



Resolution Number: 2000-C031
Title: Recommend Clergy to Engage the Boy Scouts of America on Issues of Sexual Orientation
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention recommend that all clergy in charge of congregations and vestries:

- 1) **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 care of the Church";**
- 2) **Encourage the Boy Scouts of America to allow membership to youth and adult leaders irrespective of their sexual orientation;**
- 3) **Strongly encourage individual churches which charter or host scout units to open a dialogue with the unit leaders, scouts, and their parents regarding discrimination against youth and leaders on the basis of sexual orientation;**
- 4) **Engage in educational programs within their churches to inform members and others about these issues; and be it further**

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention recommend the Office of the General Convention send a copy of this resolution to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 338.