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Below are the resolutions of particular interest to parishioners in the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. To read resolutions in full, go to <https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions?house=HD&lang=en>, where all resolutions presented at GC81 and their final status can be found.

Resolutions considered and approved

- A021: Create a Care of Creation Loan Program for Episcopal Dioceses:**
help dioceses and congregations implement carbon-neutral policies
- A037: Accepting the agreement “Sharing the Gifts of Communion”
between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Bavaria:** inaugurating full communion
- A045: Celebrate and Support the planting of New Episcopal Worshiping
Communities:** funds to plant new missions and train their leaders
- A046: Support Starting New Bi-Cultural and Multi-Cultural Ministries:**
funds to launch these ministries and train their leaders
- A110: Clarify Distinction Between Biblical and Modern Israel**
- A114: Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic
Prayer C:** trial use of alternative form of “Star Wars” prayer
- A115: Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday Liturgy:**
alternative Epistle and amended Passion Gospel of John
- A116: Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First
Reading):** authorize trial use of these alternative rites
- A135: Compensation for Non-Stipendiary Clergy:** Encourage each
diocese to consider paying unpaid clergy a minimum of \$25 a month
to give them access to the Church Pension Fund

- A160: Revise Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer:** amend definition of Holy Matrimony from between “one man and one woman” to “two persons”
- A165: The Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop Elect:** Election of the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church
- C011: Add Howard W. Thurman to The Episcopal Church Calendar:** An omnibus resolution including initial steps to add Ilia Chavchavadze of Georgia to the Church Calendar, a Convocation resolution originally proposed by St. Nino’s Mission, Tbilisi; and of Howard W. Thurman.
- C023: Commemorating The Philadelphia Eleven in the Church Calendar:** An omnibus resolution including trial addition to the Church Calendar of Elie Naud (a Convocation resolution), minister to African-American slaves in New York, and trial addition of commemoration of the ordination of the first women priests in The Episcopal Church
- C002: On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land:** encourage pilgrimages to connect and work with Palestinian Christians
- C031: Migration with Dignity:** supports universal right of movement and rights to basic quality of life and basic services
- D006: Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism:** Affirm solidarity with Palestinian Christians and reject the theology and politics of Christian Zionism
- D007: Peace through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine**
- D009: Swords into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza:** Call for US and international contribution to rebuilding of Gaza
- D012: Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace**

D013: Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State

D016: Continued Funding of The Beloved Community

D019: Justice and Peace in Ukraine: condemns war crimes and targeting of civilians

D032: Raising the Clergy Mandatory Retirement Age to 75: study feasibility of increasing current retirement age of 72 for priests and deacons

D037: Encourage All Ministries of The Episcopal Church to Assess Intersections with Migration: encourages dioceses and congregations to study and report on how their ministries connect with migrants and refugees

D041: Support the Adoption of an Ecumenical Feast Day of Creation in our Liturgical Calendar: Encourage celebration of the first Sunday in September as a day of prayer for Creation, and a Season of Creation from September 1 to October 4

D056: Calling for Ceasefire in Gaza

D060: Support for a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti

D062: Support and Solidarity with Armenia

D070: Prayers for Haiti: Encourage congregations to pray regularly for the people of Haiti

D075: The Immediate Release of Ms. Layan Nasir, 24, from Administrative Detention in Israel, a Palestinian Anglican taken from her family home in the occupied West Bank city of Birzeit

Resolutions considered
with no further action taken or rejected

A010: Recognition of Apartheid in Israel/Palestine

C033: Adjusting Diocesan assessments to the Wider Church: Set a plan to lower diocesan assessment to 10%

D004: Express Solidarity with Palestinians as an Indigenous People

D005: Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement

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