life of the Church Whereas, the inclusion of women into the full life of the Church is a major concern of clergy and laity
- 1976 On Women in the Life of the Church Be it therefore resolved: that this 198th Convention of the Diocese of New York, in its concern for reconciliation, education and pastoral care requests the Bishop to appoint a committee of convention on "The Ministry of Women."
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese Resolved: that this 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York authorizes the Bishop to appoint a special committee to study the problems identified by this committee, as outlined below, and report to the 1976 Convention:

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- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese A. On the Standing Resolution “On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share,” adopted by the Convention of May 1971 (page 61 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of N. Y.), in section (a) Formula, subsection (1), to clarify and specifically define the meaning of the phrase “Total Receipts for Local Support,” as this relates to computing the apportioned share for each parish
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese B. In the same Standing Resolution as identified in “A” above, to examine the provisions of section (b) “Negotiated Share,” wherein the “share of the Assessment to be paid by each parish whose Total Receipts for Local Support . . . exceeds the sum of \$1,000,000 shall be an amount agreed upon by such parish and the Diocesan Council . . .” with a view to arrive at an alternative method not based on negotiations
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese C. In the Assessment Budget, as recommended by Diocesan Council and approved by Convention since the inception of the present funding system of the Diocese, to further examine and analyze the make-up of this budget and the problem of its ever-increasing size.
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese D. In the Standing Resolution “On the Designated Funding Program,” adopted by the Convention of May 1971, outlines (a) “Program Development” and (b) “Priority, Policy and Procedure,” to examine and clarify how the Designated Funding “program opportunities” and “priority program areas” are structured, and how and to what extent the Apportioned Share to the National Church fits into this part of the Diocesan Funding program.
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese E. In that this committee heard many requests for assistance in fund raising, to study and recommend how the Diocese can provide Fund Raising Assistance to parishes and other diocesan organizations, and further, to suggest guidelines to establish budget priorities in the context of Christian stewardship.
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese F. In that this committee lacked sufficient time to evaluate the funding of certain Diocesan-related organizations, such as the Episcopal Mission Society, the Seamen’s Church Institute, St. Peter’s School and the Cathedral, to study the funding of such organizations as they relate to the total funding of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of N.Y.
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese G. In that this committee recognized the necessity and value of continued evaluation in the area of funding, to study alternatives such as a unified program budget funded by assessment, and to establish liaison with the Executive Council of the National Church as pertains to that Council’s program to evaluate the funding of dioceses throughout the Episcopal Church, U.S.A.

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- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese Resolved: that the report of the Committee to Evaluate the Funding of the Diocese of New York be received by the 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York and referred to the Diocesan Council with instructions to take appropriate action, in full and active consultation with the Interparish Councils, at the earliest practicable date so that, except in so far as Convention approval may be necessary, the required action will be reflected in the Diocesan budget for the calendar year 1976
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese Resolved: that this 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York, in order to enhance the planning of a coherent Diocesan Program in the Assessment Budget and in the Designated Funding Program, and to make it possible for the Assessment (for parishes) to be presented closer to the year involved, request the Bishop, in accordance with Article II of the Constitution of this Diocese, to schedule the Diocesan Convention in the fall of the year, beginning in 1976
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese Resolved: that this 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York call for the presentation of a Designated Funding Program Budget (to be funded voluntarily and including only Diocesan programs and National Church programs) by Diocesan Council to be voted separately at Diocesan Convention, beginning in 1976. (This does not intend to change Designated Funding procedures by parishes at the local level.)
- 1975 On the Funding of the Diocese Resolved: that this 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York require that the Assessment figure (Apportioned Share, as accepted or adjusted in accordance with sections (b) and (c) of the Standing Resolution "On the Assessment Budget of the Diocese," adopted by the Convention of May 1971) for each parish be published annually in the Journal of Convention
- 1975 Budget That the 1976 Assessment Budget of \$1,288,000 as presented herewith be adopted
- 1975 Budget That the Controller acting under the direction of the Council shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2(1) of the Canon entitled, "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances," sufficient to provide \$1,298,000 to be paid in four installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1976.
- 1975 Budget Resolved: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1974

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- 1975 Election of DIT Trustees
That the following persons are hereby presented for election to Trustees of the Corporation to fill the terms set forth opposite their respective names: Peter M. Brown (1978); Thomas D. Cunningham, Jr. (1978); E. Thomas Williams, Jr. (1978)
- 1975 Diocesan Constitution
Resolved: that the Constitution of the Diocese of New York, amended and restated as set forth herewith, be approved and considered again by the next Convention, when, if again approved, it shall take effect (*see journal for full text*).
- 1975 On Diocesan Boundaries
Referred to Provincial Synod :
- 1975 On Diocesan Boundaries
Whereas, the issue of the boundaries of the Diocese of New York has been a matter of significant concern in the work of various Diocesan and regional commissions, committees, and councils for some time, but without resolution, and
- 1975 On Diocesan Boundaries
Whereas, some of the dioceses adjacent to the Diocese of New York are also concerned about the boundaries question and would like to explore it, and
- 1975 On Diocesan Boundaries
Whereas, the National Church has developed guideline "Criteria for a Viable Diocese" which have been utilized to good effect in the re-drawing of diocesan boundaries in other parts of the United States, now therefore be it
- 1975 On Diocesan Boundaries
Resolved: that the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York take the leadership in inviting neighboring dioceses to join in creating an inter-diocesan task force on diocesan boundaries in the Greater New York Region, and be it further
- 1975 On Diocesan Boundaries
Resolved: that the Inter-Diocesan Task Force apply the "Criteria for a Viable Diocese" to the present boundaries in the region, that it take into account the goal of making coherent Diocesan level strategy of mission and ministry possible, and that also the possibility of a new "Diocese of Metro New York City" be considered, and out of such studies make a comprehensive recommendation for boundaries in the region to the respective Diocesan Conventions no later than 1977 and an interim progress report in 1976
- 1975 On Morningside House
Whereas, the low rental apartment houses opposite the Cathedral were scheduled to be demolished, despite long standing community opposition, and
- 1975 On Morningside House
Whereas, 82 low income families have been tenants-at-will since July 26, 1970 to protest the demolition of perfectly sound low rental housing and to meet their own desperate needs to decently house their families, and

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- 1975 On Morningside House Whereas, the original purpose for the demolition of these buildings was the construction of a modern geriatrics facility, which has now been successfully accomplished in the new Morningside House Nursing Home at 1000 Pelham Parkway in the Bronx, and
- 1975 On Morningside House Whereas, Morningside House has refused to suspend its legal eviction proceedings and negotiate directly with the tenants in occupancy, and
- 1975 On Morningside House Whereas, the Bishop of the Diocese has publicly stated his desire for direct negotiations between the tenants and Morningside House, with the stated objective of providing low-rent “housing on the present site” for these tenants, and
- 1975 On Morningside House Whereas, the public spectacle of the threatened eviction of nearly 400 men, women and children (including elderly people) by a church-related agency has created a scandal of major proportion, and
- 1975 On Morningside House Whereas, the social witness of this church has for well over the past century championed the need of all our citizens for housing, and
- 1975 On Morningside House Whereas, our recently retired Diocesan Bishop added urgent weight to this social witness of the church in its concern for housing and other social needs by publicly announcing the cessation of all work on this Cathedral as a symbol of the unfinished business of this society in providing true social justice for all its citizens
- 1975 On Morningside House Be it resolved: that this Diocesan Convention be recorded as: SUPPORTING Bishop Moore’s leadership in seeking a just solution to this conflict.
- 1975 On The Death Penalty Whereas, the Convention of the Diocese of New York and the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, have, by resolution on several occasions called for the end of the death penalty, and
- 1975 On The Death Penalty Whereas, efforts are being made to re-establish the death penalty by legislative action following a ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States that the death penalty as it has been administered is “cruel and inhuman punishment,” and
- 1975 On The Death Penalty Therefore be it resolved: that this 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York opposes the death penalty and urges the development of a new approach to crime and punishment designed to rehabilitate, whenever possible, and to provide humane control in other cases
- 1975 On Legislation of Armaments Whereas, over two-thirds of the approximately 20,000 murders committed annually in our nation are gun-inflicted killings, and
- 1975 On Legislation of Armaments Whereas, the Constitutional “right to bear arms” is no excuse for the manufacture of some 2.5 million new weapons every year, and
- 1975 On Legislation of Armaments Whereas, the flow of hand guns across state lines indicates the impossibility of relying on local gun control laws to stem the tide, and

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- 1975 On Legislation of Armaments Whereas, the Mayor of New York estimates that there are 1 million hand guns in this city of 8 million men, women and children, and
- 1975 On Legislation of Armaments Whereas, 123 police officers were killed by hand guns last year
- 1975 On Legislation of Armaments Therefore be it resolved: that the 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York call upon the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to control the manufacture, importation, sale, interstate and intrastate shipment, ownership, possession, registration and use of all guns, parts and ammunition;
- 1975 On Legislation of Armaments And be it further resolved: that this resolution be forwarded to the members of the United States Congress representing the geographical area encompassed by the Diocese of New York
- 1975 On Amnesty, Veterans Benefits & Missing in Action Whereas, 1976 is the Bicentennial of the United States of America, and
- 1975 On Amnesty, Veterans Benefits & Missing in Action Whereas, from Biblical times, Jubilee years have been occasions for extraordinary acts of forgiveness, reconciliation, and generosity, and
- 1975 On Amnesty, Veterans Benefits & Missing in Action Whereas, the Diocese of New York has called in the past for amnesty to all who have refused military service in Vietnam for reasons of conscience, and
- 1975 On Amnesty, Veterans Benefits & Missing in Action Whereas, the Diocese of New York has also called in the past for recognition and commendation of those who in obedience to conscience and the call of their country chose to follow the law of the land and serve in Vietnam or wherever called upon to go
- 1975 On Amnesty, Veterans Benefits & Missing in Action Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the Diocese of New York calls upon the President of the United States to declare a general and unconditional amnesty to all those in prison or under threat of prosecution for draft evasion and desertion, in obedience to the Biblical injunction to “proclaim liberty throughout all the land.” and to “return every man to his family.” and

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- 1975 On Amnesty, Veterans Benefits & Missing in Action Be it further resolved: that the Diocese of New York calls upon the President and Congress of the United States to offer due and proper recognition of the honorable service of Vietnam Veterans by upgrading Education and Insurance benefits provided these Veterans to the equivalent of those provided those who served in World War II; and the Diocese of New York further calls upon the Governor and Legislature of New York State to continue funding New York State County Veteran Service Agency Offices and provide other benefits commensurate with recognition of those who honorably served in their country's Armed Forces during the Vietnam Counter-Insurgency Operations, and
- 1975 On Amnesty, Veterans Benefits & Missing in Action Be it further resolved: that the Diocese of New York registers its continued concern for the welfare of those missing in action in Vietnam, and their families, and urges the Government of the United States and the Government of North Vietnam in cooperation with the appropriate authorities in South Vietnam to rapidly determine the fate and whereabouts of these men
- 1975 On Employment and Training Whereas, the current economic depression has hit the lives of all but a few with the impact of an earthquake, causing widespread hunger, malnutrition, impaired health and other hardships, and
- 1975 On Employment and Training Whereas, the economic depression has also generated a psychological and spiritual depression, generating a spirit of defeat, indifference and despair, and
- 1975 On Employment and Training Whereas, the youth of the nation have become a major casualty of the current economic and spiritual crisis we face, devastated by unemployment of more than 65% among urban young men and women, and
- 1975 On Employment and Training Whereas, institutions and programs for people in need face severe lack of funds causing further hardship to those already victims of a worldwide economic disorder, and
- 1975 On Employment and Training Whereas, the Christian Church and its people are called to compassion and works of mercy
- 1975 On Employment and Training Therefore, be it resolved: that this 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York call upon the Government of the United States to devise and initiate a broad program of corrective action which will reduce prices, stimulate equity, availability of basic necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and health care, and
- 1975 On Employment and Training Be it resolved: that Government and voluntary organizations encourage families and individuals to meet their own needs by making gainful employment and training available to all, and

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- 1975 On Employment and Training Be it further resolved: that the Federal Government organize constructive programs of employment; act as an employer of last resort when necessary, to the end that the blight of unemployment and suffering be relieved.
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Whereas, resolutions dealing with lay ministry and lay church workers have been favorably received by the two preceding meetings of this Convention, and
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Whereas, the number of non-ordained church employees at all levels in the Diocese of New York is greater than the number of ordained church employees and
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Whereas, church employees include many members of minorities and other oppressed groups, who are not strangers to difficulties of employment and lack of recognition in their jobs, and
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Whereas, certain benefits are not available to non-ordained church employees, benefits which are enjoyed by the ordained by reason of national and diocesan canons, and
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Whereas, non-ordained workers who have elected to carry health insurance or establish pension plans have been required in many cases to do so on an individual basis, often at a financial penalty to themselves, because the church for which they work has too few employees to be able to take advantage of low group rates for health insurance, annuities and pensions, and
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Whereas, qualified non-ordained persons are often discouraged from seeking or continuing permanent employment in the Church due to the lack of these benefits and the feeling of security, and
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Whereas, the secular world has recognized the need for such benefits, and has made provision for them, in a variety of ways, therefore, be it
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Resolved: that the Diocese of New York assist and encourage the establishment of a voluntary Association for Non-ordained Church Workers, for the purposes of establishing diocesan wide health insurance and pension plans, and other benefits comparable to those enjoyed by persons employed by non-church related institutions. and be it further
- 1975 On an Association of Non Ordained Church Workers Resolved: that the Diocese of New York conduct a census of all the non-ordained church workers in the diocese, and compile a listing of their names, addresses, employers and categories of employment.
- 1975 On Efforts to Defer Death Whereas, as Christians, we believe that life is God's gift; that He gives it, sustains it, and receives it back unto Himself, and
- 1975 On Efforts to Defer Death Whereas, we believe that dying and death should not be feared, but openly and freely discussed whether thought to be imminent or remote, and

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- 1975 On Efforts to Defer Death Whereas, we affirm that the Church has a responsibility to all of God's people to inform and assist them in considering and preparing for dying and death, and
- 1975 On Efforts to Defer Death Whereas, we believe that life should not be arrogantly and futilely prolonged in those instances where there is no reasonable expectation or genuine hope of recovery
- 1975 On Efforts to Defer Death Be it resolved: that the 197th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York declare that, in consultation with their physician and priest, persons (or members of the family when the patients are incompetent) may rightly request that no heroic or extraordinary measures be employed to defer death, and that physicians and others responsible for the care and comfort of these patients are morally obligated to be attentive and give respectful consideration to the wishes and requests of these patients
- 1975 On Spiritual Need Whereas, there is a widespread spiritual need around the world and especially in the great cities everywhere, and
- 1975 On Spiritual Need Whereas, the good news of Jesus Christ is an answer to this great spiritual need
- 1975 On Spiritual Need Therefore, be it resolved: that the 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York encourage its member parishes to initiate and carry through .new and vigorous efforts to take this good news through believable example, words and action to which end that millions who are now in deep agony of spirit shall become in and through Christ a new person who is part of the answer rather than part of the problem of the world. and
- 1975 On Spiritual Need Be it further resolved: that this Convention establish a special commission on evangelism to develop a five-year diocesan-wide cooperative effort to bring people of all ages into a relationship with Jesus Christ through membership in parish churches and missions
- 1975 On Marijuana Whereas, the Diocese of New York has called in the past for the easing of penalties for possession in private of marijuana for personal use, and
- 1975 On Marijuana Whereas, the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Governing Board of the American Medical Association, Consumer's Union, the National Council of Churches and other groups have called for decriminalization of marijuana, and
- 1975 On Marijuana Whereas, "Consumer's Report" has found that there is no substantial evidence now available which demonstrates that marijuana is physically harmful

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- 1975 On Marijuana Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the Diocese of New York express its support for the immediate decriminalization of the possession in private of marijuana for personal use, and
- 1975 On Marijuana Be it further resolved: that the Diocese of New York support a model of strict state regulated control of marijuana to adults
- 1975 On Postal Rates for Whereas, postal rates for non-profit second class mail are increasing at a rate
Non-Profit Mail threatening the continued existence of parish newsletters, diocesan papers, and all other non-profit second class publications, and
- 1975 On Postal Rates for Whereas, President Ford has failed to include in the present budget the subsidy
Non-Profit Mail needed by all non-profit second class mailers as required by P.L. 93-328, popularly known as S 411, thereby stimulating further increases in postal rates; therefore, let it be
- 1975 On Postal Rates for Resolved: that this Convention express its concern for the freedom of religious
Non-Profit Mail expression and the freedom of the press as set forth in the United States Constitution and now threatened by the economic pressure of postal charges, and be it further
- 1975 On Postal Rates for Resolved: that this Convention express its support of measures sought by the
Non-Profit Mail Associated Church Press, the Catholic Press Association, the Evangelical Press Association, and the American Jewish Press Association to provide relief from such charges as endanger the traditional and historical role played by the religious press and other non-profit publications in informing the public, and be it further
- 1975 On Postal Rates for Resolved: that copies of this resolution go to the President of the United States,
Non-Profit Mail to the Postmaster General, to the New York delegations in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and to the executive secretaries of the Associated Church Press, Catholic Press Association, Evangelical Press Association, and the American Jewish Press Association.
- 1975 On Candidacy for Whereas, the Bishop and Ministries Commission of the Diocese of New York
Holy Orders have over the last several years frequently received applications for candidacy for Holy Orders from individuals previously unknown to them but who had already spent up to two years in seminaries without any review or overview of their studies and spiritual life to that date by the Bishop or Commission, and

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- 1975 On Candidacy for Holy Orders Whereas, this may not infrequently place the Ministries Commission and the Bishop in the position of having to refuse candidacy to individuals who may have invested several years of study into theological preparation, and who in the normal diocesan procedure may be only a year or so away from ordination to the diaconate, a situation that could be in large measure alleviated by restoring the Bishop's opportunity to know a potential candidate and review his or her progress in theological preparation afforded by postulancy
- 1975 On Candidacy for Holy Orders Be it resolved: therefore, that this 1975 Convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize the General Convention of 1976 to restore postulancy to Title III in the National Canons of the Episcopal Church
- 1975 On Candidacy for Holy Orders And be it further resolved: that until the General Convention so acts, the Ministries Commission may require a status of postulancy in its procedures for ordination in the Diocese of New York
- 1975 Premium Contribution Church Pension Fund Whereas, the financial security in retirement of all clergy is a matter of vital concern to the Church, and
- 1975 Premium Contribution Church Pension Fund Whereas, adequate provision for suitable retirement housing is a necessary component of such financial security, and
- 1975 Premium Contribution Church Pension Fund Whereas, many clergy have no homeowner's equity at the time of retirement, and
- 1975 Premium Contribution Church Pension Fund Whereas, the Church Pension Fund and premium contribution includes a factor for housing, based on 25% of salary, plus utilities, and
- 1975 Premium Contribution Church Pension Fund Whereas, said 25% factor is totally unrealistic for those whose housing is provided, now therefore be it
- 1975 Premium Contribution Church Pension Fund Resolved: that the one hundred and ninety-seventh Convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize General Convention to instruct the Church Pension Fund to increase the premium contribution to include a factor for housing and utilities to 33 1/3%, rather than 25%, of salary
- 1975 On Clergy Retirement Whereas, a number of the clergy in the Diocese are concerned with problems relative to retirement,
- 1975 On Clergy Retirement Be it hereby resolved: that the Bishop have the Ministries Commission work closely with him in his pastoral responsibility to the clergy

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- 1975 On Hospital and Medical Insurance Whereas, several clergy in the Diocese have requested the investigation of an alternate Hospital/Medical insurance plan, and
- 1975 On Hospital and Medical Insurance Whereas, the serious inconvenience of the present Blue Cross/Blue Shield medical coverage is its lack of portability from Diocese to Diocese and also within this Diocese, and
- 1975 On Hospital and Medical Insurance Whereas, the Church Life Insurance Corporation is offering a Comprehensive Medical Care Insurance plan, and
- 1975 On Hospital and Medical Insurance Whereas, this Comprehensive Plan, having been adopted already by 71 Dioceses and also by other Church organizations, is a step towards the solving of the problem of portability
- 1975 On Hospital and Medical Insurance Be it therefore resolved: that the Bishop request the appropriate Diocesan authority to make a study of the Hospital/Medical Insurance and present such a study to Council of the Diocese for their recommendation and decision
- 1975 On the Ordination of Women Whereas, the 196th Convention of the Diocese of New York requested the Bishop to establish a representative committee on the ordination of women, and
- 1975 On the Ordination of Women Whereas, the responsibilities of the committee were to promote a series of educational programs through which the mind of the church can be informed and transformed with regard to the question of the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate, working with Episcopalians in other dioceses and other provinces of the Anglican Communion, and
- 1975 On the Ordination of Women Whereas, said committee was to report back to this Convention of the Diocese of New York; the report to include a resumé of the progress which has been made and a recommendation for future action, and
- 1975 On the Ordination of Women Whereas, the committee has sponsored presentations throughout the Diocese which are educational programs to encourage dialogue on this issue and is currently working on visual aids and other programs on this issue
- 1975 On the Ordination of Women Be it resolved: that the 197th Convention of the Diocese of New York extend the life of said Committee on the Ordination of Women to report back to the next annual Convention of the Diocese of New York; the report to include a resumé of the progress which has been made and a recommendation for future action
- 1975 Pension Assessments Resolved: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning July 1, 1975 the pension assessment imposed:
- 1975 Pension Assessments 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18 per cent of such stipends and

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- 1975 Pension Assessments 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 15 per cent of the full 18 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1975 Committee: Clergy Compensation Resolved: that the Committee on Clergy Compensation continue its work and report its recommendations to the 1976 Convention.
- 1975 Ecumenical Dialogue Whereas, the division between Christians is contrary to the Will of Christ; and
- 1975 Ecumenical Dialogue Whereas, Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury and Pope Paul VI of Rome issued a common declaration on March 24, 1966 in which they pledged, "to inaugurate between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion a serious dialogue which, founded on the gospels and on the ancient common traditions, may lead to that unity in truth for which Christ prayed;" and
- 1975 Ecumenical Dialogue Whereas, this dialogue has thus far produced the Windsor Statement (on the Eucharist) and the Canterbury Statement (on Ministry and Ordination); be it therefore
- 1975 Ecumenical Dialogue Resolved: that the one hundred and ninety-seventh Convention of New York finds the Windsor Statement and the Canterbury Statement to express substantially the faith that we, as Anglicans, profess and proclaim; and be it further
- 1975 Ecumenical Dialogue Resolved: that this Convention commend these historic statements to all individuals in the Diocese for prayerful study and reflection so that deep, meaningful dialogue may contribute to that day when we shall rejoice together at the Eucharist and share a common witness to our Lord in the full fellowship of His Body; and be it
- 1975 Ecumenical Dialogue Resolved: that this Convention call upon the Joint Ecumenical Commission to take appropriate action to present these statements to the next General Convention for ratification, thereby providing official recognition and reassurance that the substance of our faith is accurately expressed in these documents; and be it further
- 1975 Ecumenical Dialogue Resolved: that the discussion of these documents by this Convention as statements which attempt to express the mysteries of the Eucharist and of Holy Orders, be communicated to the Archbishop of Canterbury and to the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity

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- 1975 Special Summer Program Appeal Whereas, the urban congregations of this Diocese have for many years sponsored summer youth programs and subsidized camp experience for children of low-income families, and
- 1975 Special Summer Program Appeal Whereas, the recurring costs of these urban programs continue to escalate and to exceed funds designated through normal diocesan channels, and
- 1975 Special Summer Program Appeal Whereas, the residents of urban neighborhoods look to Episcopal churches for this evidence of our corporate concern for young persons who might otherwise seek relief from boredom and from oppressive environment, in antisocial activity
- 1975 Special Summer Program Appeal Be it resolved: that this Convention sponsor a special appeal to the membership and/or communicants of the Episcopal churches in the Diocese of New York for summer program monies; and
- 1975 Special Summer Program Appeal Be it further resolved: that this Convention authorize the Council of the Diocese to carry out a special summer program appeal in future years when in the judgment of the Council such an appeal would meet with general support and when it would not compete with the regular financial appeals of church related summer camps
- 1975 Anti-Semitism Whereas, the Convention of the Diocese of New York has said nothing about Anti-Semitism for a dozen years or more, and
- 1975 Anti-Semitism Whereas, the Bishop has now spoken about the “dangerous recrudescence” of anti-Semitism and warned us that the “sparks of prejudice could be flamed into disastrous movements in our national lives” and has urged the clergy to preach and the laity to speak and act against any form of discrimination and prejudice in our daily lives.
- 1975 Anti-Semitism Therefore, he it resolved: that this Convention join and support the Bishop in speaking out against anti-Semitism, and
- 1975 Anti-Semitism Be it further resolved: that this Convention direct each congregation in this Diocese to communicate our concern that this form of prejudice and discrimination not rise but disappear from our national lives to the communities by appropriate word and action
- 1975 Arson in the City Whereas, the Bishop of New York, in his address, has sounded a clear alarm at the epidemic of arson in the poor neighborhoods of this city, especially the South Bronx, and
- 1975 Arson in the City Whereas, the clergy and people of the South Bronx I.P.C. and the Bronx Church Coalition, from their experience of the physical danger and personal devastation of arson, share this concern

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- 1975 Arson in the City Therefore, be it resolved: that this Convention of the Diocese of New York commend our Bishop in his statement of this peril, and join with him in calling upon the Mayor, the District Attorneys, and the Department of Justice to initiate without delay a serious and thorough investigation of these burnings, so that destruction of housing for the poor may be stopped and justice served, and
- 1975 Arson in the City Be it further resolved: that this statement be communicated to the other religious bodies of the City with an invitation that they join with us in this call for action
- 1974 Budget Resolved: That the 1975 assessment budget of \$1,172,492, as presented herewith be adopted
- 1974 Budget Resolved: That the Controller acting under the direction of the Council shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$1,165,000 to be paid in four installments on the 5th days of January, April, July, and October 1975
- 1974 Budget Resolved: That the parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1973
- 1974 Urban and Rural
Mission Funding Whereas, the 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopted a resolution which, among other things, reaffirmed "the commitment of this Diocese to give highest priority to the urban poor, the rural poor, migrant workers, the deprived, and the oppressed in our urban ghettos and wherever they may be." and
- 1974 Urban and Rural
Mission Funding Whereas, the Council of the Diocese of New York, sought to implement the resolution by giving highest priority on the Diocesan level of Designated Funding for the year 1974 to urban and rural mission, and
- 1974 Urban and Rural
Mission Funding Whereas, Designated Funding on the Diocesan level for 1974 again failed to provide funds for programs in the highest priority areas commensurate with the needs in those areas or the requests from those areas or in accordance with the highest priority of commitment made to those areas by the Convention and the Council of the Diocese. and
- 1974 Urban and Rural
Mission Funding Whereas, Standing Resolution VIII "On Evaluation of the Funding Program" adopted by the Convention of 1971 called for a full review by the Standing Committee of the effectiveness of the funding program of the Diocese not later than 1976, now therefore be it

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- 1974 Urban and Rural Mission Funding Resolved, that a Committee of not less than eight nor more than sixteen members be appointed by the Bishop, for the purpose of evaluating the funding program of the Diocese of New York and that this Committee be charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the 1975 Convention as to the effect and operation of the program, and be it further
- 1974 Urban and Rural Mission Funding Resolved, that this Committee review the entire system of diocesan funding and program budgeting and report its findings and recommendations to the 1975 Convention, and be it further
- 1974 Urban and Rural Mission Funding Resolved, that Standing Resolution VIII, of May 1971, charging the Standing Committee to evaluate the diocesan funding program, is hereby rescinded.
- 1974 Designated Funding Whereas, Convention has repeatedly taken action to establish and support the Designated Funding program in the Diocese, and
- 1974 Designated Funding Whereas, the Council of the Diocese has supported certain priority program areas for action in the Church, and
- 1974 Designated Funding Whereas, the present level of commitment to Designated Funding on the part of many congregations does not yield enough funds to permit proper financial support for programs in the critical priority areas, therefore be it
- 1974 Designated Funding Resolved, that the 196th Convention of the Diocese of New York urges all congregations in the Diocese to put their fullest support to the Designated Funding program, and in so doing take steps to have all parishioners fully informed about programs and needs of all organizations selected for Designated Funding.
- 1974 Publication of Diocesan Budget Whereas, people have a right to know the details of the budget of the Diocese as well as their parishes, and
- 1974 Publication of Diocesan Budget Whereas, the Diocese is dependent on the people's giving to carry on its programs and to provide the national Church programs with sufficient funds for effectiveness, and
- 1974 Publication of Diocesan Budget Whereas, delegates to the Diocesan Convention can have a greater input in the Diocesan program, better representing their parishes, if they know in advance the details of the proposed program and budget and if the members of the various parishes and missions also know and discuss the budget before Conventions
- 1974 Publication of Diocesan Budget Be it resolved that a detailed diocesan budget and program be published every year in a diocesan publication circulated to members of all congregations at least two months in advance of the annual Diocesan Convention beginning in 1975, and

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- 1974 Publication of Diocesan Budget Be it further resolved that the detailed budget passed by this 196th Convention be published in the next issue of the Episcopal New Yorker so that the members of the diocese can be made aware of what is expected in income and expenses for the next fiscal year
- 1974 Nominating Process Whereas, when, in 1970, the present Standing Resolution on a Nominating Committee was adopted, the Northwest Bronx InterParish Council added an amendment requiring that the Committee consult with the Inter-Parish Councils before preparing the slate of nominees; and
- 1974 Nominating Process Whereas, this is not always easy to do when the schedule gets hectic as time draws near for the Diocesan Convention; and
- 1974 Nominating Process Whereas, it is the desire always of the Church in the Northwest Bronx to assist, facilitate, expedite and generally speed things along:
- 1974 Nominating Process Therefore be it resolved that:
- 1974 Nominating Process 1. The Nominating Committee be set up and established in their task at the first meeting of the Diocesan Council in January of each year; and that
- 1974 Nominating Process 2. The Secretary of Convention be directed to inform and advise the several Inter-Parish Councils immediately thereafter of their responsibility to consider and be prepared to respond to the Nominating Committee's forthcoming request for consultation concerning the preparation of a slate of nominees so that when the request arrives it may be answered without delay; and that
- 1974 Nominating Process 3. The Secretary of Convention provide the several Inter-Parish Councils with all the information necessary for this task, including a list of all vacancies to be filled and the names of the members of the Nominating Committee, and that
- 1974 Nominating Process 4. The Inter-Parish Councils should not hesitate to initiate the required consultation with the Nominating Committee, in order that their thoughts and recommendations be not lost; and that
- 1974 Nominating Process 5. The Nominating Committee be directed "to circulate their suggestions to all diocesan clergy and wardens and Inter-Parish Councils not less than ninety days before the meeting of the Convention." (Note: the matter in quotes is taken from the standing resolution, with additions and changes italicized); and that
- 1974 Nominating Process 6. All further nominations, from Inter-Parish Councils or convention delegates, as heretofore required, be in the hands of the Secretary of Convention not less than sixty days before the meeting of Convention
- 1974 Clergy Vacancies Be it resolved, that beginning June 1, 1974 the clergy of the Diocese of New York be notified when vacancies occur in the parish ministry or in chaplaincies within the diocese

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- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, the House of Bishops in 1972 voted 74 to 61 in favor of the ordination of women to the priesthood and to the episcopate; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, the One Hundred and Ninety-third Annual Convention of the Diocese of New York in 1972 voted in favor of the ordination of women to the priesthood and to the episcopate by an overwhelming majority; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, the Anglican Consultative Council in 1973 voted 50 to 2 that the decision of any autonomous province of the Anglican Communion to ordain women to the priesthood should not cause any break in communion in the Anglican family; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, the Thirty-fourth Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Churchwomen in 1973 voted approximately two to one in favor of the ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, in the House of Deputies of the Sixty-fourth General Convention in 1973 the resolution favoring the ordination of women to the priesthood and to the episcopate was defeated in both Orders only because the votes in the diocesan deputations are counted “no” rather than one-half “yes” and one-half “no”; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, the Diocese of New York’s deputation to the Sixty-fourth General Convention in 1978 voted seven to one in favor of women’s ordination to the priesthood and to the episcopate; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, 59 Bishops subsequently signed a statement committing themselves to continue to press for the ordination of women; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, there are women deacons in the Diocese of New York who are fully qualified for ordination to the priesthood; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, the Bishop of New York and the women deacons, together with many clergy and laypeople of the Diocese, share an urgent concern that these women be permitted to respond to their calls to priesthood; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, a number of other women are preparing for ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of New York; and
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Whereas, the One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Convention of the Diocese of New York is strongly in favor of the ordination of qualified women to the priesthood and to the episcopate; therefore be it
- 1974 Ordination of Women
Resolved, that the 196th Convention of the Diocese of New York reaffirms the 1972 resolution of Convention supporting the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate

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- 1974 Ordination of Women a. Be it further resolved, that the 196th Convention of the Diocese of New York requests the Bishop to establish a representative committee on the ordination of women; and that the responsibilities of the committee shall be to promote a series of educational programs through which the mind of the church can be informed and transformed with regard to the question of the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate, working with Episcopalians in other dioceses and other provinces of the Anglican Communion; to report back to the next annual Convention of the Diocese of New York; the report to include a resume of the progress which has been made and a recommendation for future action
- 1974 Ordination of Women b. Be it further resolved, that the Bishop of New York, the Council of the Diocese, the women deacons, and other people who share this urgent concern be encouraged to promote the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate, also working with Episcopalians in other dioceses and in other provinces of the Anglican Communion
- 1974 Tax Deductions Whereas, the Congress of the United States is considering in a Tax Reform Bill a proposal which will rule out as tax deductible any charitable contributions, and
- 1974 Tax Deductions Whereas, this is a vital concern to all churches, Christian or otherwise; and
- 1974 Tax Deductions Whereas, it is the particular concern of all religious and eleemosynary groups that any such Bill be defeated if presented for a vote, now therefore be it
- 1974 Tax Deductions Resolved, that this Episcopal Diocese of New York in its One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Annual Convention express its concern to Senator James Buckley and Senator Jacob Javits over the damaging nature of such legislation and urge the defeat of the Bill when brought to vote, and be it further
- 1974 Tax Deductions Resolved, that each and every communicant of the Diocese be urged to express individual concern and opposition to the damaging nature of such legislation to their senators and respective representatives in the House of Representatives.
- 1974 Right To Abortion Whereas, the Diocese of New York by action of Convention in 1972 has declared that “the decision of a prospective mother to give or not give birth to a child is a personal, moral and religious right outside the jurisdiction of civil law,” and
- 1974 Right To Abortion Whereas, the Church stands for the exercise of freedom of conscience by all and is required to fight for the right of everyone to exercise that conscience, be it therefore

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- 1974 Right To Abortion Resolved, that the decision of the United States Supreme Court allowing women to exercise their own conscience in the matter of abortions be endorsed by the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and be it further
- 1974 Right To Abortion Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of New York provide all possible support and counseling to persons faced with this decision
- 1974 Christian Unity Whereas, the concern for the unity of Christendom has become an increasing priority of the Churches, and
- 1974 Christian Unity Whereas, the recently issued statement on the Eucharist and Ministry between Roman Catholics and Anglicans, known as the Windsor Statement and the Canterbury Statement, and the statement on authority between Roman Catholics and Lutherans represents a distinctive contribution to the cause of Christian unity, therefore be it
- 1974 Christian Unity Resolved, that this 196th Convention of the Diocese of New York notes with gratitude these statements, and commends them for study in the parishes and missions of the Diocese, and be it further
- 1974 Christian Unity Resolved, that the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese take these under special study, with the view of preparing for the next annual Convention of the Diocese some appropriate response to the two statements concerning ministry and Eucharist
- 1974 Haitian Refugees Whereas, an estimated 400 Haitian citizens have fled from Haiti and are now detained in Florida, some in jail, some out on parole, and
- 1974 Haitian Refugees Whereas, these people are faced with imminent peril of deportation back to Haiti which for many means physical torture and others execution, and
- 1974 Haitian Refugees Whereas, the United States Government has been unwilling to grant the status of political refugees to these people, therefore be it
- 1974 Haitian Refugees Resolved, that the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese of New York express to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General and Members of Congress from the New York area our urgent request that these persons presently detained be granted refugee status and permitted to remain in the United States with whatever rights and limitations are appropriate to that status
- 1974 Number of Trustees Whereas, The Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York, a corporation existing under and by virtue of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, is presently governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of nine Trustees; and

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- 1974 Number of Trustees Whereas, Article I, Section 1 of the revised Bylaws of The Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York adopted May 2, 1973, provides:
- 1974 Number of Trustees Section 1. Number. Pursuant to Section 601 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, the Corporation shall not have members but its affairs shall be managed by a board of not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) Trustees. Until otherwise provided by resolution of the Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York, the number of Trustees shall be nine (9):
- 1974 Number of Trustees Whereas, The Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York recommends that Diocesan Convention increase the number of Trustees of said corporation from nine (9) to eleven (11) Trustees; now, therefore, be it
- 1974 Number of Trustees Resolved, that henceforth and until otherwise provided by resolution of the Diocesan Convention the affairs of The Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York shall be managed by a board of eleven (11) Trustees
- 1974 New Trustees Whereas, Article I, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Corporation provides, in part, that the Board of Trustees of the Corporation shall, at its meeting in January of each year, nominate one or more eligible persons to fill the vacancy of each Trustee whose term shall expire and shall submit the names of the persons so nominated to the Bishop of the Diocese for presentation to the Diocesan Convention at its annual meeting in the year in which such nominations are made; now therefore, on motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously
- 1974 New Trustees Resolved, that the following persons are hereby elected Trustees of the Corporation to fill the terms set forth opposite their respective names:
E. Thomas Williams 1975; Lawrence S. Huntington 1976; Karen Loud 1976;
W. Stevens Sheppard 1977
- 1974 New Trustees Resolved, that the election of J. Sinclair Armstrong, Trustee, is hereby ratified to serve the remainder of the term of William G. Gridley, Jr., resigned Trustee, which term will expire in 1976.
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Whereas, there is a need for periodic reapportionment of representation to the Diocesan Council from the various IPC's as the communicant membership totals increase or decrease, and

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- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Whereas, the Standing Resolution “on the organization of the Diocese” voted in December of 1969 does not contain provision for this authorization, therefore be it
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Resolved, that the Standing Resolution on the organization of the Diocese be amended with an inclusion of a new section 6 entitled “Apportionment of Representation to the Council of the Diocese.”
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1C of this resolution, the elected members’ seats on Diocesan Council shall be apportioned to the various Inter-Parish Councils on the basis of the total communicant membership of the constituent parishes of each Inter-Parish Council as follows:
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council One representative to Council for the total membership of not more than 2500 communicants
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Two representatives for a total membership of more than 2500 but not more than 5000
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Three representatives for a membership of more than 5000 but not more than 7000
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Four representatives for a membership of more than 7000 but not more than 10,000 members, and be it further
- 1974 Representation to Diocesan Council Resolved, the present section 6 be renumbered section 7.
- 1974 Emergency Fund Be it resolved, that the Church Pension Fund be requested to set aside on June 1, 1974 from 1974 income credited to the New York Pension Fund Account a sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be used to establish a Diocese of New York Emergency Fund on the books of the Church Pension Fund.
- 1974 Emergency Fund And that, by written recommendation of the Diocese of New York Committee on the Church Pension Fund grants will be made to the credit of clergy whose pension status is threatened by an emergency in the parish they serve.
- 1974 Emergency Fund And that, on June 1st of each subsequent year such money be transferred from income credited to the New York Pension Fund Account as would be necessary to restore the emergency fund to a balance of Five Thousand Dollars
- 1974 Pension Assessments Resolved: that Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning July 1, 1974 the pension assessments imposed:
- 1974 Pension Assessments 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18 per cent of such stipends and

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- 1974 Pension Assessments 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 8 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 15 per cent of the full 18 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1974 On Minimum Salaries Be it resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby adopts the following principles governing minimum salaries for all clergymen serving the Church on a full time basis in the Diocese of New York:
- 1974 On Minimum Salaries 1. That the minimum salary for said clergyman in the Diocese of New York should be at a rate of not less than \$8,500 per annum, exclusive of housing and other fringe benefits, commencing January 1, 1975
- 1974 On Minimum Salaries 2. That the Council of the Diocese of New York study the working conditions of all lay workers within this Diocese and bring before the next Convention a resolution about lay workers concerning the following: minimum wage scale; health, medical and life insurance; pension plans and other such benefits; and, finally, the establishment of procedures to insure that the rights of lay workers are enforced
- 1974 On Minimum Salaries 3. That the Secretary of Convention be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the wardens and clerks of all Parishes and Missions, and to the officers of appropriate institutions
- 1974 On Cost of Living Increases Be it resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York urges all vestries and boards of Church agencies within the Diocese to consider cost of living increases for clergy and other employees on their respective staffs at whatever time annual budgets are prepared
- 1974 Study of Salary Structure Resolved, that the Bishop appoint a special committee to undertake a thorough study of the clergy salary structure in this diocese including but not limited to the role, if any, that family size and experience in the ministry should play in the determination of salary and report on such study to the 1975 Convention
- 1974 Homosexual Civil Rights Whereas, the Bishop of New York has called for justice and equal opportunity for homosexuals, and
- 1974 Homosexual Civil Rights Whereas, the Bishop has given his support to a bill before the City Council designated as Intro 2 as an effective means toward this goal, and
- 1974 Homosexual Civil Rights Whereas, this Convention, without making any judgment on the morality of homosexuality, agrees that homosexuals are entitled to full civil rights, now therefore be it
- 1974 Homosexual Civil Rights Resolved, that this Convention support laws guaranteeing homosexuals all civil rights guaranteed to other citizens; and be it further

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- 1974 Homosexual Civil Rights Resolved, that this Convention support the City Council Bill designated as Intro 2 as an effective means toward attaining this goal in the City of New York, and instruct the Secretary of the Convention to immediately communicate this support to the President and members of the City Council
- 1974 Need for Housing Whereas, the Bishop of New York in his address has called attention to the continued need for housing; and
- 1974 Need for Housing Whereas, the rapid construction of housing to be available at moderate and low rental or purchase is high among the persistent and urgent needs of most people in our Diocese, City and Nation; and
- 1974 Need for Housing Whereas, such construction requires a combination of federal, state and municipal financial aid, cost reduction techniques, and increased involvement of the public, business and voluntary sectors; therefore be it
- 1974 Need for Housing Resolved, that this Convention calls on its members to exercise initiative and leadership designed to increase construction of new & rehabilitation of old housing in all areas of the New York Diocese and State
- 1973 Greetings to Mrs. Moore Resolved: that this Diocesan Convention send to Mrs. Moore a telegram expressing its warmest wishes of love and affection, and assurance of our continuing prayers for her and for the members of her family that she and they may continue to know the peace and joy of God which the world can neither give nor take away
- 1973 Call for Suffragan Bishop Whereas, the Bishop of the Diocese has made known to this Convention the need for an election of a second Suffragan Bishop, now therefore be it,
- 1973 Call for Suffragan Bishop Resolved: that the request of the Bishop for a second Suffragan Bishop be granted and that the Standing Committee of the Diocese be directed to request the consents of the majority of the Bishops and of the several Standing Committees as provided for in Title III, Canon 16, of the Protestant Episcopal Church entitled. "Of Suffragan Bishops." and be it further
- 1973 Call for Suffragan Bishop Resolved: that the election of a second Suffragan Bishop be held at a Special Diocesan Convention called by the Bishop pursuant to Article III of the Constitution of the Diocese at any time after the necessary consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees shall have been obtained, and be it further

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- 1973 Call for Suffragan Bishop Resolved: that the necessary steps be taken, pursuant to standing resolution adopted by the Convention of May 10, 1949, as amended by the Convention of May 10, 1955, for the appointment of a committee to be known as “The Committee for the Nomination of Bishops,” and that said committee submit its report to the Secretary of the Convention in the manner provided by Canon 3 entitled. “Of the Call of the Convention.”
- 1973 On Trustees of Estate and Property Resolved: that the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York recommend the following Trustees for election by the Convention: Mr. Lee C. Martin for a term of four years; Mr. John H. C. Pell for a term of four years.
- 1973 On Continuing Study of Reorganization Resolved: that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York be directed to continue its study of the effectiveness with which the functions and activities of the Diocese are carried on under the restructure process and report its findings and any recommendations it deems wise to the Convention of the Diocese of New York no later than 1975.
- 1973 Budget Resolved: that the 1974 assessment budget of \$1,190,000 as presented herewith be adopted
- 1973 Budget Resolved: that the Controller acting under the direction of the Council shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled “Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances” sufficient to provide \$1,165,000 to be paid in four installments on the 5th days of January, April, July, and October 1974
- 1973 Budget Resolved: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1972
- 1973 On Church Pension Fund Payments Resolved: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning July 1, 1973 the pension assessments imposed
- 1973 On Church Pension Fund Payments 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1973 On Church Pension Fund Payments 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen’s Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 14 per cent of the full 18 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies

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- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Whereas, the matters of Church unity and ecumenical relations must always have a high priority in the affairs of the Church and,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Whereas, the Church in this Diocese has been a recognized leader in this field and,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Whereas, there exists in this Diocese a commission on ecumenical affairs, appointed by the Bishop to advise him, and to engage in ecumenical activities under its own commitment, and,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Whereas, it is felt by the members of this commission that its work and influence would be more effective, if it were an organic part of this Diocese,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Therefore, he it resolved, that this 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York, create a Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, that its Chairmen and members be appointed by the Bishop, that it work under his supervision, and that it shall:
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission (1) Provide the necessary leadership in this Diocese which will lead to appropriate and cooperative relationships with other religious bodies,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission (2) represent this Diocese on all levels of ecumenical endeavors,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission (3) engage in creating, implementing, and fostering appropriate programs which are ecumenical in nature,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission (4) keep the Diocese informed of the state of the ecumenical scene,
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission (5) prepare an annual report to the convention, which shall include appropriate resolutions setting forth as specifically as possible our ecumenical commitment, and
- 1973 On the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Be it further resolved, that there be provided sufficient administrative funding for the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission to accomplish the intention of this resolution
- 1973 Marijuana Penalties Whereas, the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse has recommended (1) that possession in private of marijuana for personal use should not be considered an offense and (2) that distribution in private of small amounts of marijuana for no remuneration or insignificant remuneration not involving a profit should not be considered an offense. and

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- 1973 Marijuana Penalties Whereas, there is nevertheless sharp continued disagreement among authorities as to the harmful effects of the use of marijuana; and this Convention has no special competence to resolve that dispute, and
- 1973 Marijuana Penalties Whereas, a number of persons have been sentenced to inordinate terms for the possession and use of marijuana, and
- 1973 Marijuana Penalties Whereas, forgiveness is fundamental to the Christian doctrine of man
- 1973 Marijuana Penalties Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Diocese of New York memorialize the General Convention to call upon appropriate civil authorities to grant pardon and/or clemency to persons who are currently incarcerated for mere possession and use of marijuana
- 1973 On Amnesty and War Service Whereas, American Society must proceed to heal the wounds at home and abroad caused by the Vietnam War and to reconcile all men in the newly achieved peace, and
- 1973 On Amnesty and War Service Whereas, in the power of the Holy Spirit all Christian people must witness to the renewing of men and community through forgiveness and pardon, especially for those punished for actions based on conscientious convictions
- 1973 On Amnesty and War Service Be it therefore resolved that the Diocese of New York memorialize the General Convention to call on the appropriate civil authorities to grant amnesty to all who have refused military service in Vietnam for reason of conscience, and
- 1973 On Amnesty and War Service Be it further resolved that the Diocese of New York memorialize the General Convention to recognize and commend those who in obedience to conscience and the call of their country chose to follow the law of the land and serve in Vietnam or wherever called upon to go
- 1973 Federal Funding Whereas, the “War on Poverty” offered hope to many of the poor, and
- 1973 Federal Funding Whereas, many of the poor obtained and continue to receive both services and employment through programs sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity,
- 1973 Federal Funding Be it therefore resolved that the Diocese of New York call to the attention of the President the false economy achieved in dismantling the O.E.O. And be it further,
- 1973 Federal Funding Resolved: that the Diocese of New York urge upon Congress the necessity of retaining the O.E.O. and of continuing the funding of such programs and services as those sponsored by local Councils Against Poverty
- 1973 Death Penalty Whereas, the Diocese of New York and the General Convention of the Church have long advocated abolition of the death penalty, and

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- 1973 Death Penalty Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has declared that the death penalty as administered in the United States constitutes “cruel and unusual punishment,” and
- 1973 Death Penalty Whereas, there are presently bills in the U.S. Congress and in state legislatures that would re-establish the death penalty, seeking to circumvent the Supreme Court’s decision by mandating the death sentence in specific instances, and
- 1973 Death Penalty Whereas, no evidence is offered to indicate that persons are deterred from crime or that society is benefited by the existence and exercise of the death penalty, and
- 1973 Death Penalty Whereas, it appears that the death penalty is imposed in a spirit of vengeance, which Scripture reserves to God alone,
- 1973 Death Penalty Be it therefore resolved: that the 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York reaffirm its opposition to the death penalty for any crime; that it express its moral repugnance at efforts to revive it; and that it urge the President and the Congress, as well as the Governor and Legislature of this State, to abide by the spirit as well as the letter of the U.S. Supreme Court decision and not seek to re-introduce this “cruel and unusual punishment.”
- 1973 Advocacy Programs and Funding Whereas, over the last several decades government support for social programs in housing, welfare, education and environmental protection, among others, have come in the form of particular or “categorical” grants, and have been given by the Federal government only for clearly specified programs, and
- 1973 Advocacy Programs and Funding Whereas, legislation is pending in the Congress that would end categorical funding, and turn funds over to states and municipalities in broad areas of social concern, without strings, and
- 1973 Advocacy Programs and Funding Whereas, it is probable that funds so granted will be expended upon programs benefiting persons who are able to articulate their needs most clearly to state legislatures and municipal authorities, and
- 1973 Advocacy Programs and Funding Whereas, Our Lord, in St. Matthew 25 and elsewhere, gives to the Church an advocacy role for the poor and disenfranchised,
- 1973 Advocacy Programs and Funding Be it therefore resolved: that the 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York urge each Region and Interparish Council to develop advocacy programs, to respond to the needs of those who will suffer during the transitional period, to determine areas of need that have not been met by categorical funding, and to seek to develop community responsiveness to those needs, and be it further,

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- 1973 Advocacy Programs and Funding Resolved: that each Interparish Council be urged to report to the Diocesan Council prior to the 1974 Legislative Session on its findings of need so that the State Legislature may be pressed to take appropriate action toward solving problems that have arisen.
- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Whereas, the 187th Convention of the Diocese of New York adopted resolutions calling upon our nation to give “highest priority to the alleviation of the suffering of the poor and deprived,” and, “since we can do no less than we ask others to do,” directing church-people to do likewise, and
- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Whereas, the Bishop of New York addressed the 188th Convention of this Diocese in these words: “This is the burden of the charge that I lay upon you even as I’ve already laid it upon myself. I urge you to face the urban crisis and all that it means as a priority commitment of time, talent, energy and money. I ask you to accept the sacrifices that will be required of us. But most important of all, I beg you to enter into the difficult and painful process of reassessing and changing the attitudes that individually and corporately comprise the racism from which all of us suffer” and
- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Whereas, the Bishop of New York addressed the 193rd Convention of this Diocese on this still critical issue; “Racism still binds our churches too. How? What of the distribution of resources? Presumably we are one body, yet those whose work is hardest are given the least to work with. We must redress this inequity of resources.” and
- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Whereas, the Designated Funding Program of the Diocese in this third year of operation, while achieving great results toward the goal of increasing the participation of all the people of this great diocese in the vital life of their church at every level, has also in fact produced an intolerable drop in the share of church resources directed to areas of greatest need, directly contradicting the historic positions of this Convention and the views expressed by the Bishops of New York. and
- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Whereas, there is abroad in the land an increasing mood of impatience with and turning aside from the problems of the poor, the deprived, and the oppressed, and the cities in which they are forced to live, which mood is endorsed and exploited by political leaders at all levels,
- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Therefore be it resolved: that the 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York reaffirm the commitment of this Diocese to give highest priority to the urban poor, the rural poor, migrant workers, the deprived, and the oppressed in our urban ghettos and wherever they may be, and call upon the Bishop, the Council, and all IPC’s to support and promote this priority, and be it further,

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- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Resolved: that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York shall evaluate the effectiveness of the funding program of the Diocese and report its findings and any recommendations it deems wise to the Convention of the Diocese of New York in 1974, and be it further
- 1973 On Ministry in Deprived Areas & Designated Funding Resolved: that this Convention call upon all church people to shun selfish indifference, to face squarely, with the help of God and one another, the vast problems besetting the deprived and oppressed, and to demand political leaders do the same, that the congregation of God's poor be not forgotten.
- 1973 On Reform of Housing Legislation Whereas, by enacting the vacancy decontrol law and the maximum base rent law the New York State Legislature and the New York City Council have acquiesced in the notion that with sufficient profit landlords will stop abandoning slum buildings and will provide decent living conditions for tenants, and
- 1973 On Reform of Housing Legislation Whereas, the rate of landlord abandonment has continued apace in slum areas, and tenants have been forced to pay rent increases for subhuman living conditions, with no improvement in sight, and
- 1973 On Reform of Housing Legislation Whereas, the real estate interests have well supported representation at every level of government, from the Governor to the building inspector, but the poor have none to speak for them, be it therefore
- 1973 On Reform of Housing Legislation Resolved: that the 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York call upon the New York State Legislature and the New York City Council to repeal the Vacancy Decontrol Law and the Maximum Base Rent Law, and to develop legislation that will provide for orderly increases in rent related to orderly and confirmed increases in services to tenants, as well as being related to increases in costs and profits. and be it further
- 1973 On Reform of Housing Legislation Resolved: that this Convention declare its support for City and State programs that make possible tenant ownership and management of buildings in slum areas.
- 1973 Proportional Representation at General Convention Resolved: that the 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize General Convention that Diocesan Deputy strength should be determined on the basis of proportional representation.
- 1973 On Representation of Minorities Whereas, this meeting of the 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York continues to reflect the exclusion of minorities from visible leadership when in plenary session; and
- 1973 On Representation of Minorities Whereas, this traditional exclusionary policy equally applies to other minority members of the Episcopal Diocese; women for example; and

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- 1973 On Representation of Minorities Whereas, this visible exclusion from leadership of this Convention in session maintains in a world crying and agonizing for unity the image of the Church as racially divided and exclusionary, alienating those affected by racial exclusion especially the youth and arousing anger, despair, distrust and frustration, breaking the desperately needed flow of the healing love of Christ in our Church and country:
- 1973 On Representation of Minorities Therefore be it resolved: that this 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York recognizes that this corruption of our corporate life requires immediate correction through election and appointment of general officers, clergy and lay, who will have appropriate roles in the visible conduct and administration of this Convention when in session
- 1973 On Federal Aid to Social Services and Institutions Whereas, the Bishop of New York has expressed his concern at Presidential cutbacks in Federal aid to social services and institutions, and
- 1973 On Federal Aid to Social Services and Institutions Whereas, the Church has historically been a guardian of the poor and oppressed, as well as a keeper of much of the intellectual and spiritual heritage of Western mankind
- 1973 On Federal Aid to Social Services and Institutions Therefore be it resolved: that this 194th Convention of the Diocese of New York go on record as opposing President Nixon's cutbacks to social services in this nation, with particular emphasis on the cutbacks in funding to libraries, hospitals, and other educational institutions
- 1972 Delinquent Parochial Reports Resolved that parishes and missions which forfeited their connection with the Convention for failure to file their 1969 parochial reports by April 1, 1970 or their 1970 report by April 1, 1971 but which have since filed them be readmitted into union with the Convention
- 1972 Delinquent Audits Whereas, St. John's, Larchmont; St. Paul's, New Rochelle; Holy Trinity, East 88th Street, Manhattan; and Holyrood, Manhattan, have not filed audited statements for 1970 as required by Section 3 of Canon 20 as interpreted by a standing resolution adopted by the Convention of May 11, 1948; and
- 1972 Delinquent Audits Whereas, due to circumstances beyond their control, these churches have been advised by their auditors that an undue expense would be incurred to reconstruct their figures for 1970; and
- 1972 Delinquent Audits Whereas, the Convention has been advised that audited statements have been filed or will be filed for 1971,
- 1972 Delinquent Audits Be it resolved: that it appears just that under such circumstances audited statements for these churches for 1970 be waived, and be it further

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- 1972 Delinquent Audits Resolved: that pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of Canon 20, St. John's, Larchmont; St. Paul's, New Rochelle; Holy Trinity, East 88th Street, Manhattan; and Holyrood, Manhattan are hereby readmitted to convention and their respective delegates are hereby seated in this convention."
- 1972 Special Resolution Whereas, the Right Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan has given creative, courageous and loving leadership to the Diocese of New York for nearly 25 years as Suffragan, Coadjutor and Diocesan, and
- 1972 Special Resolution Whereas, Bishop Donegan's retirement took effect on May 1st and his 72nd birthday will occur May 17,
- 1972 Special Resolution Therefore be it resolved that the 193rd Convention of the Diocese of New York send birthday greetings to Bishop Donegan and express its deep thanks to him and almighty God for his episcopate, assuring him of our ever continuing gratitude and affection
- 1972 Budget I. Resolved: that the 1973 assessment budget of \$990,000 as presented herewith be adopted
- 1972 Budget II. Resolved: that the Controllor acting under the direction of the Council shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$1,000,000 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1973
- 1972 Budget III. Resolved: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1971.
- 1972 On Church Pension Fund Payments IV. Resolved: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1972 the pension assessments imposed:
- 1972 On Church Pension Fund Payments 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 18 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1972 On Church Pension Fund Payments 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 15 per cent of the full 18 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies

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- 1972 Canon of Diocesan Commissions on Ministry Whereas: The General Convention of 1970 adopted a new Canon of Diocesan Commissions on Ministry (Title III, Canon 1) replacing the former Canon (31) Of a Board of Examining Chaplains. It is proposed to amend our Diocesan Canons to bring them into consonance with the General Canons
- 1972 Canon of Diocesan Commissions on Ministry V. Resolved: that Canon 15 (Of the Board of Examining Chaplains) be deleted
- 1972 Canon of Diocesan Commissions on Ministry VI. Be it further resolved: that all subsequent canons be renumbered
- 1972 Canon of Diocesan Commissions on Ministry VII. And be it further resolved: that Canon 22 (to be renumbered 21) be amended to read (*see journal*)
- 1972 On Clergy Minimum Salaries Whereas, the 192nd Convention of the Diocese of New York established a minimum salary for all clergy working in the Diocese; and, further,
- 1972 On Clergy Minimum Salaries Whereas, there are several clergy working within this Diocese who are not receiving the stated minimum
- 1972 On Clergy Minimum Salaries X. Therefore be it resolved that the Ministries Commission of the Diocese of New York be directed by this Convention to survey annually the salaries of clergy, to investigate failures to reach the established Diocesan canonical minimum, and to propose means of correction to the parties involved
- 1972 On Clergy Minimum Salaries XI. Be it resolved that the minimum salary of all clergy working within the Diocese of New York be increased annually in accordance with the Cost of Living Index as determined by the United States Department of Labor; that this information be disseminated annually to all relevant institutions within the Diocese.
- 1972 Unemployed clergy benefits Whereas, there exists a surplus of clergy over available positions, so that a growing number of clergy are without cures, and unemployed clergy are ineligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits; and
- 1972 Unemployed clergy benefits Whereas, the Church Pension Fund requires payment of premiums for unemployed clergy

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- 1972 Unemployed clergy benefits XII. Therefore be it resolved that this Convention directs the Ministries Commission and the Committee of the Church Pension Fund to investigate the possibility of clergy qualifying for benefits under State Unemployment Laws, or to propose legislation through appropriate channels to establish such benefits for unemployed clergy; and to propose means of paying pension premiums for unemployed clergy.
- 1972 Urge Amending the NYS Religious Corp. Law Whereas, discrimination based on sex is contrary to the public policy of the State of New York and the United States, as evidenced by statutes and court interpretation of the statutes, and
- 1972 Urge Amending the NYS Religious Corp. Law Whereas, it is increasingly evident that the inclusion of women at decision-making levels of this Church is far less than is warranted by their numbers, their participation in program, and their monetary support of this Church, and
- 1972 Urge Amending the NYS Religious Corp. Law Whereas, the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York declares that male persons shall be the qualified voters at parish meetings and that male persons shall be eligible for election as church-wardens and vestrymen, therefore, be it
- 1972 Urge Amending the NYS Religious Corp. Law XIII. Resolved: that the Episcopal Diocese of New York, meeting here in Convention, call upon the Legislature of this State to delete the word "male" from Article 3, Section 43, sub-sections 6 and 7. And, in sub-section 6, to place a period after the words "special meeting" and omit the ensuing language: "and also, whenever so permitted by the canons of the diocese, women having the like qualifications may vote at the annual election and special meetings of any parish of such diocese, whenever such parish shall so determine the manner provided in section forty-six of this charter"
- 1972 Urge Amending the NYS Religious Corp. Law And in sub-section 7, omit the following: "Women having the like qualifications shall be eligible for election as churchwardens and vestrymen in any parish whenever so permitted by the canons of the diocese, whenever such parish shall so determine in the manner provided in section forty-six of this chapter." And be it further
- 1972 Urge Amending the NYS Religious Corp. Law XIV. Resolved: that in Section 4,. Meeting for incorporation the words "Only men" be eliminated and in their place be substituted the word "Persons." And be it further
- 1972 Urge Amending the NYS Religious Corp. Law XV. Resolved: that this Diocese call upon the other Episcopal Dioceses of this State to join us in urging the Legislature to amend accordingly
- 1972 Report On Non-Public School Student Aid Whereas, pursuant to a resolution of the 1971 Convention of the Diocese the Bishop has appointed a committee to study the subject of economic assistance to pupils attending non-public schools; and

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- 1972 Report On Non-Public School Student Aid Whereas, such committee has commenced its work, and is in the course of preparing its recommendations, be it therefore
- 1972 Report On Non-Public School Student Aid XVI. Resolved: that the committee heretofore appointed by the Bishop to study the subject of economic assistance to pupils attending nonpublic schools be directed to report to the 1973 Convention of the Diocese with recommendations supported by adequate background material.
- 1972 Urge Ordination of Women: General Convention Whereas, a primary concern of our time is the recognition of the unique contribution of each person as a child of God regardless of differences of race, nationality, creed or sex, and
- 1972 Urge Ordination of Women: General Convention Whereas, the Church, as the Body of Christ, is made up of all persons, “Jew and Greek, slave and freeman, male and female,” baptized in His Name, and
- 1972 Urge Ordination of Women: General Convention Whereas, We, as members of Christ share His priesthood regardless of sex
- 1972 Urge Ordination of Women: General Convention XVIII. Be it therefore resolved: that the convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize the General Convention to make the necessary canonical changes to allow the ordination of women to the priesthood
- 1971 Lay Representation to Convention Whereas, the Constitution of this Convention as adopted October 11, 1796, and amended by subsequent Convention states “The Convention shall consist of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor (if there be one), the Suffragan Bishops (if there be one or more) of the Diocese and of Clerical and Lay Members” and
- 1971 Lay Representation to Convention Whereas, the Lay members of Convention are required to vote by delegation, thus denying each member one vote and
- 1971 Lay Representation to Convention Whereas, congregations in this Diocese in Union with the Convention, should be equitably represented in Convention in approximate proportion to their active communicant-in-good-standing membership, be it therefore
- 1971 Lay Representation to Convention I. Resolved (*effective at the close of this convention*): That Article IV, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows: “The lay members shall be delegates from the several Parishes, Chapels and Missions in union with Convention, not exceeding five from any congregation, and the number of lay delegates to be elected by such Parish, Chapel or Mission shall be in proportion to the total active communicant-in-good-standing membership listed in the latest annual parochial report according to the following formula:

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- 1971 Lay Representation to Convention One delegate for the first 250
Two delegates for more than 250 but not more than 500
Three delegates for more than 500 but not more than 1,000
Four delegates for more than 1,000 but not more than 2,000
Five delegates if above 2,000 communicants in good standing, and be it further
- 1971 Lay Representation to Convention II. Resolved (*effective at the close of this convention*): That the third sentence of Paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: “When votes are taken by orders, each lay delegate from the several Parishes, Missions and Parochial Chapels shall be entitled to one vote.”; and be it further
- 1971 Lay Representation to Convention III. Resolved(*effective immediately*) : that for purposes of interpreting Article 4 paragraph 3 of the Constitution of this Diocese that each chapel of Trinity Parish in the City of New York be considered in the same way as “a parish receiving regular assistance from the missionary funds of this Diocese or an organized mission, and that the several congregations of the said Trinity Parish in the City of New York, using methods devised by each, shall be entitled to elect lay delegates to this Convention.”
- 1971 On Voting Qualifications of Clergy Whereas, pursuant to a resolution of the 189th Convention of the Diocese, the Bishop has appointed a committee to study the matter of qualifications of clergy entitled to vote in the Diocesan Convention, and
- 1971 On Voting Qualifications of Clergy Whereas, this committee recommends that the qualifications of Clerical Members of the Convention as set forth in Article IV of the Constitution (Paragraph 2) be simplified and clarified, therefore, be it
- 1971 On Voting Qualifications of Clergy IV. Resolved (*effective immediately*): that Paragraph 2 of Article IV of the Constitution be amended as follows:
The Clerical Members shall be those Clergymen who shall be canonically resident and ministering within the Diocese.
- 1971 2/3 majority requirement Resolved: that the convention impose upon itself a requirement that resolutions V through VII in the Calendar of Business be adopted by a 2/3 majority in both orders
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget Whereas, it has been recognized that this Diocese needs to examine its methods and objectives in raising funds for the Diocesan Budget and for other purposes; and

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- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget Whereas, a report giving the results of such an examination and proposing a new financial program for the Diocese has been presented to the Convention; and
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget Whereas, this Convention desires to implement, beginning with the calendar year 1972 that portion of the funding program proposed in the said report relating to the Assessment Budget, subject to any modifications of the program made by the Convention prior to its becoming effective; therefore be it
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget V. Resolved: that the funding program of the Diocese relating to the Assessment Budget of the Diocese of New York be hereafter carried on under the provisions of the Canons of the Diocese of New York as provided and supplemented by this resolution:
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget (a) Submission of Budget to Convention: The Council of the Diocese of New York (hereinafter referred to as the "Diocesan Council") shall submit to the Convention at each annual meeting thereof a single budget of Diocesan expenditures to be funded by the Assessment during the following calendar year (hereinafter referred to as the "Budget Year"). This budget shall include the estimated requirements for the support of the Episcopate and the diocesan expense fund, the estimated base support for congregations, the amount determined by the Diocesan Council to be the base contribution to the budget of the Executive Council, and the estimated requirements for any other specified purposes
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget The Convention, upon the consideration of the budget, may approve, reject or modify it, and shall make its appropriations accordingly.
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget The Diocesan Council shall have the power to adjust the budget if it determines that the funds to be received during the Budget Year will be insufficient to meet the budget approved by the Convention or if it determines that the funds appropriated in the budget for any purposes are in excess of the amount required to accomplish the purposes of the appropriation, provided, however, that all such adjustments shall be reported to the Convention, at its annual meeting during the Budget Year, for the Convention's approval, modification or rejection

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- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget (b) Parish's Apportioned Share: The Controller, acting under the direction of the Diocesan Council, shall compute annually the share of the Assessment to be paid by each Parish, Mission or Congregation of the Diocese (hereinafter referred to as "Parishes") in accordance with the formula determined by the Diocesan Council and approved by the Convention, and shall inform each Parish of the amount of its share of the Assessment (hereinafter referred to as its "Apportioned Share") prior to August 1 of the year preceding the Budget Year (hereinafter referred to as the "Preceding Year"). Each Parish shall inform the Controller of its acceptance of its Apportioned Share prior to October 1 of the Preceding Year, unless it desires an adjustment hearing in accordance with Section (c) hereof
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget (c) Adjustment and Appeal Procedure: Each Parish that desires its Apportioned Share to be reduced must request an adjustment hearing prior to October 1 of the Preceding Year. The Adjustment Board, which shall be a committee of the Diocesan Council appointed by the Bishop, shall conduct all adjustment hearings, and may affirm or reduce the Apportioned Share payable by any Parish requesting a hearing. The Adjustment Board shall inform each Parish requesting a hearing of its final decision by November 1 of the Preceding Year. If no decision has been reached by such date, such Parish's Adjusted Share shall be deemed to have been affirmed by the Adjustment Board
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget Any Parish may appeal the decision of the Adjustment Board to the Standing Committee, which may affirm or modify any decision of the Adjustment Board, provided that the appeal to the Standing Committee and the final resolution thereof must be made prior to December 1 of the Preceding Year.
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget If during the Budget Year any Parish believes that it will be unable to pay in full its Apportioned Share, or if after the close of the Budget Year any Parish has failed to pay in full its Apportioned Share, such Parish may appeal to the Adjustment Board for a reduction of its Apportioned Share; provided, however, that each Parish shall be entitled to only one such appeal to the Adjustment Board with respect to its Apportioned Share for the Budget Year. The Adjustment Board may affirm or reduce such Parish's Apportioned Share, and any decision of the Adjustment Board may be appealed to the Standing Committee, which may affirm or modify such decision
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget (d) Payment: Each Parish's Apportioned Share shall be paid in four equal installments, on the fifth days of January, April, July and October, and it shall be the duty of the Controller to attend to the collection thereof.

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- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget e) Penalty: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report to the Bishop all Parishes that have not paid in full any payment required by Section (d) hereof. The Bishop shall report each Parish that has not paid in full its Adjusted Share for the Budget Year to the Annual Convention in the year following the Budget Year. Any Parish that has not paid its full Apportioned Share for one Budget Year shall be denied any vote in Convention and any Parish that has not paid its full Apportioned Share for two Budget Years (whether or not consecutive) shall thereby forfeit its connection with the Convention and shall no longer have the right to send Delegates to it, until its unpaid Apportioned Shares shall have been paid in full
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Assessment Budget (f) Effective Date: The Assessment Budget for the Budget Year 1972 and thereafter shall be prepared and funded in accordance with this Standing Resolution, provided, however, that the provisions of Section (d) hereof that impose the denial of any Parish's vote in Convention and the forfeiture of any Parish's connection with the Convention shall not take into account any default in payment of such Parish's apportioned share for the Budget Year 1972.
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Designated Funding Program Whereas, the funding program proposed in the report submitted to this Convention does not contemplate that any program financing will be raised by the Assessment Budget; and
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Designated Funding Program Whereas, this Convention desires to implement, beginning with the calendar year 1972 that portion of the funding program proposed in the said report relating to the funding of strategic program priorities by designated funding, subject to any modifications of the program made by the Convention prior to its becoming effective: therefore be it
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Designated Funding Program VI. Resolved: that each Parish, Mission and Congregation of the Diocese be encouraged to contribute toward the funding of priority programs in accordance with this resolution:
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Designated Funding Program (a) Program Development: The Bishop and his staff shall be responsible for the development of program opportunities on the Diocesan, Regional and Inter-parish Council levels, and shall determine from the Executive Council the National program opportunities to be presented to this Diocese for designated funding
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Designated Funding Program b) Priority, Policy and Procedure: The Diocesan Council shall determine the procedures to be followed with respect to designated funding, and shall be responsible for the identification of priority program areas, for the establishment of funding policies, and for publishing to each Parish, Mission and Congregation the program opportunities and the priorities for designated funding
- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Designated Funding Program (c) Each Parish, Mission & Congregation of the Diocese shall determine the program opportunities to be contributed to by it, in accordance with the procedures and policies established by the Diocesan Council.

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- 1971 Standing Resolution on the Designated Funding Program (d) Effective Date: The designated funding program created by this Resolution shall be effective for the Budget Year 1972 and thereafter.
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share Whereas, the Standing Resolution adopted by this Convention entitled “On the Assessment Budget of the Diocese” states that the Apportioned Share of each Parish shall be computed in accordance with the formula determined by the Diocesan Council and approved by the Convention; and
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share Whereas, the Diocesan Council has presented the following formula to the Convention for its approval; therefore be it
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share VII. Resolved: that pursuant to the Standing Resolution adopted by this Convention entitled “On the Assessment Budget of the Diocese” this Convention approves the following formula for the computation of each Parish’s Apportioned Share for the Budget Year 1972 and thereafter:
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share (a) Formula - (1) The Controller shall compute for each Parish the amount derived by applying the following graduated rate to the Total Receipts for Local Support, for the calendar year preceding Convention at which the budget is adopted (hereinafter referred to as the “Report Year”), as reported in the Parochial Report of such Parish. The graduated rate to be applied is:
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share 1% of the first \$5,000, plus; 3% of the second \$5,000, plus; 5% of the third \$5,000, plus; 10% of the fourth \$5,000, plus; 15% of all amounts in excess of \$20,000
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share (2) The Controller shall compute for each Parish the amount derived by multiplying the sum of \$2.00 by the number of Communicants in Good Standing of such Parish as reported in the Parochial Report of such Parish for the Report Year.
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share (3) The Controller shall compute for each Parish the sum of the amount computed in accordance with Subsection (1) hereof and the amount computed in accordance with Subsection (2) hereof
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share (4) The Controller shall aggregate the amounts computed in accordance with Subsection (3) hereof for all Parishes, and shall divide such aggregate amount into the total required to be raised by the Assessment for the Budget Year.
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share (5) The quotient computed in accordance with Subsection (4) hereof shall be multiplied by the sum for each Parish computed in accordance with Subsection (3) hereof, and the resulting product shall be such Parish’s Apportioned Share

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- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share (b) Negotiated Share: Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the share of the Assessment to be paid by each Parish whose Total Receipts for Local Support for the Report Year exceed the sum of \$1,000,000 shall be an amount agreed upon by such Parish and the Diocesan Council, provided, however, that each such Parish's share shall exceed the amount computed in accordance with the formula set forth in this resolution for a Parish with Total Receipts for Local Support of \$1,000,000.
- 1971 On the Formula for Computing the Apportioned Share (c) Definitions: All terms defined in the said Standing Resolution entitled "On the Assessment Budget of the Diocese" shall have the same meaning in this resolution
- 1971 On Evaluation of the EDNY Funding Program VIII. Resolved: that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York shall evaluate the effectiveness of the funding program of the Diocese as carried out under the resolutions passed by this Convention, and report its findings and any recommendations it deems wise to a Convention of the Diocese of New York no earlier than 1974 and no later than 1976
- 1971 Budget XII. Resolved: that the 1972 budget of the Diocese in the amount of \$1,932,000 as presented herewith be adopted.
- 1971 Budget XIII. Resolved: that the Controller acting under the direction of the Council shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2(1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$1,000,000 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1972
- 1971 Budget XIV. Resolved: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1970.
- 1971 On Minimum Clergy Salaries XV. Resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby adopts the following principles concerning minimum salaries for all clergymen serving the Church on a full time basis in the Diocese of New York:
- 1971 On Minimum Clergy Salaries 1. That the minimum salary for said clergymen in the Diocese of New York should be at a rate of not less than \$7,500 per annum, exclusive of housing and other fringe benefits, commencing July 1, 1971
- 1971 On Minimum Clergy Salaries 2. That if adopted by Convention, the Secretary of Convention be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the wardens and clerks of all Parishes and Missions, and to the officers of appropriate institutions, and be it further

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- 1971 On Minimum Clergy Salaries XVI. Resolved: that this Convention urges vestries to consider seriously an increase in clergy stipends to meet current rising costs in order to preserve their clergy from serious harassment and financial insecurity, special consideration being given to those clergy who, while at or above the diocesan minimum, have not had any cost of living increase for several years.
- 1971 On the Vietnam War Whereas, the concern for peace is prominent in the minds and prayers of all Christians, and
- 1971 On the Vietnam War Whereas, this concern was expressed in the meetings of the congregation of Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall Street, New York City, in connection with the election of delegates from the congregation to the Diocesan Convention, the following resolution was adopted by those members present at such a meeting held in Trinity Church on Sunday, March 21, 1971.
- 1971 On the Vietnam War XVII. Be it resolved: that in the interest of peace, the annual Convention of the Diocese of New York, meeting in the City of New York on May 11, 1971, calls for increased effort on the part of all belligerents in Southeast Asia to end the conflict in that area without delay, and, for the accomplishment of this end calls upon all governments responsible for contributing to the conflict to cease activities construable as escalation and to promptly withdraw from the territory of the Republic of South Vietnam, and
- 1971 On the Vietnam War XVIII. Be it further resolved: that a copy of this resolution be sent to the heads of all governments actively involved in that conflict.
- 1971 On Vietnam War Victims Whereas, the suffering of the victims of the war in Vietnam is an agonizing concern of all Christians and,
- 1971 On Vietnam War Victims Whereas, this concern was expressed in the meeting of the congregation of Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall Street, New York City, in connection with the election of delegates from the congregation to the Diocesan Convention, the following resolution was adopted by those members present at such a meeting held in Trinity Church on Sunday, March 21, 1971
- 1971 On Vietnam War Victims XIX. Therefore be it resolved: that to symbolize our concern for the innocent, maimed victims of this tragic war, and as a tangible evidence of our grief, this Convention of the Diocese of New York, meeting in the City of New York on May 11, 1971, petitions the Bishop to designate a particular Sunday upon which the offerings received on that day be equally divided between orphanages in all Vietnam, such orphanages to be selected by the Bishop or by some person designated to act for him
- 1971 On Women in the Clergy Whereas, the dignity of all human beings is a matter of Christian concern and

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- 1971 On Women in the Clergy Whereas, this concern was expressed in the meetings of the congregation of Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall Street, New York City, in connection with the election of delegates from the congregation to the Diocesan Convention, the following resolution was adopted by those members present at such a meeting held in Trinity Church on Sunday, March 21, 1971
- 1971 On Women in the Clergy XX. Be it resolved: that the Church should repudiate all forms of discrimination against women, and actively recruit, enroll and help provide financial aid to women theological students and,
- 1971 On Women in the Clergy XXI. Be it further resolved: that the Church should seek to provide equal placement for women in its ministry and in other positions of leadership, in accordance with the canons of General Convention.
- 1971 On Women in the Clergy Adoption was moved, seconded and after a brisk discussion the vote was taken by orders. It was carried with a vote as follows:
For Against - 154 Clergy 77 - 90 Lay 86
- 1971 Salary Disclosure Whereas, there is growing concern that the financial affairs of religious institutions become a matter of public record and
- 1971 Salary Disclosure Whereas, this Diocese in its Resolution on "Taxation of Religious Institutions" endorsed in principle full disclosure of matters financial and
- 1971 Salary Disclosure Whereas, persons in responsible positions in many other sectors of society give full disclosure of income and
- 1971 Salary Disclosure Whereas, neighboring dioceses...make available this information and
- 1971 Salary Disclosure Whereas, disclosure of such information may enhance the spirit of open, shared ministry committed to the service of our Lord, therefore be it
- 1971 Salary Disclosure XXII. Resolved: that the salaries paid by the Church to each individual listed in the Journal of Convention be reported by title annually in the said Journal of Convention of the Diocese (with due notation as to the provision of housing, utilities and automobile).
- 1971 On Letters of Agreement Whereas, in the working relationship of a clergyman with the congregation he serves it is desirable to prevent misunderstandings involving job description, evaluation, compensation, benefits and expenses; and
- 1971 On Letters of Agreement Whereas, a "Letter of Agreement" is an effective means of avoiding ambiguous relationships relating to service and helps to develop trust and understanding between all parties; and
- 1971 On Letters of Agreement Whereas, it is helpful to have available a commonly established procedure for arriving at an agreement in such matters either at the time of a clergyman's appointment or on a continuing basis during his period of service, therefore be it

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- 1971 On Letters of Agreement XXIII. Resolved: 1. The Ministries Commission shall be instructed to draw up a model "Form" or "Letter of Agreement" applicable to the service of clergy in all positions within the Diocese of New York, including part-time or non-stipendiary situations.
- 1971 On Letters of Agreement 2. The model Letter of Agreement shall include provisions for the following:
(a) Procedure for setting goals, clarifying issues, and evaluating the clergyman's performance.
(b) Specify the form and amount of the clergyman's compensation, expenses paid by the Church, periods of "Leave Time," and set policy relating to "honoraria" and the use of Church facilities as indicated by Canon.
(c) Continuing periodic revision during the clergyman's term of service.
- 1971 On Letters of Agreement 3. The model Letter of Agreement shall be distributed to all clergy and vestries of the Diocese of New York before January 1, 1972.
- 1971 On Letters of Agreement The Committee on Miscellaneous Business recommended that Resolution XXIII be referred to the Diocesan Council for action, in the hope that it would be sent to the Ministries Commission for consideration. Debate led the Convention to reject the Committee's report. The Bishop then called for a vote on the amendment. It was moved, seconded and carried that the amendment be adopted
- 1971 Economic Assistance to Pupils Attending Non-public Schools After a general discussion a motion was made that Resolutions XXIV and XXV be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Bishop and brought before the Convention of 1972, and that said committee be funded as deemed necessary by the Bishop. It was seconded and carried.
- 1971 On Economic Assistance to Private Schools Whereas, since the inclusion of Article XI, Section 3 in the State Constitution there has been a clear and unequivocal prohibition against providing religious and sectarian schools with public monies for anything except examination or inspection, and the transportation of children; and
- 1971 On Economic Assistance to Private Schools Whereas, this prohibition, embodied in Article XI, Section 3 of the State Constitution is essential to the general policy of separation of church and state; now therefore let it be
- 1971 On Economic Assistance to Private Schools XXVI. Resolved, that the Convention of the Diocese of New York believes that the State of New York should retain the sound and historical principle contained in its Constitution in Article XI, Section 3, which is that none but public schools should be supported with public monies; and be it further
- 1971 On Economic Assistance to Private Schools XXVII. Resolved, that the Convention of the Diocese of New York believes that Article XI, Section 3 of the New York State Constitution should not now be repealed.

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- 1971 On the Study of Taxation Religious Institutions Whereas, religious institutions including the Episcopal Church are the subject of various forms of tax exemption provided by federal, state and local governments,
- 1971 On the Study of Taxation Religious Institutions Whereas, the public has a legitimate interest in knowing the financial extent of such exemptions, and
- 1971 On the Study of Taxation Religious Institutions Whereas, this Diocese believes that public disclosure of financial information by religious institutions is justified as a matter of public policy and would if uniformly required assist the Church in assessing its financial strength and evaluating its stewardship of the properties and funds entrusted to it
- 1971 On the Study of Taxation Religious Institutions XXVIII. Resolved, that this Diocese acting in convention hereby expresses its willingness to file, and to have its parochial and nonparochial organizations also file, financial reports with the appropriate federal, state and local governments setting forth financial information as to the properties and income of the reporting organizations in a manner and to an extent similar to that required of other tax exempt institutions not religious in nature, and be it further
- 1971 On the Study of Taxation Religious Institutions XXIX. Resolved, that this Diocese, believing that the filing of such reports for the purpose of making such information public would not result in a constitutionally prohibited entanglement of government in the affairs of religious bodies, recommends that legislation be passed making the filing of such reports mandatory by all tax exempt organizations
- 1971 The Committee to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Whereas, the Committee for the Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions was formed in 1968 to study the subject of tax exemptions afforded to religious institutions and to report its recommendation, together with background material to the Convention of this Diocese; and
- 1971 The Committee to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Whereas, the Committee has compiled appropriate background material and has reported it, together with recommendations of the Committee, to the Convention of the Diocese in 1970 and 1971; and
- 1971 The Committee to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Whereas, the 1970 Convention of the Diocese resolved that the 63rd General Convention be memorialized to request all Dioceses to adopt resolutions similar to those resolutions adopted by that Convention, and such resolutions were referred to the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs; and
- 1971 The Committee to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Whereas, the 63rd General Convention directed the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs to gather, collate, expand and complete studies with respect to the tax exempt laws of the Federal Government and of the several States; it is hereby

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- 1971 The Committee to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions XXX. Resolved, that the Committee for the Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions make available to the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs such information and material relevant to the tax exemption laws relating to churches or other religious institutions as it has compiled and deems pertinent and to make such recommendations as have been authorized by this or prior Conventions of the Diocese; and further
- 1971 The Committee to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions XXXI. Resolved, that, after complying with the foregoing resolution, the members of the Committee for the Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions, having accomplished the purpose for which the Committee was formed, be discharged from their duties, subject to recall at the pleasure of the Bishop.
- 1971 On Bail Whereas, the 185th Convention of the Diocese of 1965 noted the unnecessary and costly imprisonment of many accused persons awaiting trial, who are imprisoned solely because they are too poor to raise bail, and called for a serious study of the desirability and practicability of releasing without bail, and
- 1971 On Bail Whereas, such studies have been made and have confirmed the general opinion of penologists that release on recognizance or other non-monetary conditions are just as effective as bail in serving its only purpose, that of assuring the appearance of the accused as required; therefore be it
- 1971 On Bail XXXIV. Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of New York calls for a revision of the practices relating to bail to assure that all persons, regardless of their financial status, will receive equal treatment, and be it further
- 1971 On Bail XXXV. Resolved, that we support the revision of the Criminal Code which would promote the practice of releasing without bail all accused persons except when a clear and present danger to the community exists, and be it further
- 1971 On Bail XXXVI. Resolved, that we call for a speedy trial for those detained
- 1971 On Courts and Prisons Whereas, we find the courts in New York state are so overcrowded and understaffed that justice is at least delayed if not denied, and
- 1971 On Courts and Prisons Whereas, we find that the conditions in our prisons undermine the physical and psychological health of the prisoners, and
- 1971 On Courts and Prisons Whereas, we find that the opportunities for rehabilitation within our prisons are woefully inadequate, therefore be it
- 1971 On Courts and Prisons XXXVII. Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of New York urge immediate administrative and legislative action to alleviate the understaffed and overcrowded conditions of our courts and prisons, and be it further

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- 1971 On Courts and Prisons XXXVIII. Resolved, that we support increased appropriations for rehabilitation services to prepare the prisoner to re-enter society, such as educational projects aimed at making all inmates at least functionally literate
- 1971 On the Committee on Minority Unrest Whereas, the Committee on Minority Unrest was established by the Convention of the Diocese in 1969, in response to particular needs and pressures of the moment, and
- 1971 On the Committee on Minority Unrest Whereas, that Committee has to the best of its ability responded to that challenge, especially in relation to the General Convention of 1970, therefore be it
- 1971 On the Committee on Minority Unrest XXXIX. Resolved, that the Committee on Minority Unrest be dissolved, and be it further
- 1971 On the Committee on Minority Unrest XL. Resolved, that the Bishop be urged to form a new body with a mandate and function more appropriate to rapidly changing challenges and structures.
- 1971 On NYC Housing Whereas, new housing, sponsored by one of our member parishes, was illegally occupied recently by welfare families to protest intolerable living conditions in welfare hotels and focus public attention on one area of the much greater housing crisis which obtains in the City of New York; and
- 1971 On NYC Housing Whereas, the lack of positive, compassionate leadership on the part of the city administration in resolving the issue forthrightly has caused the illegal occupancy of church sponsored housing and subsequent 'live-ins' in church buildings to occur; and
- 1971 On NYC Housing Whereas, the whole area of housing is subject to many actions on the part of the city administration which compounds and makes more acute, the housing crisis in the City of New York and; this lack of positive leadership works a severe housing hardship on the poor and disadvantaged who make up the majority of parishioners in the Manhattan North Inter-Parish Council service area, as well as many other Inter-Parish Councils in the Diocese of New York; therefore be it
- 1971 On NYC Housing XLI. Resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby direct that the following actions be taken to bring the moral concern of the institutional church to bear on the issue and work for its resolution
- 1971 On NYC Housing 1. That the Mayor be requested to declare an emergency housing crisis in the City of New York
- 1971 On NYC Housing 2. That the Mayor declare a moratorium on the demolition of sound housing structures as long as a housing crisis exists
- 1971 On NYC Housing 3. That these sound housing structures be made available to public and private groups for rehabilitation through city foreclosure of its tax liens on property abandoned since 1965.

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- 1971 On NYC Housing 4. That the Mayor take the initiative to have the necessary laws passed to require foreclosure proceedings after only one year (instead of four) in order to increase the availability of the abandoned units for rehabilitation
- 1971 On NYC Housing 5. That the Mayor, through the appropriate city agency, strongly endorse the use of the Municipal Loan Program by groups such as the Urban Coalition with its Relocation Assistance Project so that rehabilitation could proceed quickly on a non-profit basis to help alleviate the suffering of the ill-housed
- 1971 Church Pension Fund Resolved: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1971 the pension assessments imposed
- 1971 Church Pension Fund 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1971 Church Pension Fund 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 12 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1971 On Renewal and Stewardship Whereas, this Diocese has been involved in an extensive review of the financial needs and responsibilities of the Church, and
- 1971 On Renewal and Stewardship Whereas, there is a growing awareness that the Church today has new opportunities for growth and development throughout the Diocese, therefore be it
- 1971 On Renewal and Stewardship Resolved: that this Convention authorize the Bishop and Council to prepare and present to the Diocese an education and planning program beginning in the Fall of 1971, leading to a major renewal and stewardship campaign in the Fall of 1972, which will enable congregations to respond to these opportunities and responsibilities of Christian mission to the fullest extent possible.
- 1970 Budget Resolved: that the 1971 budget of the Diocese in the amount of \$2,022,028 as presented herewith be adopted.
- 1970 Budget Resolved: that the Controller acting under the direction of the Council shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2(1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$372,777 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1971

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- 1970 Budget Resolved: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on the portions of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1969
- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention Whereas, the Constitution of this Convention as adopted October 11, 1796, and amended by subsequent Convention states "The Convention shall consist of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor (if there be one), the Suffragan Bishops (if there be one or more) of the Diocese and of Clerical and Lay Members" and
- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention Whereas, the Lay members of Convention are required to vote by delegation, thus denying each member one vote and
- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention Whereas, congregations in this Diocese in Union with the Convention, should be equitably represented in Convention in approximate proportion to their active communicant-in-good-standing membership, be it therefore
- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention Resolved: That Article IV, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows: "The lay members shall be delegates from the several Parishes, Chapels and Missions in union with Convention, not exceeding five from any congregation, and the number of lay delegates to be elected by such Parish, Chapel or Mission shall be in proportion to the total active communicant-in-good-standing membership listed in the latest annual parochial report according to the following formula:
- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention One delegate for the first 250; Two delegates for more than 250 but not more than 500; Three delegates for more than 500 but not more than 1,000; Four delegates for more than 1,000 but not more than 2,000; Five delegates if above 2,000 communicants in good standing." and be it further
- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention Resolved: That the third sentence of Paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "When votes are taken by orders, each lay delegate from the several Parishes, Missions and Parochial Chapels shall be entitled to one vote."
- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention Resolved: that for purposes of interpreting Article 4 paragraph 3 of the Constitution of this Diocese that each chapel of Trinity Parish in the City of New York be considered in the same way as "a parish receiving regular assistance from the missionary funds of this Diocese or an organized mission, and that the several congregations of the said Trinity Parish in the City of New York, using methods devised by each, shall be entitled to elect lay delegates to this Convention in accordance with the 1970 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Article 4 paragraph 3

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- 1970 Revise Constitution: Lay Representation to Convention These amendments must come up again at the May 1971 Convention.
- 1970 New Canon 26: On Parish Elections Resolved: That a new Canon, to be numbered 26, be enacted to read as follows: On the Qualifications of certain persons of less than full age as Voters at Parish Elections and Meetings and as Church Wardens and Vestrymen
- 1970 New Canon 26: On Parish Elections Whenever so determined by any parish of this Diocese in the manner provided in Section 46 of the Religious Corporations Law, persons, whether male or female, of less than full age, but of the age of eighteen years or more belonging to such parish who have been regular attendants at its worship, and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to any election or special meetings, or since the establishment of such parish, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting, and, if so determined in like manner by said parish, shall be eligible for election as Church Wardens and Vestrymen
- 1970 New Canon 26: On Parish Elections Be it further resolved: That subsequent Canons be renumbered accordingly.
- 1970 Amend Canon 27: On Missions Resolved: That Canon 27 be amended by inserting in the tenth paragraph thereof, following the words "of full age" the words, "or, when so determined at a regular or special meeting of such Mission, of less than full age but of the age of eighteen or more."
- 1970 New Canon on Eligibility of Lay Delegates Resolved: That a new Canon to follow the Canon presently number 34 be enacted, to read as follows:
- 1970 New Canon on Eligibility of Lay Delegates Persons of less than full age but of the age of eighteen years or more shall be eligible to serve as lay delegates to and to vote at any convention of the diocese, when duly chosen by the parish or mission and shall also be eligible for election to or appointment to any lay office of the diocese
- 1970 Standing Resolution The Venture Fund Whereas the report presented to this Convention examining the funding program of the Diocese points out the need for a separately organized funding source, both to receive funds not normally given to churches and to expend funds for projects of an unusual nature; and
- 1970 Standing Resolution The Venture Fund Whereas the need for this funding source is immediate and is independent of other proposals concerning the funding program of the Diocese; therefore be it
- 1970 Standing Resolution The Venture Fund Resolved: that the Diocesan Council establish the Diocesan Venture Fund in accordance with this resolution

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- 1970 Standing Resolution (a) Objectives. The Diocesan Venture Fund shall be organized for the
The Venture Fund following objectives:
(1) To provide initial capital and program underwriting for new congregations as recommended by Regional Assemblies and Inter-parish Councils;
(2) To provide grants for unique or short term programs organized on the Parish level that are of exceptional promise or strategic significance;
(3) To provide grants to ecumenical or non-church community projects as recommended by Regional Assemblies and Inter-parish Councils;
(4) To provide special grants to Executive Council crisis programs as recommended by the Diocesan Council; and
(5) To accomplish such other objectives as the Diocesan Council may determine.
- 1970 Standing Resolution (b) Organization. The Diocesan Venture Fund shall be a subsidiary fund of the
The Venture Fund Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society and shall be organized and directed by the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council may delegate the management of the Diocesan Venture Fund to a Board of Trustees, which shall consist of members of the Diocesan Council and such other persons as the Diocesan Council shall determine, but the Diocesan Council shall be responsible for all matters of policy and for the close supervision of the operation of the Diocesan Venture Fund
- 1970 Standing Resolution (c) Powers. The Diocesan Venture Fund may receive funds from all sources
The Venture Fund deemed appropriate by the Diocesan Council and shall disburse funds in accordance with the objectives stated in paragraphs (1) through (5) of Section (a) of this Resolution
- 1970 Standing Resolution (d) Reports. The Diocesan Council shall report all matters pertaining to the
The Venture Fund Diocesan Venture Fund to the Convention annually
- 1970 Standing Resolution (e) Effective Date. The Diocesan Council is directed to organize the Diocesan
The Venture Fund Venture Fund immediately.
- 1970 On a Proposed New Whereas, it has been recognized that this Diocese needs to examine its
Financial Plan for the methods and objectives in raising funds for the Diocesan Budget and for other
Diocese purposes; and
- 1970 On a Proposed New Whereas, a report giving the results of such an examination and proposing a
Financial Plan for the new financial program for the Diocese, together with implementing
Diocese resolutions, has been presented to this Convention; and
- 1970 On a Proposed New Whereas, the Diocesan Council has commended this report and recommended
Financial Plan for the that this report be given serious consideration by the Parishes, Inter Parish
Diocese Councils, Regional Assemblies and other organizations in this Diocese, and that recommendations on the proposals contained therein be submitted to the Annual Convention in 1971; therefore be it

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- 1970 On a Proposed New Financial Plan for the Diocese Resolved: 1. That the Diocesan Council submit the report entitled "A Proposed New Financial Program for the Diocese of New York" (the supplement to this calendar of business) to the Parishes, Inter Parish Councils, Regional Assemblies and other organizations of the Diocese prior to the 1971 Convention.
- 1970 On a Proposed New Financial Plan for the Diocese 2. That the Diocesan Council determine the reactions of the Diocese to the proposals contained in the Report
- 1970 On a Proposed New Financial Plan for the Diocese 3. That the Diocesan Council report to the 1971 Convention the results of its study
- 1970 On a Proposed New Financial Plan for the Diocese 4. That the Diocesan Council make specific recommendations to the 1971 Convention with respect to the proposals contained in the said report, in such a form that any proposals for change could be accepted by the 1971 Convention for application to the 1972 budget year if the Convention so desires
- 1970 On Minimum Clergy salaries Resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby adopts the following principles concerning minimum salaries for clergymen in charge of congregations in the Diocese of New York.
- 1970 On Minimum Clergy salaries 1. That the minimum salary for each clergyman in charge of a congregation in the Diocese of New York, whether as Rector of an incorporated Parish, Minister-in-Charge of an aided Parish, or Vicar of a Mission, should be at a rate of not less than \$7,500 per annum, commencing July 1, 1970.
- 1970 On Minimum Clergy salaries 2. That the Bishop and Council be requested and empowered:
- (a) To establish procedures for obtaining voluntary compliance, to the extent possible, by Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of New York in meeting the proposed minimum salary.
 - (b) To establish criteria for determining whether or not a Parish should receive financial aid from a Diocesan Salary Supplement Fund in order to meet the proposed minimum salary.
 - (c) To administer such Salary Supplement Fund, to the extent the same may be adequate therefore from time to time, to provide financial aid to those Parishes and Missions which appear, to the satisfaction of the Bishop and Council, to be unable to raise funds sufficient to meet such minimum salary so proposed, and in such order of priority as they may determine, without altering the status of a parish receiving aid.
- 1970 On Minimum Clergy salaries 3. That the Secretary of Convention be instructed to send copies of this Resolution to the Wardens and Clerks of all Parishes and Missions of the Diocese.

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- 1970 Minimum salary for all clergy Whereas, the weight and duties and extent of responsibilities of rectors and ministers in charge varies greatly among parishes or missions, and
- 1970 Minimum salary for all clergy Whereas, assistant ministers or ministers duly employed in non-parochial situations may have duties comparable in responsibility to those of certain rectors or ministers in charge, and
- 1970 Minimum salary for all clergy Whereas, the black clergy are especially limited in opportunities to serve as rectors or ministers in charge, and
- 1970 Minimum salary for all clergy Whereas, all clergy families should be equally entitled to dignified conditions of life, therefore be it
- 1970 Minimum salary for all clergy Resolved: That the Council of the Diocese be instructed to prepare a plan by which an effective minimum salary scale shall apply to all clergy other than those covered by Resolution 9, Section 1 (the above resolution), in regular employment as determined by the Bishop and Council
- 1970 On Annual Reports Whereas, there is growing public concern over the purported wealth of religious institutions and the use of exemptions of these institutions from real estate, income and other taxes and
- 1970 On Annual Reports Whereas, this Diocese in its continuing analysis of its relationship to the communities it serves should make publicly available as much financial information as possible regarding its stewardship of the funds and properties which it and all its parishes, missions and other institutions hold and administer.
- 1970 On Annual Reports Resolved, that this Convention urge all parishes and missions within the Diocese of New York to make and review annual reports to the Diocese and undertake henceforth to submit them with all required data completely and accurately stated and that the Convention, acting through the office of the Controller of the Diocese, have authority to audit records from time to time in connection with the review of such reported items
- 1970 On Annual Reports Resolved, that each non-parochial organization in this Diocese prepare and submit each year to the Convention an annual report, for the year ending December 31st preceding, of the items set forth in the annual parish report captioned, Receipts, Disbursements, Other Information and Real Estate, that such report be submitted to the Bishop not later than February 1st, and that the Convention, acting through the office of the Controller of the Diocese, have authority to audit records of said non-parochial organizations from time to time in connection with the review of such reported items
- 1970 On Annual Reports Resolved, that all parishes and missions and non-parochial organizations set forth separately in their annual report the types and amounts of all investments held by or for them (securities, mortgages, real estate, etc.).

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- 1970 On Annual Reports Resolved, that all parishes and missions and non-parochial organizations set forth separately in their annual reports their receipts of net realized capital gains.
- 1970 On Annual Reports Resolved, that every parish and mission undertake each year to have its most recent annual report published, distributed and discussed at an open meeting.
- 1970 On Annual Reports Resolved, that statistics from Parochial Reports printed in the Journals of the Conventions of this Diocese shall include investment income, capital gains, total receipts and total disbursements commencing with the year 1969
- 1970 On Real Property Whereas, real property not used for church purposes, particularly revenue producing property, may be taxable under state and local laws, it is
- 1970 On Real Property Resolved, that all parishes and missions and all other religious institutions in this Diocese review all of their land holdings, determine whether the uses thereof are exclusively for exempt purposes and undertake to pay to the proper taxing authorities annual real estate taxes whenever the uses of such properties do not entitle the same to exempt status
- 1970 On Real Property Resolved, that all parishes and missions and non-parochial organizations set forth separately in their annual reports to this Diocese the assessed valuation of every parcel of real property belonging to the same or held in trust for the same and municipal equalization rate therefore
- 1970 On Real Property Resolved, that the General Convention be memorialized to request all Dioceses to adopt the same or similar resolutions as the foregoing resolutions on reporting adopted by this Convention
- 1970 On the Comm. to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Whereas, this Committee was formed in 1968 to study the subject of tax exemptions afforded to religious institutions, and
- 1970 On the Comm. to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Whereas, in the course of its study, the Committee has determined that it would be of value to compile more complete information concerning the tax exempt property and income of religious institutions in this Diocese than is presently available, and
- 1970 On the Comm. to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Whereas, in the course of its study, the Committee, being aware of numerous instances where religious institutions are treated differently under existing tax legislation from other tax-exempt organizations, feels that the justification for these differences should be studied, therefore it is hereby

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- 1970 On the Comm. to Study of Taxation of Religious Institutions Resolved, that this Committee continue to study the subject of tax exemptions afforded religious institutions, to make such further recommendations to the Convention of this Diocese in 1971 as it may consider advisable, and to continue to compile such information as it may deem relevant to its study of tax exemptions.
- 1970 On a Nominating Committee Whereas, there is no standing resolution of the Convention creating a Nominating Committee and nominating procedures for candidates for all offices to be elected by the Convention; and
- 1970 On a Nominating Committee Whereas, the Council of the Diocese at its meeting on February 19, 1970 instructed the Committee on Miscellaneous Business to present to the Convention such a resolution; therefore be it
- 1970 On a Nominating Committee Resolved, that the Convention hereby authorize a Nominating Committee to prepare nominations for all offices, except the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or a Suffragan Bishop, to be filled by elections at the annual Conventions, the membership to consist of the following:
Eight members to be elected by the Council of the Diocese
The President of the Standing Committee
The President of the Episcopal Churchwomen of New York
Five additional members to be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese.
(The members of this committee shall be geographically representative of all the regions of the Diocese)
- 1970 On a Nominating Committee And that this Nominating Committee be directed after consultation with the Bishop and with the inter-parish councils to place in nomination by the established procedures not less than two candidates for each office, and to circulate their suggestions to all diocesan clergy and wardens not less than sixty days before the meeting of the Convention; and be it
- 1970 On a Nominating Committee Resolved, that this resolution be designated a standing resolution and printed wherever the Canons of the Diocese and other standing resolutions are printed
- 1970 Treatment of Prisoners of War Whereas, through the Lambeth Conferences since 1930 the Anglican Communion has affirmed that “war as a method of settling international disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ”; and
- 1970 Treatment of Prisoners of War Whereas, it is the clear duty of Christians everywhere to repent, to forgive, and to love in the pursuit of peace; and

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- 1970 Treatment of Prisoners of War Whereas, the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of August 1949, signed by the governments of the United States of America and sixty other States, sets forth humanitarian provisions for the care of, and responsibility for, all persons involved in “declared war or any other armed conflict”: and
- 1970 Treatment of Prisoners of War Whereas, there is evidence of the failure of some nations, especially in Southeast Asia and the Middle East, to comply with these provisions, particularly with respect to prisoners of war; be it, therefore,
- 1970 Treatment of Prisoners of War Resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York affirm its support of all responsible efforts to implement the humanitarian provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War; and be it further
- 1970 Treatment of Prisoners of War Resolved: that this Convention of the Diocese of New York petition the next General Convention of the Episcopal Church to do the same.
- 1970 On Housing Whereas, the Church lives under dominical injunction to respond to basic human need, and
- 1970 On Housing Whereas, 500,000 families in New York City live in substandard housing, often in extreme suffering, and
- 1970 On Housing Whereas, provision is made for churches and community groups to sponsor non-profit low and middle income housing and community facility development and rehabilitation, and some parishes and institutions of this Diocese very commendably have undertaken such sponsorship; and
- 1970 On Housing Whereas, other denominations have created or joined in Housing Development Corporations to address this critical issue, therefore be it
- 1970 On Housing Resolved: that this Convention of the Diocese of New York direct and empower the Council of the Diocese to create a Housing and Development Corporation (or to participate fully in such corporation already existing, e. g. the Housing Development Corporation of the Council of Churches of the City of New York) that will cooperate with all other appropriate agencies in a coordinated strategy for the development and sponsorship, if need be, of housing and community facilities projects, that will develop guidelines for involvement in such projects (that will include, e. g., the maximum feasible participation of the community in planning and sponsorship, a concern for excellence and innovation in design and construction, a consideration for minority group employment at all levels, and a concern to make housing available for those who most need it); and that will assist any Religious Corporation with the investment of its funds in such housing projects; and that will establish and solicit resources for a good money fund; and

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- 1970 On Housing Whereas, the lack of public or private money for mortgages and loans for housing sponsorship, and the high cost of such loans, are major reasons for the stalemate in housing development; and further
- 1970 On Housing Whereas, the Church has the responsibility to see that the resources with which past generations have endowed her are invested not only for income, but also with regard to human welfare, therefore be it further
- 1970 On Housing Resolved: that this Convention direct the Council of the Diocese to request of the officers and directors of the various invested funds of the Diocese, that they invest, with the assistance of the above mentioned Housing Development Corporation, no less than ten percent of those funds in government guaranteed loans and mortgages to non-profit housing and community facility sponsors; and that this Convention direct the Council of the Diocese of New York to call upon every agency or parish of the Diocese with invested endowment of over one million dollars to make a similar commitment of at least ten percent of its endowment, again with the advice and assistance of the above mentioned Housing Development Corporation; and be it further
- 1970 On Housing Resolved: that this action of the Convention be communicated to the General Convention and to the officers and directors of the Diocesan Investment Trust, the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocese of New York, the Trustees of the Cathedral, the Episcopal Mission Society in the Diocese of New York, the Seamen's Church Institute, and the vestries of parishes with substantial endowment
- 1970 On Welfare Whereas, the plight of those receiving welfare has been highlighted by the suffering resulting from the welfare budget cutbacks enacted by the New York State Legislature in 1969, and
- 1970 On Welfare Whereas, recipients themselves through Welfare Rights Organizations and senior citizens groups have begun to make the public aware of the pitiful circumstances forced upon the elderly, dependent children, and the disabled (who make up the vast majority of recipients); and
- 1970 On Welfare Whereas, church groups in various localities have attempted to educate their own people to the problem and to help in bringing about legislative change, therefore be it
- 1970 On Welfare Resolved: that this Convention of the Diocese of New York direct the Council of the Diocese to develop a program to coordinate the expression of concern on this issue of our clergy and people and local welfare rights organizations, and to invite the cooperation of every other Episcopal Diocese in the State of New York in addressing this crucial issue as effectively as possible.

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- 1970 Cambodia and Kent
State Whereas, the Church in the Diocese of New York has heard from its Bishops a challenging and forthright statement on the Cambodian invasion and on the killing of four students at Kent State University, and
- 1970 Cambodia and Kent
State Whereas, this Convention stands ready at all times to hear and respectfully consider the views of its Bishops on urgent matters of national policy which affect the peace and welfare of the peoples of the world and welcomes such statements as a part of the moral leadership which we expect from our Fathers in God, therefore be it
- 1970 Cambodia and Kent
State Resolved, that this Convention express its appreciation for the courage and thoughtfulness of its Bishops in this crisis, and be it further
- 1970 Cambodia and Kent
State Resolved, that this Convention reaffirm its support of the right of peaceful protest and dissent as one of the most precious parts of our national heritage; a right which is nevertheless now under threat and occasional brutal attack, and be it further
- 1970 Cambodia and Kent
State Resolved, that this Convention urge upon the people of this Diocese that they consider carefully and soberly their own responsibility for making their conscientiously held views felt in the critical decisions that are now before us as a nation and that they take into account with all seriousness the points made by our Bishops which relate to these decisions
- 1970 Assets of St. Luke's
Retreat in NYC Whereas, The Trustees of St. Luke's Retreat in the City of New York, which was incorporated on April 9, 1867 under "An Act for the Incorporation of Benevolent, Charitable, Scientific and Missionary Societies" passed April 12, 1848 for the purpose of "providing and maintaining sites for charitable Christian institutions devoted to the relief of the sick, the suffering, the aged and the poor" was dissolved on October 15, 1952 by proclamation under Section 57 of the Membership Corporations Law for failure to file a Certificate of Report of Existence; and
- 1970 Assets of St. Luke's
Retreat in NYC Whereas, no meetings of the members or of the directors of The Trustees of St. Luke's Retreat in the City of New York have been held for more than fifty years and the last known member died in 1929, there being no known creditors nor contributors who are still living; now therefore be it
- 1970 Assets of St. Luke's
Retreat in NYC Resolved, that this Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York hereby declares that The Trustees of St. Luke's Retreat in the City of New York has become extinct; and be it further

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- 1970 Assets of St. Luke's Retreat in NYC Resolved, that the Board of Managers of the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York is hereby directed pursuant to Section 1-a of its Charter to take possession of any temporalities and property belonging to The Trustees of St. Luke's Retreat in the City of New York and hold, manage, transfer and convey the same for the uses and purposes of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York
- 1970 Trustees of Estate and Property Resolved, that the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York recommend the following Trustees for election by the Convention:
Mr. William Gridley, for a term of two years, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Charles M. Walton, deceased Mr. Charles G. Proffitt, for a term of four years
Mr. W. Stevens Sheppard, for a term of four years to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Samuel R. Peale, retired
- 1970 On the Church Pension Fund Resolved: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1970 the pension assessments imposed
- 1970 On the Church Pension Fund 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1970 On the Church Pension Fund 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 11 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1970 On Voting Qualifications of Clergy Whereas, pursuant to a resolution of the 189th Convention of the Diocese, the Bishop has appointed a committee to study the matter of qualifications of clergy entitled to vote in the Diocesan Convention, and
- 1970 On Voting Qualifications of Clergy Whereas, this committee recommends that the qualifications of Clerical Members of the Convention as set forth in Article IV of the Constitution (Paragraph 2) be simplified and clarified, therefore, be it
- 1970 On Voting Qualifications of Clergy Resolved: that Paragraph 2 of Article IV of the Constitution be amended as follows:
The Clerical Members shall be those Clergymen who shall be canonically resident and ministering within the Diocese.
In a vote taken by orders, the motion for adoption received a majority in both orders and will be presented again at the May 1971 Convention

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- 1970 On Voting
Qualifications of
Clergy
- Whereas, the Committee recommends changes in the procedure for preparing the list of Clerical Members who are entitled under the Constitution to seats in Convention, in order to ease the present confusion; to assist the Bishop in the application of the Constitutional criteria; to involve an appropriate Diocesan agency, including laymen, in the determination of the roll; and to make the procedure for the preparation of the roll of Clerical Members roughly parallel to the procedure for the certification of Lay Delegates, therefore be it
- 1970 On Voting
Qualifications of
Clergy
- Resolved: that Section One of Canon Two be amended as follows:
The Bishop, with the advice and recommendation of the Ministries Commission, shall prepare a roll of names of all canonically resident and ministering Clergymen entitled under Article IV of the Constitution to seats in the Convention. Such roll shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention at least sixty days prior to the meeting of the Convention; and be it further
- 1970 On Voting
Qualifications of
Clergy
- Resolved: that the last sentence of Section Six of Canon Two be deleted, and that a new Section Seven be added, to read as follows:
The Bishop shall, prior to the opening of the Convention, appoint a committee of three persons, to be known as the Committee on Credentials, which shall report on the correctness of the rolls of Clergy Members and Lay Delegates
- 1970 On Voting
Qualifications of
Clergy
- And that present Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 be renumbered Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.
- 1970 On Voting
Qualifications of
Clergy
- These resolutions were passed unanimously and therefore become effective immediately. The canons will be changed accordingly.
- 1970 On Clergy Salaries
- Whereas, the Convention of the Diocese of New York on May 15, 1968, instructed the Committee on Canons to prepare, for submission to this Convention such Canonical amendments as may be needed to implement the resolution of that Convention concerning minimum salaries for Clergymen in the Diocese of New York. be it therefore
- 1970 On Clergy Salaries
- Resolved: That the words “\$500 above” be removed from Canon 20, Section 1, and that Canon 24 be amended to read as follows:

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- 1970 On Clergy Salaries Of the Salaries and Allowances of Parish Clergy:
1. Every parish in union with the convention shall provide its clergy serving on a full time basis within such parish with not less than the minimum of the scale of salary and allowances to be determined from time to time by the convention after having received the recommendations of the Ministries Commission
- 1970 On Clergy Salaries 2. The Council of the Diocese, acting with the advice and consent of the Bishop, may approve variations from the minimum scale to meet special situations.
- 1970 On Clergy Salaries 3. Any parish that shall fail to provide such minimum salary and allowances, except as provided in Section 2 of this Canon, or that shall be in arrears in the payment of the salary of its clergy for a period of one or more years, may be reported by name to the Ministries Commission at least one month before the meeting of the Convention, and the Ministries Commission may include the same in its report to the convention
- 1970 On Discrimination of the Sexes Resolved: that the Diocese of New York present the following memorial to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church at Houston:
- 1970 On Discrimination of the Sexes Whereas: Discrimination based on sex is destructive of religious values, and
- 1970 On Discrimination of the Sexes Whereas: certain canons of the Episcopal Church appear to reinforce such discrimination; therefore be it
- 1970 On Discrimination of the Sexes Resolved: that this Convention recommends that the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America about to assemble in Houston initiate such constitutional and canonical changes as are necessary to eliminate from the wording thereof all discrimination by sex or else adopt an interpreting canon such as the attached copy from the Canons of the Diocese of New York. entitled "Of the Eligibility of Women."
- 1970 On Discrimination of the Sexes Resolved: that Canon 33 be deleted and subsequent canons be renumbered accordingly
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop It was moved by the Committee on Canons that the following resolutions be referred to the Diocesan Council for consideration. It was seconded and carried
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Whereas, the restructuring of the Diocese of New York has given new perspective to the ordering of its internal affairs; and
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Whereas, the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan is a prime matter of internal concern; and
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Whereas, due consideration has not yet been given to the relationship of these matters, therefore be it

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- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Resolved: 1. Whenever the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese shall call for the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan, and all proper canonical requirements have been fulfilled, there shall be established a Committee to be known as “The Committee of the Nomination of Bishops”, (henceforth to be called simply, “the Committee”). Its membership and duties shall be as follows:
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop (a) The Committee shall consist of: the President of the Standing Committee; one delegate from each of the Regional Assemblies of the Diocese of New York, who shall be chosen in a manner agreeable to themselves and in conformity with their several by-laws, or a duly elected alternate if the delegate be unable to serve; and the Chancellor, *ex officio*
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop (b) The Committee shall call for, receive and evaluate names submitted to it, shall initiate the proposal of names, and shall request suggestions for criteria for choice of nominees.
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop (c) From the names it receives and the criteria it establishes and/or receives the Committee shall propose no more than five names to be placed in nomination at the Convention at which the election is to be held.
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop (d) The Committee shall further ascertain whether the persons so proposed for nominations will:
- i. give thoughtful consideration to accepting the post, if elected;
 - ii. be willing to appear, with the others so chosen, before the duly authorized electors from the constituent parishes and missions of the several regional assemblies, to facilitate meaningful choice by the electors.
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop (e) The Committee shall prepare a report for the Convention giving the names of the persons selected together with a brief biographical sketch of each
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop (f) If such assurances are received and, after the names and biographical data of those selected are published, it shall be the duty of the Committee to arrange regional meetings of candidates and electors
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop 2. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled as follows:
- (a) The Standing Committee shall appoint a successor to its representative;
 - (b) The regional representative shall be replaced by his alternate or, if that becomes impossible, by the means satisfactory to the region and not inconsistent with its by-laws
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop 3. This Committee shall be established not less than four months prior to the date set for the Convention at which the election is to be held, and shall report its finding not less than ninety days before said Convention.
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop 4. Any member of the Committee, whose name shall be proposed for Episcopal office, may have his name withdrawn as a candidate, or withdraw from the committee, his place to be taken as above established.

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- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Resolutions 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the present resolution shall remain in force, but shall be numbered 5 - 10. Resolutions 1, 2, 5 and 6 shall be replaced with the above resolution; and be it further
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Resolved: that the foregoing resolutions shall remain in effect until rescinded or amended by the Convention of this Diocese.
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Whereas, the election of a Bishop in and for the Diocese of New York by virtue of that office, is a public as well as a private matter;
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Whereas, it is inconsistent with the concepts of decentralization and grass roots participation that interested persons not be able to share, as observers, in one of the central processes of our corporate life, be it
- 1970 On the Election of a Bishop Resolved: that Section XXXII of the General Rules be eliminated
- 1969 On the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor WHEREAS, this Convention has heard a request of the Bishop for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor by reason of the extent of diocesan work; and
- 1969 On the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor WHEREAS, this Convention believes that its Bishop had made this request only after the most thoughtful and self-forgetful and prayerful consideration, therefore, be it
- 1969 On the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor RESOLVED, that this Convention does hereby give its consent to this request for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor; and be it further
- 1969 On the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor RESOLVED, that this Convention express to its Bishop its deep gratitude for the pastoral and administrative leadership he has given us over so many years and now in this provision for an orderly transferal of the episcopal oversight of this diocese; and be it further
- 1969 On the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Diocese be, and is hereby, directed to transmit to the several Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America having jurisdiction in the United States, and the Standing Committees of the several dioceses, the request of the Convention of the Diocese of New York for permission to elect a Bishop Coadjutor “by reason of the extent of diocesan work” for the said Diocese of New York, and to receive these replies and report the same to a subsequent meeting of the Convention
- 1969 On the Eligibility of Women WHEREAS, Canon 49 (Of Lay Readers) of the General Canons of this Church requires that a licensed Lay Reader in normal situations be a “competent male person,” and

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- 1969 On the Eligibility of Women WHEREAS, Canon 33 (Of the Eligibility of Women) of The Diocesan Canons reads, “. . . Women may be nominated and elected or appointed to any committee, commission or other office for which laymen are eligible, unless otherwise prohibited by the rules or regulations of other bodies governing such eligibility.” and
- 1969 On the Eligibility of Women WHEREAS, the General Canon takes precedence over the Diocesan Canon and therefore prohibits the licensing of women as Lay Readers, and
- 1969 On the Eligibility of Women WHEREAS, this prohibition is discrimination contrary to our State Laws against discrimination on the basis of sex and against the intent of Diocesan Canon 33 therefore be it
- 1969 On the Eligibility of Women RESOLVED: that this Convention of The Diocese of New York memorialize the forthcoming General Convention to make it possible for women to be licensed as Lay Readers, and be it further
- 1969 On the Eligibility of Women RESOLVED: that this Convention of the Diocese of New York memorialize the forthcoming General Convention to adopt a canon similar in intent to Canon 33 of this Diocese.
- 1969 Of Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution of the 188th Convention of the Diocese the Bishop has appointed a committee to study the subject of tax exemptions afforded to religious institutions; and
- 1969 Of Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions WHEREAS, such committee has commenced its work and is in the course of preparing its recommendations and supporting material for circulation among the parishes of the Diocese; it is therefore hereby
- 1969 Of Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions RESOLVED: that the committee heretofore appointed by the Bishop to study the subject of tax exemptions afforded to religious institutions be directed to report to the 1970 Convention of the Diocese with recommendations, supported by adequate background material, and that such supporting material be circulated among the parishes of the Diocese for study prior to such Convention.
- 1969 On Minimum Clergy Salary WHEREAS, your Committee on Diocesan Finances viewing with strong approval the policy of the Department of Missions in conducting an annual review of its clergy salaries and also in complying with the resolution of the 1968 Diocesan Convention providing a minimum cash salary of \$6,500 per annum; and
- 1969 On Minimum Clergy Salary WHEREAS, the Council of the Diocese has approved an additional increase of five percent of these mission clergy to help ameliorate the rising cost of living; and
- 1969 On Minimum Clergy Salary WHEREAS, there is no established policy among parishes of annual reassessment of clergy stipends as the policy adhered to by the Department of Missions for its clergy, be it, therefore,

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- 1969 On Minimum Clergy Salary RECOMMENDED: to this Convention that vestries be urged to consider seriously an increase in clergy stipends to meet current rising costs in order to preserve their clergy from serious harassment and financial insecurity, special consideration being given to those clergy who, while at or above the diocesan minimum, have not had any cost of living increase for several years
- 1969 On the Church Pension Fund RESOLVED: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1969 the pension assessments imposed
- 1969 On the Church Pension Fund 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1969 On the Church Pension Fund 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 11 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1969 On the Diocesan Budget RESOLVED: that the 1970 budget of the Diocese in the amount of \$1,956,233 as presented herewith be adopted
- 1969 On the Diocesan Budget RESOLVED: that the Controller acting under the direction of the Commission on Diocesan Finances shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$356,211 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1970
- 1969 On the Diocesan Budget RESOLVED: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on the portions of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1968.
- 1969 A New Canon 22: Ministries Comm. RESOLVED: There shall be a new Canon 22 to read as follows:
- 1969 A New Canon 22: Ministries Comm. Sec. 1. Ministries Commission
There shall be a Ministries Commission of the Council of the Diocese consisting of a chairman and not less than four members to be appointed by the Bishop from the membership of the Council. The terms of office of members of the Commission shall be determined by the Council. The Bishop shall in addition appoint two members of the Commission who need not be members of the Council. Insofar as possible the membership of the Commission shall be made up of clergy and laity in equal numbers and the regions of the Diocese, if there be such, shall be represented on the Commission.

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- 1969 A New Canon 22: Ministries Comm. Sec. 2. The duties of the Ministries Commission shall be as follows:
a. To assist the Bishop and congregations by gathering such information on the clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, as it may deem appropriate and on other clergy when requested by the Bishop or calling committee of a congregation
- 1969 A New Canon 22: Ministries Comm. b. To recommend to the Bishop and the calling committee for any parish, mission or chapel, clergy to be considered for election to positions in the several such parishes, missions or chapels. These recommendations shall be made without regard to race or ethnic background.
- 1969 A New Canon 22: Ministries Comm. c. To serve as a resource to the Bishop and Council of the Diocese in the education and training of clergy
- 1969 A New Canon 22: Ministries Comm. d. To consult with the congregations and clergy as directed by the Bishop in matters involving the employment of clergy, the resolution of disagreements and other concerns.
- 1969 A New Canon 22: Ministries Comm. Be It Further Resolved: That all subsequent canons be renumbered
- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22) RESOLVED: That existing Canon 22 be renumbered Canon 23 and amended to read as follows
- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22): parish vacancy Sec. 1. Whenever a clergy position in a parish or mission congregation becomes vacant or is about to become vacant the Church Wardens or other proper officials shall notify the Bishop forthwith
- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22): parish vacancy Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vestry or the Board of Trustees of a vacant parish to provide for the compensation of any clergyman who may be appointed by the Bishop for the maintenance of temporary religious services therein
- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22): parish vacancy Sec. 3. Within thirty days after being informed of such vacancy the Bishop or his deputy shall meet with a committee of the electing body of the parish or mission to consider the requirements of the position to be filled. If the position to be filled is that of an assistant minister or vicar, the rector shall act as the committee of the electing body and shall submit his recommendations to the vestry after having consulted with the Bishop regarding his recommendation. The committee and the Bishop or his deputy may propose for nomination the name or names of clergymen at this or any other time until the vacancy is filled. The Ministries Commission shall endeavor to provide such information as shall be requested by the Bishop or the committee on each name proposed
- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22): parish vacancy As soon as possible but not longer than sixty days thereafter, at a second such meeting, the Bishop or his deputy and the committee shall consider all proposed nominees until agreement has been reached on one or more names to submit to the electing body for its action or until it becomes apparent that no agreement can be reached.

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- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22): parish vacancy If additional nominations are requested by the electing body or if an election is declined by the clergyman designated, the procedure as set forth above shall be repeated until an election has been completed
- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22): parish vacancy If the committee and the Bishop cannot agree on clergymen to nominate to the electing body, and if the committee and the Bishop or his deputy have consulted not less than three times attempting to reach such agreement, the nominations of both parties shall be submitted to the electing body for its consideration and the electing body then may elect any one of such nominees
- 1969 Canon 23 amended (former Canon 22): parish vacancy Sec. 4. Any clergyman without cure resident in, or visiting, this Diocese and desiring to take temporary or occasional service therein shall so signify to the Bishop. A list of such clergymen as shall be licensed by the Bishop for such duty shall be kept by him. No rector of parish shall employ the services of any clergyman without cure for more than one day, unless he shall have the written license of the Bishop
- 1969 On Article IV of the Constitution WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to meaning of Article 4 of the Constitution of the Diocese of New York concerning clergymen entitled to vote in the Diocesan Convention, and
- 1969 On Article IV of the Constitution WHEREAS, it is most certainly the intention of the Convention to permit all qualified clergy to vote in Convention, therefore be it
- 1969 On Article IV of the Constitution RESOLVED: that the Bishop be requested to appoint a committee to study the matter of qualifications of clergy entitled to vote in the Diocesan Convention, and to submit its findings to the next sitting of this Convention, clarifying the meaning of the second paragraph in Article 4 of the Constitution of the Diocese of New York
- 1969 Amend Canon 2, Sec. 6 WHEREAS, Canon 4 of the Diocese of New York requires the Calendar of Business to be mailed to all Convention Delegates “not less than three weeks prior to the opening of the Convention,” and
- 1969 Amend Canon 2, Sec. 6 WHEREAS, Canon 2, Section 6 provides that the names of the Lay Delegates need not be received by the Secretary of Convention until “at least three weeks prior to the meeting of the Convention,” and
- 1969 Amend Canon 2, Sec. 6 WHEREAS, inadequate time is provided between these two dates, therefore be it
- 1969 Amend Canon 2, Sec. 6 RESOLVED: that Canon 2, Section 6 be amended by substituting the words “thirty days” in place of the words “three weeks.”
- 1969 On Number of members to IPC Council WHEREAS, the standing resolution as passed by the Adjourned Convention of December 1968, apportioned the membership of the Diocesan Council among the various constituting assemblies, and

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- 1969 On Number of members to IPC Council WHEREAS, certain numerical inequities have become apparent, be it therefore
- 1969 On Number of members to IPC Council RESOLVED: that the standing resolution concerning the function and activities of the Diocese of New York, as passed by the Adjourned Convention of December 14, 1968, be changed as follows: (on page 2 of the standing resolution)
- 1969 On Number of members to IPC Council “8 members for a membership of more than 24,000” should be changed to read: “9 members for a membership of more than 24,000.”
- 1969 Proposal to Amend Canon 14 Referred to Standing Committee: that Canon 14 be amended by adding Section 7, to read as follows:
- 1969 Proposal to Amend Canon 14 A vestry or advisory board may petition the Standing Committee for a hearing of any complaint they may have with regard to the procedure of nomination of a clergyman to the parish or mission of that respective vestry or advisory board. The Standing Committee having held a hearing regarding the complaint shall transmit its judgment on the matter to the vestry or advisory board and to the Bishop. The record of the proceedings shall be reported to Convention if an amicable resolution of the dispute is not reached
- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* WHEREAS, the senior Suffragan Bishop of this Diocese has officially retired and
- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* WHEREAS, the Diocesan has called for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor, and
- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* WHEREAS, the Bishop’s secretary, chancellor, treasurer, the key general officers of this diocese, have always been Caucasian and
- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* WHEREAS, there are more black baptized members in this Diocese than in any other diocese of the Episcopal Church, and
- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* WHEREAS, two dioceses have elected a black suffragan and
- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* WHEREAS, the witness and work of the Church in this diocese are hurt by the all-Caucasian character of the key general officers of the diocese, therefore be it

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- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* *RESOLVED: that this 189th Convention of the Diocese of New York registers its awareness of the urgent need to change the old pattern of racial exclusion of black laity and clergy from the key general offices and episcopacy in this Diocese, and*
- 1969 *The Election of a Black Bishop (defeated)* *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this Convention affirms its conviction that the witness and work of the Church in this Diocese will be greatly advanced if the next Bishop elected in this Diocese is a black priest or bishop.*
- 1969 Division of the Diocese WHEREAS, the Bishop of New York, acting under the provisions of a resolution adopted at a Special Session of the 188th Diocesan Convention, held at the Synod House, New York City, on December 14th, 1968, has requested the Standing Committee for advice and recommendation as to the desirability of a division of the diocese and as to procedures in a study of the feasibility of such a division. as requested by the said resolution: and.
- 1969 Division of the Diocese WHEREAS, the Standing Committee, having undertaken preliminary sampling of opinion on this subject, has discovered substantial differences of opinion with respect to it and feels that an exhaustive and serious study of these differences of opinion is not possible for the committee in view of its other responsibilities: therefore, be it
- 1969 Division of the Diocese RESOLVED: that this convention do hereby authorize and request the Bishop of New York as its President to appoint a special committee on this subject with the following assignments
- 1969 Division of the Diocese (1) To make a diocesan-wide survey of opinion on this matter, either by mail or by a series of public hearings in several areas of the diocese, or by both these methods or other methods; and
- 1969 Division of the Diocese (2) To study the related question of the establishment of a Metropolitan Council in the metropolitan area of New York City and environs as provided for in the resolution on this subject adopted by the General Convention of 1967, and to seek the reaction of the Dioceses of Long Island, Newark, New Jersey and Connecticut to such a proposal: and
- 1969 Division of the Diocese (3) To report its findings to a meeting of the Diocesan Council in time for that council to transmit such findings together with any recommendations and further action to an early meeting of the Diocesan Convention.
- 1969 Revision of the Liturgy WHEREAS, an analysis of the Questionnaires for Communicants regarding the Trial Liturgy indicates that the majority of our communicants recorded believe the Standing Liturgical Commission is proceeding in the right direction in its proposed revision of the Liturgy; and
- 1969 Revision of the Liturgy WHEREAS, other portions of the Anglican Communion are also in process or revising their own Eucharistic liturgies, many of which proposals are both imaginative and useful to our own efforts; now, therefore, be it

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- 1969 Revision of the Liturgy RESOLVED: that the General Convention be requested to extend the authorization for trial use and experimentation to all authorized and trial Eucharistic rites of the Anglican Communion for the next Triennium; and be it further
- 1969 Revision of the Liturgy RESOLVED: that the General Convention give consideration to the ultimate authorization of several alternate Eucharistic Liturgies in addition to the 1928 Prayer Book Liturgy and that of a Revised Trial Liturgy; and that the Standing Liturgical Commission be directed to set forth several alternate liturgies for the Eucharist—or parts thereof—for eventual authorization; and be it further
- 1969 Revision of the Liturgy RESOLVED: that the Secretary of the Convention of this Diocese be instructed to present these resolutions to the Secretary of the General Convention
- 1969 Continuance of Normal Diocesan Functions WHEREAS, it is necessary that the normal functions of the Diocese continue in the interim period between the dissolution of the Council as presently constituted and organization for business of the newly constituted Council after May 13, 1969, be it, therefore
- 1969 Continuance of Normal Diocesan Functions RESOLVED: that the Bishop, as chief administrative officer of the Diocese, is hereby authorized to carry on the normal administrative functions of the Diocese and to delegate such authority as is necessary to receive and disburse funds in accordance with established procedures during such interim period, without specific regard to departmental budgets as adopted by the Convention for the year 1969
- 1969 Circulation of Bishop's Address WHEREAS, the Address of the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Bishop of the Diocese, to this Convention is of such significance in relation to current issues facing people in and outside the Church, be it
- 1969 Circulation of Bishop's Address RESOLVED: that this Address be printed with utmost dispatch and given widest possible circulation
- 1969 Committee on the Unrest of Minorities RESOLVED: that the Bishop of the Diocese of New York be requested to appoint a representative committee of clergy and lay persons in this Diocese to consider in advance matters now revealed and apparent which may grow out of the rising unrest of any and all minorities seeking economic redress of the various and sundry grievances as they may express and to recommend appropriate attention and action by the proper body of the Diocese.

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- 1969 Change the wording in the Standing Resolution “on the Nomination of Bishops.” WHEREAS, the Standing Resolution “on the Nomination of Bishops” provides that two clergymen shall be appointed to the Nominating Committee by “the Deans of the seven Convocations”; and
- 1969 Change the wording in the Standing Resolution “on the Nomination of Bishops.” WHEREAS, pursuant to the Standing Resolution adopted by the Special Convention of this Diocese in 1968, there will cease to be Deans of the seven Convocations
- 1969 Change the wording in the Standing Resolution “on the Nomination of Bishops.” RESOLVED: that the Standing Resolution “on the Nomination of Bishops” be amended by substituting in paragraph 1, in place of the words “Deans of the seven Convocations,” the words “Diocesan Council.”
- 1969 Lower the age limit for participating lay persons WHEREAS, the Lambeth Conference in the summer of 1968 passed the following two specific resolutions on youth and human welfare:
- 1969 Lower the age limit for participating lay persons “The Conference values the initiative shown by young people in witnessing to their faith in Christ; and urges that they should be encouraged to do this in their own way and through their own media, and that the Church should have regard to their concern for the renewal of society and the Church”
- 1969 Lower the age limit for participating lay persons “The Conference, thankful for the intensified interest of young people in human welfare, conscious of the value of their informed insights, and recognizing the need to involve them more directly in decision making, in both secular and ecclesiastical society, requests provinces, dioceses, and parishes to promote this involvement in every way possible.” therefore be it
- 1969 Lower the age limit for participating lay persons RESOLVED: that this Convention go on record as favoring any amendment of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York as it pertains to the Episcopal Church that may be needed to permit persons eighteen years of age and over to: (1) vote in parish elections, (2) serve as vestrymen or church wardens, (3) be delegates to diocesan conventions, and (4) hold lay diocesan offices. and be it further
- 1969 Lower the age limit for participating lay persons RESOLVED: that when such necessary amendments have been enacted into law, the Committee on Canons be instructed to prepare for consideration by Convention such amendments to the Canons of the Diocese of New York as may be necessary to make possible such participation by lay persons eighteen years of age or over

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- 1969 Trustees of Estate and Property RESOLVED: that the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York recommend the following trustees for election via the Convention—Mr. Adrain M. Massey for a term of four years and Mr. John H. G. Pell for a term of four years.
- 1968 Province II Deputation Whereas, on March 21, 1968 the Secretary of Convention was notified by the Secretary of the Synod that at the last Synod held October 1966 Ordinance I Section 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the Second Province were amended so that each diocese is “entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by four presbyters canonically resident in the diocese they represent and four lay persons at least two of such deputies to be chosen from among the Clerical and Lay Deputies and Alternates most recently elected by the diocese to represent it at General Convention ”
- 1968 Province II Deputation Whereas, there has been no opportunity to amend the Canons of the Diocese of New York to effect this change in composition of the House of Deputies of the Second Province. It is therefore proposed that there be no election held at this Convention for such deputies and provisional deputies and in consideration of this the following resolution is proposed
- 1968 Province II Deputation RESOLVED: that pending such amendment to the Canons of the Diocese of New York the Synod of the Second Province be petitioned to seat at the next Synod the four Deputies or Provisional Deputies previously elected by this Convention and presently serving as Deputies or Provisional Deputies of the Class of 1969 and 1970
- 1968 Endorse Bishop's Call to End Racism RESOLVED: that the Convention endorse the call of our Bishop for an end of racism in our church and society, that every parish and mission study its own life and attitude and take all appropriate action to move both church and nation toward a just and equal society; and be it further
- 1968 Establish Special Offering for Needs of City Churches RESOLVED: that before or during Whitsuntide every parish and mission call for and receive a special offering for the needs of the church in the city, to be disbursed by the Bishop as needed throughout the Diocese
- 1968 Of Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions WHEREAS, rising costs are making it more and more difficult for governmental authorities to meet public needs from existing tax revenue;
- 1968 Of Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions WHEREAS, the shortage of additional sources of tax revenue is causing governmental authorities to re-examine the existing structure of tax exemptions; and
- 1968 Of Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions WHEREAS, tax exemptions afforded to religious institutions and to their property are the subject of increasing discussion by the public and within such institutions themselves; it is therefore hereby

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- 1968 Of Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions RESOLVED: that the Bishop appoint a committee to study the subject of tax exemptions afforded to religious institutions, that such committee be directed to report to the Convention of this Diocese in 1969 with recommendations, supported by adequate background material, and that such supporting material be circulated among the parishes of the Diocese for study prior to the Convention.
- 1968 On the Investment of Cathedral Funds in Ghetto-Banks WHEREAS, the Bishop of New York has made public his decision to postpone additional construction of the Cathedral until the living conditions of underprivileged persons in its neighborhood and our city are greatly improved; and
- 1968 On the Investment of Cathedral Funds in Ghetto-Banks WHEREAS, one of the most acceptable means of helping to improve these critically disadvantaged conditions is to help responsible “ghetto-area” residents to help themselves in the bettering of their homes and places of business; and
- 1968 On the Investment of Cathedral Funds in Ghetto-Banks WHEREAS, the Presiding Bishop has recently called upon our Church to institute an immediate program of investing funds in “ghetto-area” banks and savings and loan associations; be it
- 1968 On the Investment of Cathedral Funds in Ghetto-Banks RESOLVED: that those responsible for investing the funds of the Cathedral being held for possible building use be urged to invest such funds as legally permissible, to the maximum extent insurable under Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation guarantees, in such “ghetto-area” banks and/or savings and loan associations as are presently engaged in this self-governed self improvement program, and that directors of other diocesan funds and those of diocesan-related corporations be herewith encouraged to heed this call of our Presiding Bishop thus to practice Christian Stewardship and brotherly concern; and be it further
- 1968 On the Investment of Churchpersons' Funds in Ghetto-Banks RESOLVED: that parishes and concerned individual Church people of this Diocese, as much as may be possible, be also encouraged to place judicious portions of their invested funds in this same program of civic rehabilitation
- 1968 On The Urban Crisis WHEREAS, in the words of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders: No American—white or black—can escape the consequences of the continuing social and economic decay of our major cities.
- 1968 On The Urban Crisis Only a commitment to national action on an unprecedented scale can shape a future compatible with the historic ideals of American society. The great productivity of our economy, and a Federal revenue system which is highly responsive to economic growth, can provide the resources

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- 1968 On The Urban Crisis The major need is to generate new will—the will to tax ourselves to the extent necessary to meet the vital needs of the nation, and
- 1968 On The Urban Crisis WHEREAS, the Diocese of New York is already on record as calling upon our government to give “highest priority to the alleviation of the suffering of the poor and deprived, both at home and abroad,” therefore, be it
- 1968 On The Urban Crisis RESOLVED: that this Convention calls upon the Federal, State and various local governments to appropriate the funds necessary to provide adequate support for such existing programs as Medicaid and anti-poverty operations, as well as the new funds necessary to launch the massive programs set forth in the National Advisory Commission’s report. and be it further
- 1968 On The Urban Crisis RESOLVED: that this Convention calls upon the citizenry, and especially upon the Church people of this Diocese, to recognize and accept the inescapable necessity of a sacrificial increase in taxation at all levels if the urban challenge is to be met, and be it further,
- 1968 On The Urban Crisis RESOLVED: that this Convention commends all those clergy and laity who have sought to make this church’s commitment real on the local level, and supports them where they have been in conflict with those who resist obedience to mission and renewal of the church’s life.
- 1968 On Peace in Vietnam WHEREAS, President Johnson in his nationwide television broadcast on March 31st stated:
- 1968 On Peace in Vietnam “We are prepared to move immediately toward peace through negotiations. So tonight, in hope that this action will lead to early talks, I am taking the first step to de-escalate the conflict. We are reducing— substantially reducing—the present level of hostilities, and we are doing so unilaterally and at once,”
- 1968 On Peace in Vietnam RESOLVED: that this Convention commends the President’s decision to inaugurate a policy of de-escalation of the war in Viet Nam as expressed in his statement of March 31st and urges the continuation of this policy looking toward an early negotiated settlement of the war, & be it further
- 1968 On Peace in Vietnam RESOLVED: that this Convention expresses its prayerful hope that the conversations now in progress in Paris may lead to such a settlement
- 1968 On Migrant Workers WHEREAS, the plight of migrant workers in various areas of the Diocese and elsewhere in New York State, although improved slightly in certain instances, continues generally to represent a scandal in a generally affluent society, and

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- 1968 On Migrant Workers WHEREAS, migrant workers and other agricultural laborers are in an especially weak and vulnerable position in negotiating wages and working conditions with their employers, have such a low annual income, suffer so acutely from periods of unemployment that are beyond their control, and are in many instances denied compensation for injuries received at work, be it, therefore.
- 1968 On Migrant Workers RESOLVED: that this Convention calls upon the Legislature of the State of New York to enact legislation that will: (1) bring migrant workers and other agricultural laborers under the State Labor Relations Act, (2) raise the wages of migrant laborers and other agricultural laborers to existing State minimum wage standards.
- 1968 On Migrant Workers (3) extend unemployment insurance coverage to migrant workers and other agricultural laborers and (4) extend coverage under the Workmen's Compensation Law to all migrant workers and other agricultural laborers, and be it further,
- 1968 On Migrant Workers RESOLVED: that this Convention calls upon the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which will bring migrant workers and other agricultural laborers under the National Labor Relations Act
- 1968 Call for An Adjourned Convention RESOLVED: that the 188th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New York be re-convened in Adjourned Convention on Saturday, December 14, 1968 specifically for the purpose of consideration of proposals from the Diocesan Self Study.
- 1968 On Minimum Clergy Salaries RESOLVED: That the Convention of the Diocese of New York hereby adopts the following principles concerning minimum salaries for clergymen in charge of congregations in the Diocese of New York
- 1968 On Minimum Clergy Salaries 1. That-the minimum salary for each clergyman in charge of a congregation in the Diocese of New York, whether as Rector of an incorporated Parish, Minister-in-Charge of an aided Parish, or Vicar of a Mission, should be at a rate of not less than \$6,500 per annum, commencing January 1, 1969
- 1968 On Minimum Clergy Salaries 2. That the Bishop and Council be-requested and empowered:
(a) To establish procedures for obtaining voluntary compliance, to the extent possible, by Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of New York in meeting the proposed minimum salary.
- 1968 On Minimum Clergy Salaries (b) To establish criteria for determining whether or not a Parish should receive financial aid from a Diocesan Salary Supplement Fund in order to meet the proposed minimum salary.

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- 1968 On Minimum Clergy Salaries (c) To administer such Salary Supplement Fund, to the extent the same may be adequate therefore from time to time, to provide financial aid to those Parishes and Missions which appear, to the satisfaction of the Bishop and Council, to be unable to raise funds sufficient to meet such minimum salary so proposed, and in such order of priority as they may determine.
- 1968 On Minimum Clergy Salaries 3. That the Committee on Canons be instructed to prepare for submission to the Diocesan Convention in 1969 such canonical amendments as may be needed to implement this Resolution.
- 1968 On Minimum Clergy Salaries 4. That the Secretary of Convention be instructed to send copies of this Resolution to the Wardens and Clerks of all Parishes and Missions of the Diocese
- 1968 On Economic Involvement with Countries that practice Apartheid WHEREAS, the Lambeth Conference of 1958 and the General Conventions of the Episcopal Church in 1958 and 1964 have condemned the racist doctrine and practice of apartheid in the Republic of South Africa; and
- 1968 On Economic Involvement with Countries that practice Apartheid WHEREAS, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in 1966 resolved “that the Executive Council, all diocesan councils, and all parish vestries be asked to consider the moral dilemma in which we are placed by our present investment policies whereby we profit from investments in South Africa; and to this end we ask members of our Church, including those who hold responsible positions in the financial and industrial world, to consider what steps can be taken to deal with this complex situation: and
- 1968 On Economic Involvement with Countries that practice Apartheid WHEREAS, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1967 resolved “that this General Convention call upon the officials of this Church at all levels to review the Church’s economic involvement in banks and corporations which do business in the following countries: The Republic of South Africa, Rhodesia, Mozambique, Angola and South West Africa; and urge the above mentioned officials and the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church to exercise responsible stewardship over the funds entrusted to their care; and be it further Resolved, that the Executive Council implement this action and report to the Sixty-Third General Convention of the appropriate steps taken.”
Therefore be it
- 1968 On Economic Involvement with Countries that practice Apartheid RESOLVED: that this Convention of the Diocese of New York call upon all agencies and parishes of the Diocese of New York to review with banks and corporations with which they are financially involved any economic involvement which these banks and corporations have with institutions in the Republic of South Africa, Rhodesia, Mozambique, Angola and South West Africa; and to report their findings to the Council of the Diocese of New York before the next sitting of this body

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- 1968 On a Nominating Committee RESOLVED: that this Convention hereby authorize a Nominating Committee to prepare nominations for all offices to be filled by election at the 1969 Diocesan Convention, the membership to consist of the following: the Deans of the seven Convocations, the President of the Standing Committee, the President of the Episcopal Church Women of New York, the President of the Episcopal Laymen of New York, and six additional lay members to be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese: and be it further
- 1968 On a Nominating Committee RESOLVED: that this Nominating Committee be directed after consultation with the Bishop to place in nomination by the established procedures not less than two candidates for each office and to circulate their suggestions to all diocesan clergy and wardens not less than sixty days before the meeting of the 1969 Diocesan Convention
- 1968 Assessment Budget RESOLVED: that the 1969 budget of the Diocese in the amount of \$1,947,345 as presented herewith be adopted
- 1968 Assessment Budget RESOLVED: that the Controller acting under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$343,635 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1969; and that \$10,000 be appropriated from cash on hand in the Assessment account
- 1968 Assessment Budget RESOLVED: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on the portions of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1967
- 1968 Church Pension Fund RESOLVED: that the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1968 the pension assessments imposed
- 1968 Church Pension Fund 1. On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1968 Church Pension Fund 2. On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 11 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies

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- 1968 Amend Canon 3 and Canon 4: held for the Adjourned Convention The Committee on Canons reported on the new resolution referred to it during the morning session. The Committee reported approval of the intent of the resolution concerning proposed amendments to Canon 3 and Canon 4 relating to deadlines for various notices and filings but under the provisions of Canon 31 it cannot be considered at this session, inasmuch as it had not been filed properly. The Committee recommended that this resolution be referred back to the Committee, and that it be placed on the agenda for the adjourned session. This resolution by the Committee was accepted by the Convention.
- 1968 Setting Aside Funds for this Adjourned Session of the 1968 Convention RESOLVED: that the expenses incurred in holding the Adjourned Session of the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Diocesan Convention on December 14th, 1968, in the amount not to exceed \$2,700, be approved and that the Treasurer of Convention be authorized to provide this amount from the balance on hand in the assessment account
- 1968 Amend Canons 3, 4 and 10 RESOLVED that Canon 3, "Of the Call of the Convention," ; Canon 4, "Of the Calendar of Business," ; and, Canon 10, "Of Nominations and Elections," be amended (*see journal*)
- 1968 Amend Canons 13, 17, 19, and 26 WHEREAS the Diocese of New York is engaged in a program of self study looking toward the reorganization of various aspects of the structure of the Diocese, and
- 1968 Amend Canons 13, 17, 19, and 26 WHEREAS the continuing process of reorganization would be enhanced by a greater degree of flexibility in the Canons of the Diocese governing certain diocesan structures and functions:
- 1968 Amend Canons 13, 17, 19, and 26 RESOLVED that Canon 13, entitled "Of the Council of the Diocese of New York" ; Canon 17, entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" ; Canon 19, entitled "Of the Convocations" ; and, Canon 26, entitled "Of Missions" be amended (*see journal*)
- 1968 Diocesan Self Study Standing Resolution RESOLVED: that the functions and activities of the Diocese of New York be hereafter carried on under the provisions of the Canons of the Diocese of New York as provided and supplemented by this resolution - From the Regional Advisory Committee for Diocesan Self Study as Amended at the Adjourned Convention December 14, 1968 (*see journal*)
- 1968 Diocesan Self Study Standing Resolution RESOLVED: That this resolution be designated a Standing Resolution and printed wherever the Canons of the Diocese and other Standing Resolutions are printed
- 1968 Study the Division of the Diocese WHEREAS the Diocesan Self-Study and the deliberation of this adjourned Convention confirmed the impression of the complexity of achieving creative leadership and wide response at the local level in so vast a Diocese, and

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- 1968 Study the Division of the Diocese WHEREAS under the present rules of retirement, we are sadly aware that we can only enjoy for a limited time, the leadership of our beloved Bishop, to whom God has given singular strength, wisdom and grace to administer in harmony the empire Diocese of New York, and
- 1968 Study the Division of the Diocese WHEREAS we can hardly envision demanding the pastoral oversight of nearly 500 clergy and ordinands, the administration of so extensive a Diocese, and the constructive attack upon so many present problems from one person, without imposing inordinate burdens
- 1968 Study the Division of the Diocese BE IT RESOLVED that the Bishop be asked to appoint a Committee to study the reorganization of the present Diocese of New York
- 1968 Study the Division of the Diocese AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consideration be given to a division into a Triboro Diocese of the City of New York, and a Diocese of Eastern New York, comprising the remainder of the present Diocese.
- 1968 Study the Division of the Diocese With the understanding that the provisions adopted by this Convention for restructuring into inter-parochial and regional councils, culminating in the Diocesan Council be considered as potentially applicable to the Diocese which shall be constituted
- 1967 Amend Canon 17 WHEREAS, the Convention of the Diocese of New York on May 12, 1964 changed the fiscal period for Diocesan financial reporting to a calendar year basis, thereby resulting in a three year period between the parochial report used as a basis and the Assessment computed thereon; and
- 1967 Amend Canon 17 WHEREAS, this change in fiscal period now permits the Assessment to be computed on figures in the parochial reports submitted for the year prior to the annual Convention; therefore, be it
- 1967 Amend Canon 17 RESOLVED, that in Canon 17, Section 3 (1) the words "parochial report of the previous year" be inserted in lieu of the words "latest available Journal;" in Section 3 (2) the words "within three weeks after the date of the Convention" be deleted and in lieu thereof the words "by the September first following" be inserted; in Section 3 (3) the words "within seven weeks after the date of the Convention" be deleted and in lieu thereof the words "by the November first following" be inserted; in Section 4 the words "within seven weeks after the date of the Convention" be deleted and in lieu thereof the words "by the November first following" be inserted
- 1967 Amend EDNY Canons to read "Executive Council" RESOLVED, that wherever the word "National Council," denoting the executive body of the national church, appear in the Canons of the Diocese of New York, they be deleted and the words "Executive Council" inserted in lieu thereof.

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- 1967 On the Reading of Pastoral Letters WHEREAS, there have been many negative expressions and general feelings of disappointment about the compulsory reading of Pastoral Letters put forth by the House of Bishops, and
- 1967 On the Reading of Pastoral Letters WHEREAS, the custom of reading these letters from the pulpit was initiated in 1820 with view, at that time, toward improving communications, but now fails of the intended effect & is inappropriate to the current situation, and
- 1967 On the Reading of Pastoral Letters WHEREAS, these letters might receive more thoughtful consideration and their content be better transmitted if printed and distributed; therefore be it
- 1967 On the Reading of Pastoral Letters RESOLVED, that the Convention of the Diocese of New York request the General Convention to consider amending Canon 44, Section 2 (f) by adding a provision to permit the distribution of copies of the Pastoral Letters as an alternative for reading them on some occasion of public worship on a Lord's Day, as presently required
- 1967 Amend Canon 20 re Clergy Salaries RESOLVED, that Canon 20, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Diocese of New York, be amended in part, as it is concerned with the admission of parishes into union with the Convention. A part of the obligation of such parishes is the payment of the salary of the Rector. The present canon requires that this salary be fixed at \$2,000 per annum. It is proposed that the section which deals with this matter be amended to read as follows (*see journal*)
- 1967 Amend Item 7 of Rule V of the EDNY Rules of Order RESOLVED, that Item 7 of Rule V of the Rules of Order of the Convention be amended by the addition of the following: No resolution expressing the sentiment or views of the Convention on any matter not subject to its control shall be considered by the Convention unless (1) it shall have been included in the Calendar of Business pursuant to Canon 4, or (2) it shall have been included in the report of a Standing Committee or Department, or (3) it shall relate to or embody a recommendation contained in the address of the Bishop to the Convention
- 1967 On Discriminatory Church Policies & Practices WHEREAS, Negro clergy of the Church have issued a declaration protesting the personnel policies and practices of the Protestant Episcopal Church insofar as they result in de facto discrimination, and
- 1967 On Discriminatory Church Policies & Practices WHEREAS, such consequences are at odds with the official and avowed policy of the Church as well as with the principles of our religion, be it
- 1967 On Discriminatory Church Policies & Practices RESOLVED, that the Convention of the Diocese of New York express its support and encouragement of these clergy in their search for more effective and more general non-discriminatory procedures

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- 1967 On a Nominating Committee RESOLVED, that this Convention hereby authorize a Nominating Committee to prepare nominations for all offices to be filled by election at the 1968 Diocesan Convention, the membership to consist of the following: the Deans of the seven Convocations, the President of the Standing Committee, the President of the Episcopal Church Women of New York, the President of the Episcopal Laymen of New York, and six additional lay members to be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese: and be it further
- 1967 On a Nominating Committee RESOLVED, that this Nominating Committee be directed to place in nomination by the established procedures not less than two candidates for each office and to circulate their suggestions to all diocesan clergy and wardens not less than sixty days before the meeting of the 1968 Diocesan Convention
- 1967 Opposition to Gambling WHEREAS, it is understood that some parishes in the diocese raise funds for the support of the Church or some of its functions by means of raffles, lotteries and other forms of gambling, and
- 1967 Opposition to Gambling WHEREAS, this practice is clearly inconsistent with the Christian principle of stewardship; lends encouragement to the “something for nothing” philosophy; and by its continuance gives tacit approval to the moral evil of gambling, and
- 1967 Opposition to Gambling WHEREAS, the continuance of this practice represents a means unworthy of the lofty ends for which the Church exists, and
- 1967 Opposition to Gambling WHEREAS, the use of gambling as a device for raising funds is in clear violation of the heretofore expressed wishes of the Diocesan, therefore, be it
- 1967 Opposition to Gambling RESOLVED, that this Convention go on record as opposing any form of gambling as a means of raising funds for Church purposes, and that copies of this resolution be disseminated to all clergy in charge of congregations and to all wardens, vestrymen and other officials of all parishes and missions within the diocese
- 1967 Abortion Law Reform WHEREAS, abortion law reform has become or will become a legislative issue in virtually all of the fifty states, inevitably raising questions on which the guidance of the Church is sought, and
- 1967 Abortion Law Reform WHEREAS, the Diocese of New York and several other Dioceses of the Episcopal Church have joined legal, medical, civic, social welfare, and other religious groups, both Christian and Jewish, in urging that state laws governing abortion be amended along lines recommended by the American Law Institute, be it therefore

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- 1967 Abortion Law Reform RESOLVED, that the 187th Convention of the Diocese of New York does petition the 62nd General Convention of the Church to adopt a resolution supporting abortion law reform to permit termination of pregnancy where the decision to terminate has been arrived at with proper safeguards against abuse and where it has been clearly established that the physical or mental health of the mother is threatened seriously, or where there is substantial reason to believe that the child would be born badly deformed in mind or body, or where the pregnancy has resulted from rape or incest
- 1967 Funding Anti - Poverty Programs WHEREAS, the War on Poverty, originally designed to develop from its initial planning stage in 1964 to a full-scale program within a few years, has been denied the funds needed to prove its effectiveness; and
- 1967 Funding Anti - Poverty Programs WHEREAS, budget reductions and other limitations placed upon the Office of Economic Opportunity have resulted in severe cutbacks in antipoverty operations, most often in Community Action Programs which have been imaginative in their approach; and
- 1967 Funding Anti - Poverty Programs WHEREAS, it now seems that considerably less money will be available to fund anti-poverty operations during the summer months in critical areas of our cities, large and small, be it, therefore,
- 1967 Funding Anti - Poverty Programs RESOLVED, that this Convention urge the Congressmen from the area of the Diocese of New York to lend their support as a first national priority to a supplemental appropriation of \$137.5 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, and further, to support an appropriation for anti-poverty operations in the next fiscal year of no less than the \$2.1 billion requested by the President and, ideally the figure of \$3.5 billion rejected three years ago; and be it further
- 1967 Funding Anti - Poverty Programs RESOLVED, that this Convention call upon the State of New York and local governmental bodies to provide the funds necessary to meet their share of the total anti-poverty effort
- 1967 On National and Personal Stewardship WHEREAS, the world has been reminded by Pope Paul VI that “when so many people are hungry, when so many people suffer from destitution, when so many remain stooped in ignorance, when so many schools, hospitals, and homes worthy of the name remain to be built, all private or public squandering of wealth, all expenditure prompted by motives of national or personal ostentation, and every exhausting armaments race becomes an intolerable scandal.” and
- 1967 On National and Personal Stewardship WHEREAS, the gap between rich and poor nations, and within both the gap between rich and poor persons, grows wider, not narrower, in an age when technological advances should be bringing us to the brink of sufficiency for all, and

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- 1967 On National and Personal Stewardship WHEREAS, the fault seems to lie in the priorities that we have established, both nationally and personally, for the use of our material and natural wealth and of our human resources, be it, therefore
- 1967 On National and Personal Stewardship RESOLVED, that this Convention call upon our government to reassess national priorities for the use of our resources, giving highest priority to the alleviation of the suffering of the poor and deprived, both at home and abroad, and be it further
- 1967 On National and Personal Stewardship RESOLVED, that, since we can do no less than we ask others to do, we call upon the Episcopal Church nationally, the Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and all Church people to give the same attention to the re-channeling of their material riches and human resources in ways more compatible with our belief that we are only stewards of all we possess
- 1967 Statement on War WHEREAS, the Lambeth Conference (1930) resolved and the General Convention (1931) adopted: "War, as a method of settling international disputes, is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that as the Christian conscience has condemned infanticide and slavery and torture, it is now called to condemn war as an outrage on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all mankind." and
- 1967 Statement on War WHEREAS, the General Convention (1958) reaffirmed the Lambeth Conference position of 1931 stating that: "Nothing less than the abolition of war itself should be the goal of the nations, their leaders and all citizens."
- 1967 Statement on War RESOLVED, that this Diocesan Convention affirms these statements on its own behalf with particular reference to the war in Vietnam, and urges the United States Government, all other parties to the conflict (including the National Liberation Front of Vietnam), and the United Nations to press for negotiations with one another to end the fighting
- 1967 Location of World Trade Center WHEREAS, the State of New York proposes to combine its principal offices in New York City in one location, occupying some a million square feet of office space, and
- 1967 Location of World Trade Center WHEREAS, this large facility, if located in one of the underprivileged areas of New York City, would make a tremendous impact on that neighborhood in terms of increased jobs, income, redevelopment, and neighborhood pride, and
- 1967 Location of World Trade Center WHEREAS, the action of the State would serve as encouragement to the private sector of the economy to follow suit, making possible further redevelopment, and

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- 1967 Location of World Trade Center WHEREAS, our own Suffragan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. J. Stuart Wetmore, has already testified on this subject before the Board of Estimate of the City of New York, as follows: "I believe that infinitely greater social good would be accomplished if that same space—and the consolidated State offices occupying it—were to be located in Harlem or divided among such areas as Harlem, the South Bronx. and Bedford-Stuyvesant." and
- 1967 Location of World Trade Center WHEREAS, the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Diocese of New York has also gone on record as supporting this idea, and
- 1967 Location of World Trade Center WHEREAS, both the State of New York and the City of New York are again studying the various possibilities with regard to the location of these consolidated State offices, therefore, be it
- 1967 Location of World Trade Center RESOLVED, that the Diocese of New York vigorously supports the idea of locating the consolidated State offices in New York City in Harlem, South Bronx, and/or Bedford-Stuyvesant, and be it further
- 1967 Location of World Trade Center RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to Governor Rockefeller, Comptroller Levitt, Mayor Lindsay, and other appropriate State and City officials and agencies.
- 1967 Assessment Budget RESOLVED, that the 1968 budget of the Diocese in the amount of \$1,882,903 as presented herewith be adopted.
- 1967 Assessment Budget RESOLVED, that the Controller acting under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$338,593 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of Jan., April, July & October 1968
- 1967 Assessment Budget RESOLVED, that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on the portions of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1966
- 1967 Employment of Clergy without Discrimination WHEREAS, Bishop Donegan in his address to this Convention has set forth his policy to promote the election, appointment and employment of clergy and laity in the Diocese of New York without racial discrimination and on the basis of merit and has called for the support of this policy, therefore be it
- 1967 Employment of Clergy without Discrimination RESOLVED, that this Convention goes on record in support of this policy and calls on the parishes and missions and members of this Diocese to take steps to end, with the maximum speed possible, discrimination in the employment of clergy and laity in the parishes and missions of this diocese

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- 1967 Action to Eliminate Causes of Crime WHEREAS, the Right Reverend H. W. B. Donegan in his address to this Convention has called for vigorous and massive action to eliminate the causes of crime, violence and wanton vandalism in the Metropolitan area, therefore be it
- 1967 Action to Eliminate Causes of Crime RESOLVED, that this Convention supports this call for action and encourages the Bishop to exercise the widest leadership possible through the churches and in the whole community
- 1967 Urging Study and Debate on Vietnam WHEREAS, in his address to the Convention, the Rt. Rev. H. W. B. Donegan, D.D. has re-stated and affirmed the traditional Christian conviction that all war is wrong—although most Christians feel that every war, however wrong, may be a necessary alternative to a greater evil, and has reminded this Convention that Christians must make judgments on specific issues of war and peace such as the present war in Vietnam. therefore be it
- 1967 Urging Study and Debate on Vietnam RESOLVED, that this Convention urges its members to engage in continuous serious study and open debate on this issue
- 1967 Trustees of Estate and Property RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York nominate the following Trustees for election by the Convention: Mr. Thomas McCance for a term of four years; Mr. R. Keith Kane for a term of four years
- 1966 Amend Item 7 of Rule V of the EDNY Rules of Order RESOLVED, that no resolution expressing the sentiment or views of the Convention on any matter not subject to its control shall be considered by the Convention unless (1) it shall have been included in the Calendar of Business pursuant to Canon 4, or (2) it shall have been included in the report of a standing Committee or Department, or (3) it shall relate to or embody a recommendation contained in the address of the Bishop to the Convention
- 1966 Amend Item 7 of Rule V of the EDNY Rules of Order However, since the vote of the Convention was not unanimous on this resolution, but did represent a majority, this resolution must lie over until next year, when if again adopted by the Convention, the Rules of Order will be amended accordingly.
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *The Committee recommended that Resolution XV of the Calendar of Business not be adopted because of several important defective points. And, since the purpose contemplated by the resolution could not be achieved without further amendment of the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order and, since the matter has been raised several times previously, the Committee suggested that the Convention might request the Bishop to appoint a commission to study this matter and report its recommendations to the next convention, which it did.*

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- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *WHEREAS, the basis for the election of lay delegates to this Convention embodies a Federal concept, wherein the delegates represent the parish as an autonomous unit, and*
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *WHEREAS, the present manner of electing lay delegates makes no provision for recognizing the number of members in good standing in any given parish unit, and*
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *WHEREAS, this Convention, in order to be a gathering of the people of God in this Diocese, needs a basis for the election of lay delegates that embodies the concept of a Representative system, wherein the delegates equitably represent numbers of people, and*
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *WHEREAS, the present basis for the election of lay delegates does not embody those principles of democracy that are the basis of current Federal voter registration laws, and*
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *WHEREAS, the present basis for the election of lay delegates does not embody those principles of democracy that are the basis of current Re-apportionment of State Legislatures, as interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States, and*
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *WHEREAS, this Convention as now constituted is deprived of the breadth of opinion and judgment of the lay people of the Diocese, wherein but one lay vote must presently register the extent of the wisdom in any given parish unit, and*
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *WHEREAS, this gathering of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of New York has always sought to maintain the high standards of individual worth as expressed through representative government, and by our procedures commend such standards for the guidance of all, be it*
- 1966 *On Lay Delegates to Convention* *RESOLVED, that the Canons of this Diocese be amended so that each Parish, Assisted Parish, and Organized Mission of the Diocese will be granted one lay delegate with vote, to this Convention, for the first 300 members in good standing, or part thereof; and an additional lay delegate with vote for each additional 300 members in good standing, or part thereof.*
- 1966 Clergy Retirement Age *WHEREAS, Under the existing rules of the Church Pension Fund the retirement age of clergy is sixty-eight years; and*
- 1966 Clergy Retirement Age *WHEREAS, Under the Federal Social Security program the age is 65 (optional at 62) years; and*
- 1966 Clergy Retirement Age *WHEREAS, the normal retirement age in business, industry, and the professions is 65 years; and*
- 1966 Clergy Retirement Age *WHEREAS, in the interest of consistency the age should conform to the retirement age and the Medicare program under the Federal Social Security; and*

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- 1966 Clergy Retirement Age WHEREAS, the 61st General Convention of this Church set age 65 for the voluntary retirement of clergy, at a subsequent loss of about one third of the pension they would receive at age 68; therefore, be it
- 1966 Clergy Retirement Age RESOLVED, That this Convention of the Diocese of New York request the Church Pension Fund to seek and to establish the means by which voluntary retirement at age 65, without the loss of full pension, be implemented, and by which the pension plan for clergy hereafter ordained be established to permit voluntary retirement age 65; and that this resolution be presented to the General Convention to be held in 1967
- 1966 Church Pension Fund RESOLVED, That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1966 the pension assessments imposed
- 1966 Church Pension Fund 1. on the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1966 Church Pension Fund 2. on the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 11 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1966 On State Operated Lotteries WHEREAS, the Bishop of New York has repeatedly stated the Episcopal Church's historic opposition to "any proposal through which state or municipal governments would encourage further gambling by the general population to increase support of public services," and
- 1966 On State Operated Lotteries WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church in this Diocese has already called upon its members "to recognize and accept the need for increased state taxation if the urgent needs of our public education system are to be met," be it, therefore
- 1966 On State Operated Lotteries RESOLVED, that this Convention record its opposition to any proposal that the New York State Constitution be amended to permit state-operated lotteries as a means of raising funds for the support of education, and be it further
- 1966 On State Operated Lotteries RESOLVED, that this Convention call upon all Church people in this Diocese to work for the defeat of the constitutional amendment on state-operated lotteries that will appear on the ballot in this year's general election
- 1966 On Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature of New York State have enacted into law a multi-faceted program for the rehabilitation of narcotic addicts, and

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- 1966 On Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts WHEREAS, that law provides for the mandatory commitment of addicts guilty of no crime, a procedure of dubious morality and constitutionality which also threatens a radical increase in the number of addicts under care and custody at a time when the State cannot provide rehabilitation opportunities for those already in the prisons. and
- 1966 On Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts WHEREAS, the new law makes no provision for the rehabilitation of those greater numbers of people addicted to or abusing such non-narcotic drugs as barbiturates, amphetamines, and hallucinogens, be it, therefore
- 1966 On Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts RESOLVED, that this Convention record its approval of the humane concern reflected in the proposed extension of rehabilitation facilities, vocational training opportunities, psychiatric care, and halfway houses, all of which should serve to facilitate the realistic, socially acceptable re-entry of the narcotic addict into the community. and be it further
- 1966 On Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts RESOLVED, that this Convention record its deep concern for the moral, constitutional, and practical implications of mandatory civil commitment of non-criminal addicts, and be it further,
- 1966 On Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts RESOLVED, that this Convention record its conviction that the positive rehabilitation aspects of the new law must be extended to those addicted to or abusing non-narcotic drugs.
- 1966 On Exemption from State Labor law WHEREAS, this church has been on record since the General Convention of 1919 in support of the organization of workers for the advancement of fair labor practices, and
- 1966 On Exemption from State Labor law WHEREAS, this Church has in recent years by its actions and pronouncements consistently supported the continuing struggle for racial and economic equality among all people of our land, and
- 1966 On Exemption from State Labor law WHEREAS, the principle of collective bargaining is so well established in American life that its value should be apparent to all, and
- 1966 On Exemption from State Labor law WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this Church should be willing to go on record as accepting for itself the minimal standards of fair labor practice now accepted by all private profit-making enterprises; therefore, be it
- 1966 On Exemption from State Labor law RESOLVED, that this Convention favors the amendment of the New York State labor law to make employees of non-profit charitable, educational and religious organizations subject to the state labor relations act
- 1966 On Exemption from Unemployment Insurance Law WHEREAS, the employment of laymen in the work of the church at every level of competence is an increasing necessity in an age of specialization, and

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- 1966 On Exemption from Unemployment Insurance Law WHEREAS, the interests of the Church are served by conforming to the minimal public standards of economic security for its employees; therefore, be it
- 1966 On Exemption from Unemployment Insurance Law RESOLVED, that this Convention favors amendment of the State Labor Law to include non-profit making organizations among those covered by the unemployment insurance laws
- 1966 Assessment Budget RESOLVED, that the 1967 budget of the Diocese in the amount of \$1,844,439 as presented herewith be adopted.
- 1966 Assessment Budget RESOLVED, that the Controller acting under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$338,593 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1967
- 1966 Assessment Budget RESOLVED, that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on the portions of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1965
- 1966 To Study the State of the Church WHEREAS, this Convention is aware of the many and varied changes transforming the style and meaning of life of the people in this metropolitan diocese, and
- 1966 To Study the State of the Church WHEREAS, the order of the Church must be shaped to meet effectively the needs of our people in this time and place, be it therefore
- 1966 To Study the State of the Church RESOLVED, that this Convention commend and support our Bishop in his desire to renew the life and reform the structures of this Church, and be it further
- 1966 To Study the State of the Church RESOLVED, that this Convention request the Bishop to appoint a committee or committees to study the state of the Church in this diocese, which committee or committees will report back to the Diocesan Convention of 1967 with specific recommendations for implementing the call for Renewal of the Church
- 1966 On Vietnam WHEREAS, the hostilities in Viet Nam have been the subject of increasing attention from the world's religious leaders, including the Pope, the World Council of Churches, and the National Council of Churches, and
- 1966 On Vietnam WHEREAS, the Convention of the Diocese has traditionally sought to offer guidance through resolutions on matters of social and political policy which carry important moral implications, and

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- 1966 On Vietnam WHEREAS, the concern of Christian bodies for the peace of the world is longstanding and represents one of the most urgent moral issues now facing our government and the other governments of the world, be it,
- 1966 On Vietnam RESOLVED, that this Convention commend our government for all efforts it is making to resolve the war in Viet Nam through its offer of negotiation and through cooperative action of international agencies such as the United Nations or a re-convened Geneva Conference, and that we urge our government to continue these efforts by all available means; and be it further
- 1966 On Vietnam RESOLVED, that we request the Bishop of New York to convey directly to the President the evident desire of this Convention for earliest resolution of the war, and our support of our government as it seeks to meet with fidelity and courage both the moral and military problems of this war; and be it further
- 1966 On Vietnam RESOLVED, that we welcome increase of strategic constructive efforts by American voluntary and government agencies for the strengthening of economic production and social life, especially in the villages and industrial areas of South Viet Nam; and be it further
- 1966 On Vietnam RESOLVED, that we welcome the response of the United States of America, Australia, Korea, and other countries to the call of the South Viet Nam government to help provide armed protection against forces which strive to hinder normal development of the social and economic life of South Viet Nam.
- 1966 Trustees of Estate and Property RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York nominate the following Trustees for election by the Convention: Mr. Samuel R. Peale for a term of four years; Mr. Charles G. Proffitt for a term of four years
- 1965 Assessment Budget RESOLVED: that the 1966 budget of the Diocese in the amount of \$1,771,215 as presented herewith be adopted
- 1965 Assessment Budget RESOLVED: that the Controller acting under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2(1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$338,593 to be paid in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1966.
- 1965 Assessment Budget RESOLVED: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on the portions of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1964

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- 1965 Church Pension Fund RESOLVED: That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1965, the pension assessments imposed
- 1965 Church Pension Fund 1. on the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1965 Church Pension Fund 2. on the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 4 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 11 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1965 New Canon 33:
Women in Lay
Positions RESOLVED: that Canons be amended by adding thereto a new Canon 33, to read as follows:
"Anything in these Canons to the contrary notwithstanding, women may be nominated and elected or appointed to any committee, commission or other office for which laymen are eligible, unless otherwise prohibited by the rules or regulations of other bodies governing such eligibility."
- 1965 Rule of Order 39:
Women in Lay
Positions RESOLVED: that the Rules of Order be amended by adding thereto a new Rule XXXIX, to read as follows: "Anything in these Rules of Order to the contrary notwithstanding, women may be appointed to any committee for which laymen are eligible."
- 1965 Amend PECUSA
Constitution to
include Preamble WHEREAS, the General Convention of 1964 adopted on first reading an amendment to the Constitution of the Church providing that a preamble be added to the Constitution, and
- 1965 Amend PECUSA
Constitution to
include Preamble WHEREAS, the said amendment will be presented to the General Convention of 1967 for final action, be it therefore
- 1965 Amend PECUSA
Constitution to
include Preamble RESOLVED, that the Diocese of New York in Convention assembled, approve and endorse the amendment contained in the said preamble, and be it further
- 1965 Amend PECUSA
Constitution to
include Preamble RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the General Convention, to be presented to the 1967 General Convention, as a memorial recording the approval and the endorsement of the Diocese of New York and advocating the final adoption of said constitutional amendment.

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- 1965 On Relationship of the EDNY to the New York State Council of Churches RESOLVED: (1) That the Diocese of New York shall be represented at regular meetings of the Legislative Commission of the New York State Council of Churches by an appointee of the Bishop, thereby assuring the Diocese of a voice in the Commission's drafting of State Council legislative principles and in the Commission's subsequent study of pending legislation, and that said representative keep the Diocesan Council and Convention informed of pending legislation of vital importance
- 1965 On Relationship of the EDNY to the New York State Council of Churches (2) That the Diocese of New York give consideration to contributing financial support to the New York State Council of Churches, above and beyond sums subscribed by individual parishes
- 1965 On Relationship of the EDNY to the New York State Council of Churches (3) That the New York State Council of Churches be informed that assurances must be given to the Diocese of New York that in the publication of its legislative principles the dissent of the Diocese of New York shall be noted when requested by our representative on the Board of Directors, and that this dissent shall be noted in all subsequent publicity and releases
- 1965 On Relationship of the EDNY to the New York State Council of Churches (4) That between meetings of the Convention, the Council of the Diocese be empowered to formulate and state the position of the Diocese on legislative issues if the Convention has not already acted on such issues.
- 1965 On Christian Burial WHEREAS, Church people in this Diocese often find themselves under family and social pressure to depart from the normative burial practices of the Episcopal Church and may, in fact, lack a clear understanding of the practices intended by the Book of Common Prayer, and
- 1965 On Christian Burial WHEREAS, at the time of death, bereaved Christian families and the clergymen who counsel them are often confused about the burial wishes of the deceased, and
- 1965 On Christian Burial WHEREAS, the burial of those who were poor but not necessarily destitute can pose grave problems for families living in certain counties within the Diocese, be it, therefore
- 1965 On Christian Burial RESOLVED: that this Convention approve in principle the statement on Christian burial prepared by the Commission on Funeral Practices and direct that after revision and condensation this be made available throughout the Diocese for the guidance of clergy and laity, and be it
- 1965 On Christian Burial RESOLVED: that this Convention urge Church people of the Diocese to consult with their clergyman and perhaps with a funeral director about desired arrangements for their own burial, registering their burial wishes in writing with their next-of-kin and with the parish, and be it further

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- 1965 On Christian Burial *(Referred to the Chancellor) RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon state, county or local government to adopt any legislation necessary to provide adequate burial expense coverage for those who die in poverty and whose families are unable to pay*
- 1965 On Alcoholism WHEREAS, alcoholism is an illness of mind, body and spirit, all of which must be treated if the alcoholic is to be helped to recover, and
- 1965 On Alcoholism WHEREAS, alcoholics, like other sick persons, merit our prayerful concern and our efforts for their recovery, including our help in securing appropriate community rehabilitation resources, be it, therefore
- 1965 On Alcoholism RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon the clergy of the Diocese to equip themselves to take their place with Alcoholics Anonymous and the medical profession in a combined healing ministry to alcoholics, & be it
- 1965 On Alcoholism RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon all Church people to accept their Christian responsibility to develop within the Church and the community the healing environment within which alcoholics may be helped to recover, and be it further
- 1965 On Alcoholism RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon the State Legislature and local governmental bodies to appropriate the funds needed to establish and maintain adequate programs for alcoholics' rehabilitation
- 1965 On Church Investments and Contracts WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church in this Diocese is committed to securing for all persons true equality of opportunity in housing and employment, and
- 1965 On Church Investments and Contracts WHEREAS, the Church is obligated by its commitment to Christian stewardship to make all of its resources work for the advance of God's kingdom, no less in its necessary spending for maintenance than in its sacrificial giving for mission, be it, therefore
- 1965 On Church Investments and Contracts RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon the Diocesan Investment Trust, all other investing agents of the Diocese, and each parish to seek to confine their investments to those corporations that have demonstrated their commitment to equal opportunity in employment and to those properties whose owners have demonstrated a commitment to both fair housing practices and good housing standards
- 1965 On Church Investments and Contracts RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon the Diocesan Investment Trust, all other investing agents of the Diocese, and each parish to seek especially investment opportunities in corporations that are committed to constructing or financing housing that is open to persons of all races and creeds

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- 1965 On Church Investments and Contracts RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon the Departments of the Council of the Diocese and each parish to deal insofar as possible only with those contractors and suppliers who have demonstrated their commitment to equal opportunity in employment.
- 1965 On Birth Control Information WHEREAS, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church has twice endorsed “efforts now being made to secure for licensed physicians, hospitals, and medical clinics, freedom to convey such information as is in accord with a more wholesome family life, wherein parenthood may be undertaken with due respect for the health of mothers and the welfare of their children,” and
- 1965 On Birth Control Information WHEREAS, the rise in the number of illegitimate births suggests that an increasing number of unwanted and unloved children are being born, to suffer needlessly because their parents lacked proper understanding of the elements of responsible parenthood, including birth control measures, and
- 1965 On Birth Control Information WHEREAS, the Bishop of New York has supported the action of the New York State Board of Social Welfare in making birth control information available to welfare recipients, whether married or not, who are heads of families, be it, therefore
- 1965 On Birth Control Information RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon the New York State Legislature to repeal such laws as may now exist that serve to prevent or inhibit the dispensing of birth control information and contraceptive devices by licensed physicians, hospital, and medical clinics
- 1965 On NYC Housing Code Enforcement WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church in this Diocese has long been concerned about the housing blight and slum conditions that have plagued New York City, contributing heavily to the social ills of crime, disease, family breakdown, and human waste, and
- 1965 On NYC Housing Code Enforcement WHEREAS, a major factor in the persistence and spread of slums has been the City’s inability to enforce properly the many laws pertaining to housing, largely because the City lacks a comprehensive housing code centrally administered, and
- 1965 On NYC Housing Code Enforcement WHEREAS, the Columbia University Law School Drafting Research Fund has developed a series of recommendations that would lead to centralized administration of a comprehensive code and speedier resolution of housing complaints, including among other proposals the establishment of neighborhood housing complaint offices throughout the city. be it, therefore
- 1965 On NYC Housing Code Enforcement RESOLVED: that this Convention go on record as urging prompt adoption by the City of New York of the recommendations submitted to it by the Drafting Research Fund

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- 1965 On New York State Divorce Laws WHEREAS, the present limitations of New York State laws relating to divorce have operated to impose undue hardships on individuals and families, and have engendered widespread fraud and collusion in divorce proceedings, be it, therefore
- 1965 On New York State Divorce Laws RESOLVED: that this Convention record its conviction that New York State laws presently governing divorce are inadequate and in need of revision, and be it further
- 1965 On New York State Divorce Laws RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon the New York State Legislature, as a preliminary step, to create a temporary commission to study and investigate all laws and statutes pertaining to divorce, annulments, separations and matrimonial actions generally
- 1965 On Legalized Off Track Betting (Gambling) WHEREAS, the best available evidence indicates that the legalization of off-track pari-mutuel betting would not reduce illegal bookmaking activity but would, in fact, stimulate illegal betting of various kinds, to the benefit of the gambling syndicate and to the detriment of the community, and
- 1965 On Legalized Off Track Betting (Gambling) WHEREAS, the best available evidence indicates that the legalization of off-track pari-mutuel betting would not produce the net revenue claimed by the system's proponents but would, in fact, result in an increase in other governmental expenditures and a decrease in tax revenues from legitimate businesses affected by the diversion of consumer dollars to the betting parlors, be it. therefore
- 1965 On Legalized Off Track Betting (Gambling) RESOLVED: that this Convention record its opposition to any measure that would legalize off-track pari-mutuel betting in the State of New York or in New York City, and be it further
- 1965 On Legalized Off Track Betting (Gambling) RESOLVED: that this Convention call upon all Church people in this Diocese to work for the defeat of any such measure that might be proposed in or by the New York State Legislature
- 1965 On Voting Rights Legislation WHEREAS, the 184th Convention of the Diocese called for adoption of a Federal Civil Rights Bill then before Congress, identifying it as a moral issue transcending any political consideration, and
- 1965 On Voting Rights Legislation WHEREAS, implementation of the legislation subsequently adopted has shown that it is by no means self-enforcing, perhaps least of all in the crucial matter of voting, and
- 1965 On Voting Rights Legislation WHEREAS, thousands of citizens of this country are today still denied the right to register and vote or are restricted in seeking this opportunity by discriminatory legal stratagems and by intransigent local authorities, be it therefore

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- 1965 On Voting Rights Legislation RESOLVED, that this Convention urge the Congress of the United States to adopt a strong and effective voting rights measure this year, including among its provisions the elimination of poll taxes in state and local elections.
- 1965 On Bail and the Women's House of Detention Noting the unnecessary and costly imprisonment of many accused persons awaiting trial, who are imprisoned solely because they are too poor to raise bail
- 1965 On Bail and the Women's House of Detention Noting the hope of Judge Bernard Botein, presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, that, "the day when fixing of bail will be the exception for most crimes" and discrimination against the poor, in this respect will end
- 1965 On Bail and the Women's House of Detention Noting the general opinion of penologists that persons convicted of misdemeanors and minor offenses be confined, not in maximum security prisons but in appropriate modern institutions, which facilitate proper classification and remedial treatment
- 1965 On Bail and the Women's House of Detention Resolved: 1. That serious study be made of the desirability and practicability of releasing without bail either in the custody of responsible persons or on their own recognizance all persons accused of misdemeanors or minor offenses, unless there is evidence in a particular case that such release would endanger public safety; and that the study also concern itself with the release of such persons now awaiting trial in any custodial institution of the State of New York
- 1965 On Bail and the Women's House of Detention Resolved: 2. That the Women's House of Detention be replaced, not by a maximum security prison, but by one or more appropriate modern facilities, and that this project be given top priority in the City's capital budget for the coming year, and
- 1965 On Bail and the Women's House of Detention Resolved: 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the presiding Judges of appropriate courts, to the Mayor of New York, and to the Commissioner of Correction of the City of New York
- 1965 On Provincial Synod Assistance in the Placement of Clergy RESOLVED, that the Diocesan Convention meeting on May 11th, 1965, does request the Synod of Province 2 to establish and maintain a Department of Personnel, similar to that already existing in Province 1, to assist the Bishops and Vestries of the Province, at their request, in the best placement of the clergy

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- 1965 *Extending the Role of the Laity to include Administering the Chalice* *The Committee further considered the following amended resolution concerning the assistance of laity in the administration of the sacrament: RESOLVED, that the Convention of the Diocese of New York request the Standing Liturgical Commission of the General Convention to give urgent attention to the possibility of extending the role of the laity to include the administration of the Chalice at Holy Communion*
- 1965 On Information Concerning EDNY Missionary Work
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WHEREAS, Mutual Responsibility and Interdependency in the Church of Christ necessarily involves the effective communication of the missionary work and program of our Diocese within the family of the Diocese; and WHEREAS, the present low level of stewardship in missionary giving in the Diocese would appear to result, in part, from the failure to dramatize and communicate effectively the work that is uniquely missionary of parishes, organized missions, and departments of the Council; be it
- 1965 On Information Concerning EDNY Missionary Work
RESOLVED, that this Convention of the Diocese of New York direct the Department of Information and Development, in cooperation with the Department of Missions, to effect a program which would fully and dramatically inform by every possible means, the Council as well as the whole family of the Diocese of the missionary program of the various parishes, organized missions. and departments of the Council
- 1965 On South Africa and Racism
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WHEREAS, racism is an abomination in the eyes of God and men, an offense to human decency, and a gross violation of the emerging common law of mankind, and
WHEREAS, the Republic of South Africa is the only country in the world officially dedicated to a policy of racism, whereby fourteen million non-white persons are entirely subjugated by a white-supremacist minority government; and
WHEREAS, South African racist policies have been condemned by nearly every nation in the world and in almost every session of the United Nations since 1946; and
WHEREAS, Synods and conferences of the Anglican Communion have repeatedly condemned racism in all forms; therefore be it
- 1965 On South Africa and Racism
RESOLVED, that this 1965 Convention of the Diocese of New York extends the hand of love and encouragement to those within the Anglican Church of the Province of South Africa who work and witness that all men are one in the Body of Christ
- 1965 On South Africa and Racism
Commends the Government of the United States for its decision to cease arms shipments to the Republic of South Africa
- 1965 On South Africa and Racism
Urges the United States Government to show convincingly its abhorrence of South Africa's racial policies by acting to discontinue both public and private support of any nature of these policies

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- 1965 On South Africa and Racism Urges the United States Government to continue and to expand its work within the United Nations to effect a peaceful, just and equitable resolution for human rights in South Africa
- 1965 On South Africa and Racism Urges the United States Government to grant political asylum to and encourage educational opportunities for those fleeing South Africa racist tyranny; and be it further
- 1965 On South Africa and Racism RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The President of the United States; the Archbishop of Cape Town; the Secretary of State of the United States; the United States Ambassador to the United Nations; the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; to the United States Senators from New York and the representatives of South Africa in the United States & the United Nations
- 1965 Trustees of Estate and Property RESOLVED, that the Convention approves the request of the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York for election of the following as Trustees to serve the terms set opposite their names. Mr. John H. G. Pell, for a term of four years.
- 1964 Amend Canon 10, Section I: (On balloting at the Convention) Sec. I. In elections, unless otherwise directed by Canon, the voting shall be by ballot; provided that balloting may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention. Balloting shall be by Orders and, except in the case of a third ballot (if there be one), the concurrence of a majority of both Orders shall be necessary for an election, provided that if in any election a greater number of persons than the number of offices to be filled shall receive a canonical majority of the votes cast, those who up to the number of offices to be filled receive the largest canonical majorities in both Orders shall be declared elected. Except in the election of a Bishop, Bishop-Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop
- 1964 Amend Canon 10, Section I: (On balloting at the Convention) (i) the number of nominees on any second or third ballot shall be reduced, if necessary, so that there shall be twice as many nominees as there are vacancies remaining to be filled, such reduction to be effected by striking from the ballot, to the extent required for such reduction, the names of the nominees receiving in order the lowest aggregate number of votes of both orders on the ballot last preceding, and (ii) any vacancy or vacancies remaining unfilled after taking the third ballot shall be filled by the President's declaring elected to such vacancy or vacancies the remaining nominee or nominees who shall have received on the third ballot the highest aggregate number of votes of both Orders. Whenever the two Orders shall vote separately, a separate ballot box shall be provided for the Lay Delegates from assisted Parishes not in union with the Convention and from Organized Missions, and each lawful vote therein deposited shall count as one-half a vote.

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- 1964 Amend Canon 12 The Convention shall elect annually by ballot four Clergymen and four Laymen to act as Deputies and Provisional Deputies from this Diocese to the Provincial Synod of the Second Province. The two candidates in each order elected as provided in Canon 10 and receiving the highest number of votes shall be the Deputies, and the two candidates in each order so elected receiving the next highest number of votes shall be the Provisional Deputies. Provisional Deputies shall act as Deputies in case of the absence of Deputies. Deputies and Provisional Deputies shall serve for three years and until their several successors are elected
- 1964 Greetings to the Rt. Whereas, the Right Reverend Arthur Lichtenberger, Doctor in Divinity, Doctor
Rev. Arthur in Canon Law et cetera, Presiding Bishop of The Protestant Episcopal Church
Lichtenberger in The United States of America, has announced his intention to resign the
Primatial Office to the next General Convention of the Church; and
- 1964 Greetings to the Rt. Whereas, the cause of this decision is a physical affliction which he has borne,
Rev. Arthur and bears, with a calm courage and cheerfulness which has given Christians
Lichtenberger everywhere a new understanding of the obligation to take up one's cross and
follow the humble Lord who is Shepherd and Bishop of the souls of men; Now
therefore be it
- 1964 Greetings to the Rt. Resolved, that the Members of the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Convention
Rev. Arthur of the Diocese of New York, meeting at New York on this Twelfth Day of
Lichtenberger May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, do
extend to The Presiding Bishop their affectionate and respectful greetings
- 1964 Greetings to the Rt. The Members of the Convention are profoundly aware of the loss which they,
Rev. Arthur as well as the whole American Church, face in the impending loss of his
Lichtenberger leadership. Ever fair, equally firm, he has served the Church so wisely that the
partisan differences of a generation ago are now largely forgotten. His utter
integrity in facing the dread social problems of the age has left all men
absolutely clear as to what he believes, yet the human loving-kindness of his
manner has succeeded in establishing a profound personal respect for him even
on the part of those who have disagreed with him most. A great teacher even
before he became a great bishop, he has furnished all men in his particular
Faculty with a living illustration of the truths he has taught
- 1964 Greetings to the Rt. It was said of another distinguished man that he never stood so tall as when he
Rev. Arthur bowed. This phrase has now for all Churchmen a splendour and a sad beauty
Lichtenberger which will add to the store of Anglican piety. And be it further
- 1964 Greetings to the Rt. Resolved, that the Bishop of New York be requested to forward this Minute of
Rev. Arthur Greetings to the Church's distinguished leader
Lichtenberger

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- 1964 Amend Article 8 of the Constitution Resolved: that the last sentence of Article 8 of the Constitution, be amended, so that the same shall read, "There may be an Assistant Treasurer and a Controller, whose elections, terms of office and duties shall be fixed by Canon".
- 1964 Amend Canons 6, 13, and 17 For amendments to Canons 6, 13 and 17 (*see journal*)
- 1964 Amend Canon 33: Women in Lay Positions Resolved: that Canons be amended by adding thereto a new Canon 33, to read as follows:
"Anything in these Canons to the contrary notwithstanding, women may be nominated and elected or appointed to any committee, commission or other office for which laymen are eligible, unless otherwise prohibited by the rules or regulations of other bodies governing such eligibility." (*vote not unanimous, laid over one more year*)
- 1964 Add Rule 39 to the Rules of Order: Women in Lay Positions Resolved: that the Rules of Order be amended by adding thereto a new Rule XXXIX, to read as follows: "Anything in these Rules of Order to the contrary notwithstanding, women may be appointed to any committee for which laymen are eligible." (*vote not unanimous, laid over one more year*)
- 1964 Amend Canon 10: Nominees listed in the Calendar of Business Resolved: that Canon 10 be amended by striking out the word "lay" in the second sentence of paragraph 3 and by changing the last sentence of section 3 to read, "The secretary shall include in the Calendar of Business a list of persons nominated, their places of residence, parish or mission affiliations, their professional or business connections and any important activities or other qualifications".
- 1964 Church Pension Fund Resolved: That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1964 the pension assessments imposed
- 1964 Church Pension Fund 1. on the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1964 Church Pension Fund 2. on the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the New York Protestant Episcopal Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 12 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies.

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- 1964 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That that portion of the Budget of the Diocese to be raised by the Assessment for the period beginning May 1, 1964 and ending December 31, 1965 is approved as follows: Support of the Episcopate \$176,837; Diocesan Expense Fund \$239,186; the Department of Missions \$152,667; Total \$568.690
- 1964 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That the Controller, acting under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$558,690, of which eight-twentieths (8/20) are to be payable in two equal installments, namely, June 30, 1964 and December 1, 1964 and twelve-twentieths (12/20) are to be payable in four equal installments on the 5th days of January, April, July and October 1965; and that \$10,000 be appropriated from cash on hand in the Assessment Account
- 1964 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on the portions of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest calculated on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1963
- 1964 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That the amount to be included in the 1965 Budget of the Diocese representing the share of the Diocese in the 1965 budget of the National Council, be equal to the amount apportioned for 1964, namely, \$752,735
- 1964 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That the amount to be included in the Budget of the Diocese representing the requirements of the Council of the Diocese of New York for the year 1965 is \$643,439.
- 1964 On State Aid to Public Schools Whereas, the urgent needs of public school systems in many communities of New York State are going unmet because they have proved to be greater than these communities can meet through local taxation, and
- 1964 On State Aid to Public Schools Whereas, there now exist in New York State public schools that are ill-equipped to deal with the great and special needs of disadvantaged children, many of whom suffer from additional burdens imposed by historic patterns of discrimination and segregation, and
- 1964 On State Aid to Public Schools Whereas, it is essential that the quality of education in all of the public schools of New York State be raised to standards of excellence comparable to the best that exist in any of the public schools of New York State, be it, therefore

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- 1964 On State Aid to Public Schools Resolved: that this Convention calls upon the Legislators of this State to take action in the 1965 Session of the Legislature to raise the ceiling in the State aid formula to at least the state-wide average expenditure per child, substituting this flexible figure for the present \$500 ceiling, and be it further
- 1964 On State Aid to Public Schools Resolved: that this Convention call the upon the clergy and laity of this Diocese to recognize and accept the need for increased state taxation if the urgent needs of our public education system are to be met
- 1964 On Religious Freedom Whereas, continuing public debate over issues in Church-State relations, especially those involved in Federal aid to sectarian schools, has raised questions not answered satisfactorily for many Church people by past General Convention resolutions, and
- 1964 On Religious Freedom Whereas, recent judicial decisions and legislative proposals relating to such issues of religion in public education as prayer, Bible reading, and objective religious teaching have become a source of confusion and concern to many Church people, be it, therefore
- 1964 On Religious Freedom Resolved: that the One Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Convention of the Diocese of New York recommends to the General Convention that there be created a Joint Commission on Church-State Relations, to give continuing attention and study to matters of religious freedom, producing from time to time such discussion materials as will help Church people gain better understanding of the issues involved. and be it further
- 1964 On Religious Freedom Resolved: that this Convention recommends to the General Convention that this Joint Commission include some or all of the members of the National Council's Commission on Church-State Relations so that the work and experience of the latter body may be made available in this educational process.
- 1964 On Chaplaincies Whereas, the number of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church who are engaged in Hospital and Institutional Chaplaincies, in clinical training programs, and in other special counseling situations, has greatly increased in recent years, and
- 1964 On Chaplaincies Whereas, the need for supervision, direction and placement is recognized by both the Chaplains and the Institutions and Agencies which are concerned, be it, therefore

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- 1964 On Chaplaincies Resolved: that the One Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Convention of the Diocese of New York respectfully requests the members of the Program and Budget Committee of the General Convention to give favorable consideration to the request submitted by the Department of Christian Social Relations, which would provide leadership for this growing field of the Church's ministry
- 1964 On Narcotics
Addiction Whereas, narcotics addiction continues to grow as an open sore upon our society, and
- 1964 On Narcotics
Addiction Whereas, the illegal traffic in narcotics exploits the frustration and misery of deprived personalities for the support of the underworld empire, causing an increase in criminal acts against all sections of our community, and causing extreme suffering to addicts and their families, even causing the death of several hundred addicts a year because of contaminated and improper drug dosages. and
- 1964 On Narcotics
Addiction Whereas, several parishes in our Diocese are confronted with the need to minister, in the name of Christ, to the addicted person, and our whole Diocese is called upon to minister responsibly to a society beset by this evil,
- 1964 On Narcotics
Addiction Therefore be it Resolved, that this Convention of the Diocese of New York state its support for national, state, or local legislation which purposes humane treatment of the addict, including the addicted seller of narcotics, as a person needing rehabilitation, rather than as a criminal requiring punishment; and for legislation which directs the strongest action by the criminal courts and the law enforcement agencies against the narcotics racketeer, and that this Convention call upon the people of the Diocese to support church-affiliated, private, and/or public agencies conducting effective rehabilitation programs for narcotics addicts, and that the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Diocese of New York with the assistance of other qualified laity and clergy be directed to keep the Diocese informed of the current issues in this problem and to enable our Church to act with compassion and responsibility in regard to this grave sickness in our society.
- 1964 On Narcotics
Addiction Further resolved, that the Bishop appoint a committee or commission to study and address itself to the problem of narcotics addiction under the direction of the Department of Christian Social Relations, responsible to the Bishop and to the Convention for a report.
- 1964 On the struggle for
Quality Integrated
Education in NYC Whereas, the schools of the City of New York suffer from de facto segregation which denies to all children, Negro, white and Puerto Rican, the educational advantages of integrated classrooms, and

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- 1964 On the struggle for Quality Integrated Education in NYC Whereas, many of the public schools of this city suffer from poor quality and low educational standards, and
- 1964 On the struggle for Quality Integrated Education in NYC Whereas, this is a tragic waste of the potential abilities of our city's children, and
- 1964 On the struggle for Quality Integrated Education in NYC Whereas, we recognize a severe racial imbalance in the administrative and supervisory staffs of our schools, be it, therefore
- 1964 On the struggle for Quality Integrated Education in NYC Resolved, that the Convention of this Diocese supports the aims and goals of the responsible civil rights groups in this city in their struggle for quality integrated education as it applies to both children and administrative staff, and be it further
- 1964 On the struggle for Quality Integrated Education in NYC Resolved, that the Convention of this Diocese supports the use of nonviolent, responsibly led demonstrations to further these goals, and be it further
- 1964 On the struggle for Quality Integrated Education in NYC Resolved, that the position of this convention be communicated to the Mayor of this City and the President of the Board of Education.
- 1964 On Clergy Not Entitled to Vote at Convention Resolved, that the Secretary of Convention be instructed to send to all the Clergy of the Diocese the names of the Clergy not entitled by Canon to vote at the forthcoming Convention, and that this be done at least 10 days before Convention date, or included in the Calendar of Business
- 1964 On Amending the Insurance Law Whereas, the Church Fire Insurance Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Church Pension Fund, by charter writes insurance only for and in behalf of the Protestant Episcopal Church but nevertheless is presently subject to the same regulations governing the business of commercial insurance companies doing business with the general public;
- 1964 On Amending the Insurance Law Whereas, the Church Fire Insurance Corporation can better serve the church both as to insurance premiums and as to insurance coverage if relieved from such regulations

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- 1964 On Amending the Insurance Law Be it Therefore Resolved, it is the sense of this Convention that the public interest would be promoted by amending Section 187 of the New York Insurance Law to exempt from the provisions of Article VIII of said law any domestic insurance corporation authorized to issue fire and casualty insurance policies, and organized and operated without profit to any private shareholder or individual, exclusively for the purpose of aiding and strengthening religious, missionary, charitable, educational, or philanthropic institutions by issuing insurance only to or for the benefit of such institutions
- 1964 On Amending the Insurance Law Be it Further Resolved, that the officers of this Convention and of The Church Fire Insurance Corporation petition the legislature of the State of New York to take appropriate action consistent with the foregoing
- 1964 On the Federal Civil Rights Bill Whereas, the Bishop of New York has called for adoption of the Federal civil rights bill now before the Senate of the United States, and
- 1964 On the Federal Civil Rights Bill Whereas, other religious leaders and Church people of all political persuasions have united in support of this measure, identifying it as a moral issue transcending any political considerations, be it, therefore
- 1964 On the Federal Civil Rights Bill Resolved, that the One Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Convention of the Diocese of New York records its support of this legislation and urges the Senate of the United States to adopt the measure without further delay, and be it further
- 1964 On the Federal Civil Rights Bill Resolved, that this resolution be communicated to the Senators from this State and to Senate leaders of both parties.
- 1964 All Saints' Church, Milton declared Extinct Whereas, this Diocesan Convention, after due consideration, has determined that All Saints' Church, Milton, New York, incorporated under the name 'The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of All Saints' Church in the Village of Milton' has become extinct
- 1964 All Saints' Church, Milton declared Extinct Resolved, that this Convention in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 726 of the Laws of New York for 1949 hereby declares that All Saints' Church, Milton, incorporated under the name 'The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of All Saints' Church in the Village of Milton' has become extinct
- 1963 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That the Assessment Budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1963 is adopted as follows: Support of the Episcopate \$98,570; Diocesan Expense Fund \$153, 806; Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society \$91,600; Total \$343,976

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- 1963 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That the Treasurer, under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances, shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide \$333,976 of this amount and that \$10,00 additional be appropriated from cash on hand in the Assessment Account
- 1963 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, be credited on the portion of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest calculated on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1962.
- 1963 Budget of the Diocesan Council Resolved: That the Council Budget for the calendar year 1964 as follows, is hereby adopted:
The Council Department of Missions \$380,825; Department of Christian Education \$80,788; Department of Christian Social Relations \$38,966; Department of Promotion \$109,360; Expenses of Council meetings \$500; Reimbursement to Diocesan Expense Fund for accounting services \$3,000 – Subtotal \$613,439; Affiliated Agencies: New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society and the Seamen's Church Institute \$30,000; Total \$643,439
- 1963 Church Pension Fund Resolved: That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1963, the pension assessments imposed.
- 1963 Church Pension Fund (1) on the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1963 Church Pension Fund (2) on the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society, and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 12 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1963 Trustees of Estate and Property Resolved: that the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York request the election of the following Trustees, to serve for the terms set opposite their names: Mr. Clarence G. Michalis, for a term of four years; Mr. R. Keith Kane, for a term of four years.
- 1963 Amend the EDNY Constitution To make provisions for the proposed changes in the administration of the Diocese, it would be necessary to amend the Constitution to permit the election of a Controller.

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- 1963 Amend the EDNY Constitution Resolved: that the last sentence of Article 8 of the Constitution, be amended, so that the same shall read: "There may be an Assistant Treasurer and a Controller, whose elections, terms of office and duties shall be fixed by Canon."
- 1963 On Urban Renewal Whereas, the Urban Renewal Program at its inception in 1949 was generally accepted as a slum clearance and housing operation, and
- 1963 On Urban Renewal Whereas, this conception has been frequently used as a tool for the perpetuation and sometimes extension of patterns of segregation in housing, and
- 1963 On Urban Renewal Whereas, the approach to Urban Renewal today covers rehabilitation and conservation as well as development of housing, and also includes clearance, economic growth, and improvements for commerce and industry, and
- 1963 On Urban Renewal Whereas, within the framework of this current conception the protection of the rights and welfare of the individual has emerged in sharp focus as a vital element in achieving the maximum benefits for the Urban Renewal Program, be it, therefore
- 1963 On Urban Renewal Resolved: that this Convention hereby records its convictions about Urban Renewal:
(1) Urban Renewal must be based on considerations of furthering social justice as well as improving the municipality's physical plant and economic vigor. Such planning must anticipate an environment which meets the highest social as well as economic objectives of our society;
(2) In order for Urban Renewal to achieve the maximum benefit for all, there must be included as a major purpose the fostering of good inter-group relations through active promotion of racial integration in housing
- 1963 On membership in NY State Council of Churches Whereas, for many years this Diocese has benefited from its informal association with the New York State Council of Churches in the areas of the ministry to migrants, institutional chaplaincies, and legislation, and
- 1963 On membership in NY State Council of Churches Whereas, this Diocese is eligible to become a member of the New York State Council because it is in agreement with the Preamble to the Constitution of the State Council, which reads: "For more than one hundred years the Christian Churches of New York State have cooperated increasingly in common tasks . . . (and) "In the providence of God it seems fitting to manifest our oneness in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour by providing for an inclusive cooperative agency to continue and extend this historic work," and
- 1963 On membership in NY State Council of Churches Whereas, it now shares, informally, in the financial support of the Council, and

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- 1963 On membership in NY State Council of Churches Whereas, the Diocese of Central New York is a member of the New York State Council of Churches, and another Diocese now has membership under active consideration, be it, therefore
- 1963 On membership in NY State Council of Churches Resolved: that this Convention accept formal membership in the New York State Council of Churches.
- 1963 On the Church and Housing Whereas, one of the aims of being helpful to older persons is to make it possible for them to continue responsibility in their own accustomed environment, and make full constructive use of their skills, abilities, and wisdom, within the Church and the larger community, be it, therefore
- 1963 On the Church and Housing Resolved: that this Convention commends the several parishes in urban and suburban areas that have taken steps now towards the fulfillment of these aims through study and planning of housing needs for older persons; and urges other parishes to undertake similar projects to provide such accommodations and programs when needed either as a parish endeavor or in cooperation with other Church and community groups.
- 1963 On Housing for the Aged Whereas, both the State and Federal Governments maintain programs to enable legitimate sponsors to construct housing for the aged, making use of Federal or State funds, and
- 1963 On Housing for the Aged Whereas, there is great need for additional housing for the aged throughout this Diocese, and
- 1963 On Housing for the Aged Whereas, an individual parish, in the inner city, is unable to serve as sponsor unless the parish itself is in an Urban Renewal area, be it, therefore
- 1963 On Housing for the Aged Resolved: that this Convention request the Bishop to establish a committee to study both the Federal and State programs to determine the feasibility of this Diocese serving as a sponsor for such housing, and to report their findings to the Council of the Diocese.
- 1963 On Amending the Kerr-Mills Act Whereas, the Kerr-Mills Act, a national act, now in operation in many states including New York, does not make medical care available to indigent persons already on Old Age Assistance, be it, therefore
- 1963 On Amending the Kerr-Mills Act Resolved: that this Convention urge an amendment to this Act which would make such provision
- 1963 On Health Insurance Whereas, hospital insurance for all senior citizens, whether now receiving Social Security or not, is one of the most important proposals pending before the Congress, be it, therefore

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- 1963 On Health Insurance Resolved: that the Convention encourage the Congress to enact a hospital insurance program for all senior citizens
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Whereas, events of the past few weeks in Birmingham, Alabama, have indicated that privileged groups will not give up their unjust posture even in the face of non-violent protest, and
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Whereas, by continuing to disinherit Children of God in the various areas of civil rights the segregationist elements of the City of Birmingham and the State of Alabama have opened the door to violence, and
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Whereas, the contemporary Christian Church is often a weak and ineffectual voice of uncertain sound coming too late to the side of justice and morality, therefore be it,
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Resolved: that this Convention commend the mission of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates in Birmingham, Alabama, and, be it further
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Resolved: that this Convention assert its conviction that the Christian Church should never in any way give comfort to those in any community who would deprive any person of his inheritance as a Child of God or a citizen of the community by reason of race, and, be it further
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Resolved; that the clergy, laity, and parishes of this Diocese be encouraged to support the efforts being made in Birmingham, Alabama, and elsewhere by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by their prayers, vocal support and financial aid, and, be it further
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Resolved: that the members of this Convention are urged to use their influence for the maintenance and extension of civil rights in all areas of this Diocese, and, be it further
- 1963 On the Events in Birmingham, Alabama Resolved: that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Alabama, the Bishop of Alabama, and to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 1963 Greetings to Bishop Barrett of Rochester Resolved: that this Convention notices the absence of its esteemed former member, the Rt. Rev. George West Barrett and conveys its prayerful greetings to the new Bishop of Rochester

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- 1962 Amend Canon 10 and Canon 13 Resolved: 1. That Section 3 of Canon 10 be amended by changing the third sentence thereof to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Secretary upon receipt of such nominations to communicate, in writing, with each of the nominees, notifying him or her of his or her nomination and the names of other nominees for the same office, and in all instances where the Secretary receives notice from any nominee in writing that such nominee desires to withdraw his or her name from nomination, the nomination of such candidate or candidates shall be disregarded by the Secretary."
- 1962 Amend Canon 10 and Canon 13 Resolved: 2. That Canon 13 be amended so that (a) in the second paragraph thereof, the next to the last category of Members of the Council now described as "Five Laymen, communicants of Parishes or Missions in union with Convention, to be elected by Convention" be amended to read "Five Lay Persons, communicants of Parishes or Missions in union with Convention, to be elected by Convention"; and (b) the word "laymen" appearing in the first sentence of the paragraph headed "Elections and Appointments" be changed to "lay persons."
- 1962 Amend Canon 10 and Canon 13 *The resolution was duly seconded and adopted, but not unanimously, whereupon a motion for reconsideration and the taking of a vote by Orders was made, seconded and carried by more than two-thirds of the members present. The foregoing motion was again made and recorded, a vote by Orders duly called for and the resolution was carried by the vote of more than two-thirds of both Orders*
- 1962 Amend the Rules of Order Resolved: that the Rules of Order be amended by striking out Rules IV and V in their entirety and by substituting therefore the following (see journal)
- 1962 Amend the Rules of Order *A vote by Orders was duly called for and the resolution was carried by the vote of more than two-thirds of both Orders .*
- 1962 Amend Canon 11 Resolved: change the second sentence of Section 1 to read: At the regular meeting next preceding a stated meeting of the General Convention, the Convention shall elect four Clergymen and four Laymen to act as Provisional Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention.
- 1962 Amend Canon 11 *A vote by Orders was duly called for and the resolution was carried by the vote of more than two-thirds of both Orders.*
- 1962 On Extremists Whereas, the Church in every age has sought to inspire and advise with her people in the perplexing areas of decision-making be they moral, social or political, and
- 1962 On Extremists Whereas, the exercise of this responsibility is seriously hindered at the present time by strong pressures being brought to bear on Church people by extremists both of the Right and of the Left who often resort to false witness, slander, distortion and over-simplification, and

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- 1962 On Extremists Whereas, the activities of these extremists have often aroused suspicion, mistrust, disunity and confusion within the Church and repudiation by highly vocal minorities of her leaders, be it, therefore
- 1962 On Extremists Resolved: that this Convention endorses the warnings against extremist movements, both of the Right and Left, which have been expressed by the Bishop of New York in his address to the 1961 Session of this Convention and by the General Convention of 1961, reminding people of our Church “to examine carefully charges of disloyalty and subversion brought by extremist groups, and the over-simplified appraisal of our situation which they promote,” and be it further
- 1962 On Extremists Resolved: that this Convention urges the Clergy of the Diocese to make this a subject of instruction, study and preaching in their congregations and that it instructs the Department of Christian Social Relations to assist the Clergy in this undertaking by the provision of study materials, and by whatever other methods it judges to be appropriate.
- 1962 On Raising the Age from 18 to 21 for the Sale of Alcohol Whereas, because the minimum age of 18 for the purchase of intoxicating beverages in New York State makes many of our communities potential sources of death and injury for out-of-State young people who come here primarily to buy and consume intoxicating beverages not available to them in their own States. and
- 1962 On Raising the Age from 18 to 21 for the Sale of Alcohol Whereas, this situation not only imperils the health and welfare of youth but increases danger to all who use highways, and
- 1962 On Raising the Age from 18 to 21 for the Sale of Alcohol Whereas, a total of 48 States, including the five immediately contiguous to New York State, have a uniform minimum age limit of 21 years for the purchase of intoxicating beverages, be it, therefore
- 1962 On Raising the Age from 18 to 21 for the Sale of Alcohol Resolved: that this Convention calls upon the Legislators of this State to take action in the 1963 Session of the Legislature to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law to raise from 18 to 21 the minimum age at which a minor may purchase intoxicating beverages in the State of New York, and be it further
- 1962 On Raising the Age from 18 to 21 for the Sale of Alcohol Resolved: that this resolution be forwarded by the Department of Christian Social Relations (1) to the Governor of this State, asking his public support of this proposed amendment, (2) to the Clergy and laity of this Diocese, along with appropriate supporting material, and (3) to the other Dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State urging them to pass similar resolutions and to join with this Diocese in a State-wide educational program designed to bring about the amendment of this law as proposed above

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- 1962 On the Aged Whereas, due to the increase in the human life span the number of older persons in our society is growing rapidly and now exceeds 17 million individuals, and
- 1962 On the Aged Whereas, last year this Convention took cognizance of these developments by authorizing the establishment of the Services for the Aged now in operation in the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations, be it, therefore
- 1962 On the Aged Resolved: that this Convention, encouraged by the response of the Clergy and laity to this program, urges upon all charged with responsibility for planning for the Aged to include older parishioners in the deliberations undertaken so that their needs and interests will be fully considered and they will have a renewed sense of participation in the active life and work of the Church
- 1962 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: that the Treasurer, under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances, shall make an assessment in accordance with Sec. 2 (1) of the Canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide the following amounts, which are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1962 for the following objects: Support of the Episcopate \$97,725; Diocesan Expense Fund \$26,141; Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Societv \$91.600: TOTAL \$315.466
- 1962 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: that parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, be credited on the portion of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest calculated on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned on the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1961
- 1962 Budget of the Diocesan Council Resolved: that the Council Budget for the calendar year 1963 as follows, is hereby adopted (see journal)
- 1962 Church Pension Fund Resolved: That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1962, the pension assessments imposed:
- 1962 Church Pension Fund (1) On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1962 Church Pension Fund (2) On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society and the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by such agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 3 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 12 per cent of the full 15 per cent being payable by said agencies.

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- 1962 Placement of Clergy and Race Whereas, the placement of Clergy of the Episcopal Church should be on the basis of merit and without racial discrimination; therefore, be it
- 1962 Placement of Clergy and Race Resolved: that the Bishop is requested to appoint a representative committee of Clergy and Laity of the Diocese to study this situation and recommend constructive action which will lead to a wider equitable acceptance of clergy by parishes and missions, without regard to race
- 1962 Trustees of Estate and Property Resolved: that the Trustees of the Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York request the election of the following Trustees, to serve the terms set opposite their names, Mr. Samuel R. Peale, for a term of four years; Mr. Charles G. Proffit, for a term of four years
- 1961 Place of Religion in Public Education Whereas, questions which are before us as to the place of religion in public education call for the most thoughtful and prayerful study by all people of spiritual integrity and good will, and
- 1961 Place of Religion in Public Education Whereas, the point of view of no single group can prevail if we are to preserve the principles of spiritual and intellectual freedom which are at the center of our democracy, be it, therefore
- 1961 Place of Religion in Public Education Resolved: that this Convention supports wholeheartedly the Bishop's recommendation that leaders of all religious faiths meet together in a series of conversations directed toward the development of the "dual purposes of excellence in educational attainment and growth in faith and moral character, under the Constitution, and to explore any avenues of cooperation that appear to be consistent with the principle that public funds not be used for religious indoctrination "
- 1961 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: that the Treasurer, under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances, shall make an assessment in accordance with the canon entitled "Of the Committee on Diocesan Finances" sufficient to provide the following amounts, which are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 1961 for the following objects: Support of the Episcopate \$91,783; Diocesan Expense Fund \$125,000; Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society \$91,600; TOTAL \$308,383
- 1961 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That parishes and missions which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, be credited on the portion of their assessments attributable to the support of the Episcopate, with interest calculated on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned by the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1960.

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- 1961 Diocesan Council Budget Resolved: that the Council Budget for the calendar year 1962 be adopted (see journal)
- 1961 Church Pension Fund Resolved: That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1961, the pension assessments imposed.
- 1961 Church Pension Fund (1) On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1961 Church Pension Fund (2) On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society and the Seaman's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by said agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 5 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 10 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies.
- 1961 Trustees of Estate and Property Resolved: that the request of the Trustees of Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York for the election of the following trustees be approved - Mr. Richard H. Mansfield, for a term of four years; Mr. John H. G. Pell, for a term of four years
- 1961 Amend Article IV of the Constitution Resolved, that Article IV of the Constitution be amended by adding the following: "Such as are present of the officers of the Convention and of the chairmen of committees, boards and commissions required to report to the Convention shall be members of the Convention with voice but without vote."
- 1961 Amend Article IV of the Constitution Resolved, that Article IV of the Constitution be amended by deleting the second paragraph thereof and substituting therefore the following: "The Clerical Members shall be those Clergymen canonically resident within the Diocese not less than six months preceding the meeting of the Convention, who shall be ministering in or for the Diocese, or who, having attained the age of sixty-five years, shall have retired from the active work of the Ministry after having served for not less than the five preceding years of their ministry in or for the Diocese."
- 1961 Amend Canon 1 and Canon 2 Whereas, the Convention of the Diocese of New York passed in 1960 an amended Article IV of the Constitution of this Diocese, and
- 1961 Amend Canon 1 and Canon 2 Whereas, the amended Article IV must be voted upon a second time to become effective, and is to be submitted to this 1961 Convention, be it

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- 1961 Amend Canon 1 and Canon 2 Resolved: that, contingent upon the approval by this 1961 Convention of the amended Article IV of the Constitution the following amendments to the Canons of the Convention be and are herewith proposed to the end that the Canons be consonant with the new Article IV and that the Canons be simplified in that regard:
- 1961 Amend Canon 1 and Canon 2 “That the words ‘if any’ be inserted in Canon 1 so that the phrase therein will read, ‘with their titles, if any, and places of residence.’
- 1961 Amend Canon 1 and Canon 2 “That Canon 2 be amended by striking out entirely the present Section 3 thereof and by renumbering all of the sections following thereafter so that the present Section 4 shall become Section 3, Section 5 shall become Section 4, and so on throughout the entire Canon 2.”
- 1961 Amend Canon 1 and Canon 2 *The amendments were adopted by a majority vote; hence, they would lay over for consideration until the next annual convention.*
- 1961 Amend Canon 10 on Balloting Resolved: that Canon 10 be amended as follows: In Section 1, delete the second sentence and substitute the following: “Balloting shall be by Orders and the concurrence of a majority of both Orders shall be necessary for an election.”
- 1961 Amend Canon 10 on Balloting The Committee recommended the addition of the following provision to the proposed amendment of Sec. 1 of Canon 10 to make it conform more closely to the provisions as they existed prior to the adoption of the Hare System of Balloting: “provided that if in any election a greater number of persons than the number of offices to be filled shall receive a canonical majority of the votes cast, those who up to the number of offices to be filled receive the largest canonical majorities in both Orders shall be declared elected.”
- 1961 Amend Canon 10 on Balloting In Section 3, delete the last two sentences of the first paragraph and substitute the following: “After each list of nominations as many blank spaces shall be left as there are vacancies to be filled. These blanks may be filled by any voter. The voter shall mark an X at the right of the name of each person for whom he votes. The number of vacancies to be filled shall be printed on each ballot, and no ballot shall be counted on which more names are marked than there are vacancies to be filled ” Also delete Section 4
- 1961 Amend Canon 11 on Balloting Resolved: that Canon 11, Section 1 be changed to read as follows: The Convention shall, at the regular annual meeting in the year next preceding a stated meeting of the General Convention elect by ballot four Clergymen and four Laymen to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention. Following the election of the Deputies, the Convention shall proceed to elect four Clergymen and four Laymen to act as Provisional Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention. Deputies and Provisional Deputies shall hold their respective offices until their successors are appointed, and shall be Deputies, or Provisional Deputies, to any General Convention which may be held during their continuance in office.

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- 1961 Amend Canon 12 on Balloting Resolved: that Canon 12 be changed to read as follows: The Convention shall elect annually by ballot two Clergymen and two Laymen to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the Provincial Synod of the Second Province. Following the election of the Deputies the Convention shall proceed to elect two Clergymen and two Laymen to act as Provisional Deputies from this Diocese to the Provincial Synod of the Second Province. Provisional Deputies shall act as Deputies in case of the absence of Deputies. Deputies and Provisional Deputies shall serve for three years and until their several successors are elected
- 1961 On the Election of Women to the Diocesan Council Resolved: that the Committee on Canons be instructed to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Convention, in time for inclusion in the Calendar of Business for the Convention of 1962, proposed amendments to the canons so as to permit the election of women to the Council of the Diocese of New York
- 1961 On the World and National Council of Churches Resolved: that this Convention urge the General Convention to continue to give its wholehearted support, both moral and economic, to the work of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches
- 1961 On Alcoholism Whereas, alcoholism and problem drinking is a steadily growing social problem affecting the lives and families of members of the Church and of Society, and
- 1961 On Alcoholism Whereas, the field of alcohol problems is presently only one among several areas of concern of the Division of Christian Citizenship of The National Council, and
- 1961 On Alcoholism Whereas, we believe that the Church's program dealing with problems deriving from alcoholism has developed to such sizeable proportions as to suggest the wisdom of additional assistance in the administration and execution of the said program on the national level, be it therefore
- 1961 On Alcoholism Resolved: that the 181st Convention of the Diocese of New York held on May 9, 1961 recommends to The National Council, the Committee on Program and Budget of the General Convention, and the General Convention itself, that they give serious consideration to the recommendation of the Joint Commission on Society and Alcoholism that The National Council augment its staff for a more efficient administration of its alcoholism program
- 1961 On the Bishop's Address concerning Education Resolved: That this Convention unanimously endorse the statements, position and recommendations of the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Bishop of the Diocese, in his address to the Convention on the issue of federal aid to education and the necessity of adequate education of our youth

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- 1960 Bishop Donegan's Birthday Resolved: that the Convention of the Diocese of New York extend to the Bishop its hearty congratulations and best wishes for his health and happiness and its corporate prayer that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide him in the great work he is doing for the Diocese of New York
- 1960 Church Pension Fund Resolved: That the Convention hereby directs the Church Pension Fund to pay from the income of the New York Diocesan Fund over the twelve months beginning May 1, 1960, the pension assessments imposed.
- 1960 Church Pension Fund (1) On the Diocese based on the stipends of the Episcopate at the rate of 15 per cent of such stipends, and
- 1960 Church Pension Fund (2) On the Council of the Diocese of New York, the Youth Consultation Service, the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society and the Seaman's Church Institute of New York, based on the stipends paid by said agencies to clergy in their employ at the rate of 5 per cent of such stipends, the remaining 10 per cent of the full 15 per cent assessment being payable by said agencies
- 1960 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That the Treasurer under the direction of the Committee on Diocesan Finances, shall make an assessment in accordance with the canons sufficient to provide the following amounts, which are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1960 for the following objects: Support of the Episcopate \$91,854; Diocesan Expense Fund \$123,571; Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Societv \$89.200: TOTAL \$304.625
- 1960 Budget of the Diocese Resolved: That the parishes which have made payments of principal sums to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be credited on their assessments for the Support of the Episcopate with interest calculated on the amounts so paid at the average rate earned by the principal of the Episcopal Fund for the calendar year 1959.
- 1960 Diocesan Council Budget Resolved: That the Council Budget for the calendar year 1961 as follows is hereby adopted
- 1960 On a Committee to Study the Synod of Province II Resolved: That the Bishop be requested to appoint a committee of clergy and lay persons to study the organization and program of the Synod of the Second Province and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Council of the Diocese of New York
- 1960 Trustees of Estate and Property Resolved: that the Convention approves the request of the Trustees of Estate and Property of the Diocesan Convention of New York for the election of the following as Trustees to serve the terms set opposite their names: Mr. Hugh Bullock, for a term of four years; Mr. Charles M. Walton Jr., for a term of four years

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- 1960 Amend Canon 13 Resolved, that Canon 13 entitled "Of the Council of the Diocese of New York" be amended (*see journal*)
- 1960 Amend Article IV of the Constitution Whereas, in the development of the life of the Church in the Diocese new conditions have arisen suggesting additional alterations
- 1960 Amend Article IV of the Constitution Resolved, that we adopt an amendment (see 1961 above). It was unanimously approved, and shall lie over to the next Convention.
- 1960 175th Anniversary Fund Resolved: That the Council of the Diocese is requested to continue to present the objectives of the 175th Anniversary Fund Campaign when and where opportunity offers and that the Fund be left open on the books of the Treasurer for the receipt of additional gifts and payments on account of pledges
- 1960 Capital Punishment Whereas, the General Convention of 1958 passed a resolution urging the abolition of capital punishment, be it, therefore
- 1960 Capital Punishment Resolved: that this Convention endorse this action taken by the representative legislative body of our National Church; and be it further
- 1960 Capital Punishment Resolved: that this Convention urge upon the authorities of New York State such legislative action as may bring about the abolition of capital punishment in this State.
- 1960 Attacks on the National Council of Churches Whereas, there have appeared in recent months widely publicized attacks on The National Council of Churches of Christ in America, and
- 1960 Attacks on the National Council of Churches Whereas, this Church is a member body of The National Council of Churches of Christ in America and many of her members share in the leadership of The Council, including The Presiding Bishop, be it, therefore
- 1960 Attacks on the National Council of Churches Resolved: that this Convention record its confidence in the independence, patriotism and integrity of The National Council of Churches of Christ in America; and be it further
- 1960 Attacks on the National Council of Churches Resolved: that this Convention record its shock and dismay that any official of the United States Government should countenance these vague, unspecified and undocumented attacks on The National Council of Churches of Christ in America.
- 1960 On Refugees Whereas, indifference to the desperate suffering of refugee peoples left in camps or otherwise displaced throughout the world is a flagrant example of a lack of brotherliness and Christian love, and

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- 1960 On Refugees Whereas, the Church and other major religious bodies have repeatedly drawn the attention of the public to the gross inadequacies of the present United States of America immigration laws and the procedures inaugurated to meet this continuing emergency, be it, therefore
- 1960 On Refugees Resolved: that this Convention urge upon the leaders of the two major political parties that at their forthcoming conventions they include in their platforms a provision for a representative study commission to be appointed by the President of the United States to review and recommend changes in the immigration laws and procedures to the end that present injustices and racial and ethnic discriminations related to immigration may be removed.
- 1960 On South Africa Whereas, reports from the Union of South Africa almost daily indicate repression and brutality in the enforcement of pass laws and the system of apartheid by which the African natives of that country are segregated and their lives rigidly controlled, and
- 1960 On South Africa Whereas, the U. S. State Department and the United Nations have protested against these repressive measures and the way in which they are enforced, and
- 1960 On South Africa Whereas, the Anglican Church of the Province of South Africa has consistently borne witness to the brotherhood of men of all races under these difficult conditions, even at personal risk to its Archbishop, bishops, and other leaders, be it
- 1960 On South Africa Resolved: that the Diocese of New York of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in convention assembled, deploras and protests these actions of the Union of South Africa against its own citizens of African descent, and expresses to the Archbishop of Capetown and through him to the bishops and other leaders of the Church of the Province of South Africa, its admiration and sympathy for their courageous and Christian stand in this difficult situation. and
- 1960 On South Africa Resolved: further, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Archbishop of Capetown, to the U. S. Secretary of State, to the Secretary General of the United Nations, to the South African Ambassador to the United States, and to the heads of the U. S. and South African delegations to the United Nations
- 1960 On Race Relations Whereas, this Diocese has on many occasions expressed its great concern over the social disorder and personal tragedy caused by racial and ethnic conflict, and
- 1960 On Race Relations Whereas, the chaos in South Africa and the mounting crisis in our own country compels a response from this Convention again, be it, therefore

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- 1960 On Race Relations Resolved: that this Convention sympathetically supports the oppressed in South Africa as well as those in our own nation; and be it further
- 1960 On Race Relations Resolved: that this Convention, mindful of its special responsibility to our fellow Churchmen in South Africa and our brethren in conflict in this nation, commends to the people of this Diocese the Episcopal Churchmen for South Africa and the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, which organizations are seeking to assert directly the concern of Church people for our aggrieved brethren
- 1960 On a Parochial School System
1960 On a Parochial School System Whereas, the Diocese of New York has presently no Parochial School System, and
Whereas, there is within the Diocesan Department of Christian Education a division of Boarding and Day Schools made up of the heads of existing schools, therefore, be it
- 1960 On a Parochial School System Resolved: that this Convention requests the Division of Boarding and Day Schools to study the need for and consider the feasibility of establishing a “Parochial School System” in this Diocese and to report its findings and recommendations to the Bishop and the Council of the Diocese of New York