



**Resolution Number:** 2012-B026  
**Title:** Reaffirm Denominational Health Plan and Explore Equitable Costs  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 77th General Convention acknowledges and commends the 94% of domestic dioceses (United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) which have already enrolled in the Denominational Health Plan, and further commends those dioceses which have achieved parity between clergy and lay employees; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 77th General Convention reaffirms that all domestic dioceses, parishes, missions, and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this church be enrolled in the Episcopal Church Medical Trust by December 31, 2012; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 77th General Convention commends the Episcopal Church Medical Trust for progress made toward containing health care premium costs, and urges it to continue to reduce the disparity in those costs among dioceses; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Medical Trust continues to explore alternative strategies to arrive at a more equitable sharing of health care premium costs, including alternative means of achieving such equity by December 31, 2015, and that the Episcopal Church Medical Trust make an annual written report to the Executive Council, the House of Bishops, the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church Medical Trust, and the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund detailing continuing progress in containment of costs and achievement of such equity; and be it further*

*Resolved, That within each diocese, parity in cost-sharing shall be achieved between their clergy and lay employees as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2015.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 599-600.