

WHAT HAPPENED AT GC2003?

Confirmation of V. Gene Robinson

In a vote by orders on resolution C045, lay deputations voted 63 yes, 32 no, and 13 divided. Clergy deputations voted 65 yes, 31 no, and 12 divided. Diocesan bishops only were permitted to cast ballots; 62 voted in favor, 43 were opposed. Two bishops did not vote.

Blessing of Committed Same-Gender Relationships (Res. C051)*

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention affirm the following:

5. That we recognize that local faith communities are operating within the bounds of our common life as they explore and experience liturgies celebrating and blessing same-sex unions.

Rejection of Resolution B001 (affirming the authority of Scripture).

That this 74th General Convention (GC) affirms that "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation," and that this GC re-affirms that "it is not lawful for the Church to ordain [that is, establish or enact] any thing that is contrary to God's Word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another," and that this GC affirms that every member of this Church is conscience-bound first of all to obey the teaching and direction of Our Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in Holy Scripture in any matter where a decision or action of this Church, or this General Convention, may depart from that teaching; and that this GC re-affirms that the statements known as the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral of 1886, 1888, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 continue to be true and accurate statements of the faith and policy of this Church, and the Anglican Communion; and that this GC affirms that councils of the Church have, and sometimes will, err but that Our Lord Jesus Christ, present through the person of the Holy Spirit, can and will correct such error.