

# THE DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## 2008 Diocesan Convention Resolution

Preliminary Draft Submission Date: **May 27, 2008**

Final Draft Submission Date: **August 12, 2008**

As you prepare your Resolutions using the format on page two, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

Please limit the number of Resolutions you plan to submit. Please do not submit Resolutions which repeat the substance of Resolutions adopted within the last five years. (*Consider, instead, asking the Convention Business Committee to include information in delegates' convention packets, publicizing information through "The New Hampshire Episcopal News" to illustrate the ways in which prior Resolutions have been acted upon.*)

Remember that diocesan Resolutions cannot mandate to congregations the way they should respond to an issue. Your committee may, however, take a position on an issue and urge congregations or individuals to raise and act on the matter in their own settings.

Please be clear about the type of Resolution you are offering for discussion and vote. Resolutions affecting Constitution and Canons and Budget Resolutions from the Finance Committee/Council are self-defining. Policy Resolutions usually pertain to diocesan resources, business and personnel practices. Position statements for ratification by Resolution usually offer the churches of the Diocese a theological context for enabling the delegates to take important matters back to their congregations for subsequent action. These should include a specific plan for accountability and formal reporting. (*Please note Resolutions affecting the Constitution or Canons must also be submitted to the Committee on Constitution and Canons in a preliminary draft form.*)

Submitters of resolutions must designate the name, email address and telephone number of a contact person who is authorized to review the recommendations of the Resolutions.

Your help in meeting the **May 27th preliminary draft submission date** and the **August 12<sup>th</sup> final draft submission date** is appreciated.

# RESOLUTION FORMAT

(Please type Resolution in the following format)

## **I. TYPE OF RESOLUTION**

Policy  
Position Statement  
Budget  
Constitution and/or Canons

## **II. TITLE and AUTHOR**

One line describing the resolution.  
Name(s) of author(s)

## **III. INTENT**

Preamble [One sentence: This resolution intends to..... ]  
Resolution Statement ["Be it Resolved.....and be it further resolved..."]

## **IV. RATIONALE**

How does this Resolution further the life and ministry of the church in  
New Hampshire?  
Historical context  
Further explanation or argument

## **V. PLAN OF ACTION**

## **VI. PROJECTED COST**

Where applicable, state the projected cost to a congregation or to the  
Diocese of the position or policy you are proposing.

## **VII. ACCOUNTABILITY**

How will action on this Resolution be reported?

## **VIII. SUPPORTERS**

List any other supporters of the Resolution.