

105th Annual Council
Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
Saturday Business Session

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C11-1

Amend Article 2 of Constitution (Campus Ministry Representation)

(2nd reading)

No changes.

PASSED AS AMENDED

R11-1

Suicide Prevention

Amended as follows (otherwise unchanged):

4. We call on the Bishop of Atlanta to appoint a committee of the diocese to lead in accomplishing the collaboration called for above; and *and report back their recommendations to the 106th Annual Council.*

PASSED AS AMENDED

R11-2

State of Georgia HB 87 Concerning Immigrants' Status

Discharged by committee (see R11-4; resolutions were combined and amended.)

R11-3

Parental Leave

No changes made by committee.

PASSED AS AMENDED

R11-4

Impact of Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011

Amended as follows (paper copies of this resolution as amended will also be provided on tables):

Resolved, that the gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to welcome the stranger, the migrant and the outcast, and

Resolved, that our baptismal covenant calls upon us to respect the dignity of every human being, and

Resolved, that with eight Hispanic parishes comprising more than a thousand souls as part of our diocesan community, we stand together to speak against GA House Bill 87, and

Resolved, that we recognize the chilling effect H.B. 87 has had on both the sacramental and outreach ministries of many of our parishes, on attendance at 12 step-programs, on needy families seeking aid from charitable organizations and on the reporting of domestic abuse and other crimes, ~~while at the same time allowing for the seizure of legitimate green cards~~ and for irreparable harm to families, and

Resolved that we recognize the adverse effect the policy is having on farmers and their inability to harvest crops in a timely manner, causing crops to rot in the fields, contributing to a decline in food stocks, and corresponding rise in increased need at food pantries and feeding programs, and

Resolved, that HB 87 creates a situation that can violate constitutional protections afforded to all, such as profiling individuals, and putting citizens in the role of law enforcer, and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Atlanta express to the Governor of Georgia, *and the legislative leadership at the state and federal levels*, via official letter, its deep concern over emerging impacts of House Bill 87, titled "The Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011." And be it further

Resolved, that the letter enjoin the Governor to appoint members to the Immigration Enforcement Review Board that more fully reflect the gender and ethnic diversity of the citizens of Georgia, and

Resolved, that this letter express its concern about and opposition to the unsubstantiated fear and growing hostility that increasing numbers of our fellow citizens of Georgia are inflicting upon other children of God who are living among us (both with and without proper legal permission), a fear and hostility which we believe to be enshrined in the law through our state government's passing of House Bill 87, And be it further

Resolved, that this letter explain that H.B. 87 has had an immediate deleterious effect on ministries *to, for and with those in greatest need, including those* supported by Episcopal Charities Foundation, and be it further

Resolved, that this letter state our belief, as Christians, that hospitality, compassion, and fair treatment to the stranger and the migrant is a greater moral compulsion and a greater societal good than is the desire to ensure documentation for every human being we encounter in our state. ~~And be it further~~

~~*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Atlanta send this letter also to the Lieutenant Governor, Casey Cagle, the Speaker of the House, David Ralston, and the Majority and Minority Leaders of both houses of the Georgia General Assembly, and be it further,~~

~~*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Atlanta invite all its parishes prayerfully to consider sending copies of the letter to the newspapers and/or other media outlets which serve their communities (making any such actions known to the Director of the Episcopal Charities Foundation) and that the Bishop of Atlanta appoint the Director and Board Chair of ECF, to handle, on behalf of this Council, all requested correspondence, making copies available on the ECF pages of the diocesan website.~~

PASSED AS AMENDED

R11-5

The Denominational Health Plan Reporting

Resolved, that congregations and schools within the Diocese of Atlanta report their specific plans to implement the Denominational Health Plan (DHP) to the Canon to the Ordinary (or equivalent office) of the Diocese by June 30, ~~3012~~ 2012.

PASSED AS AMENDED

R11-6

Call for a halt to the death penalty in Georgia

Amended as follows (otherwise unchanged):

Resolved, that this Resolution be communicated to *the* Governor ~~Nathan Deal~~, to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House as an expression of the Council's desire that ~~such~~ legislation *abolishing the death penalty in Georgia* be ~~(re)~~introduced, considered, and enacted at the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia.

PASSED AS AMENDED

R11-7

Contributions of Pelagius

Amended as follows (otherwise unchanged):

Be it resolved, that this 105th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta *recommend that the bishop appoint and oversee* a committee of discernment ~~overseen by our Bishop~~, to consider these matters as a means to ~~honor~~ *understand* the contributions of Pelagius ~~and reclaim his voice in~~ *to* our tradition.

DEFEATED

R11-8

Opposition to Human Trafficking

Amended as follows (otherwise unchanged):

Resolved, that the 105th ~~404th~~ Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta ~~declare its intention to oppose and prevent human trafficking in all its forms in the state of Georgia~~ *opposes human trafficking in all its forms and will work to prevent it in the state of Georgia*; and be it further

PASSED AS AMENDED

R11-9

Support for Church of the Common Ground

No changes made by committee.

PASSED AS AMENDED